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John 8:31-32 - 31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Psalm 86:11 - Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.



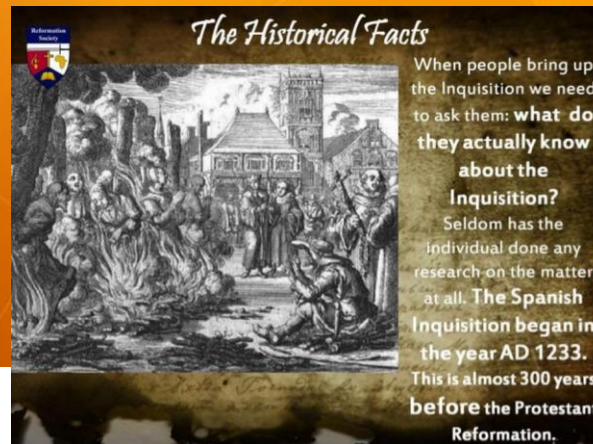
Persecuted or Ignored Pre-Reformers

- **The Benedictines, Franciscans, Dominicans, Carmelites, etc –**
All of these groups were appalled by the moral evil emanating from Rome. Though they did not disagree with the theology of Rome, they siloed themselves from its corrupt influences.
- **Waldensians** – Started 1177. boldly proclaimed the Word of God throughout Southern France, Northern Italy and Switzerland. After the Bible was placed on The Index of Forbidden Books by the Council of Valencia in 1229, the Papacy began to viciously persecute the Waldensians. Many thousands were murdered. The persecution of the Waldensians only ended in the 17th Century when Oliver Cromwell of England intervened vigorously on their behalf. **The Waldensians survive in Northern Italy to this day - the oldest Protestant church in the world.**
- **John Wycliffe (1320-1384)** - Wycliffe championed the independence of England from Papal control and supported King Edward III's refusal to pay taxes to the Pope. "Who can forgive sins?" Wycliffe taught: "God alone!" He also exposed indulgences, purgatory and transubstantiation as unbiblical heresies. Translated the Bible into English. Justification by faith through Christ alone. Organized Lollards. The Morning Star of the Reformation. Died of old age, but a later pope had his bones burned four decades after his death.



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- **Jerome Savonarola (1452-1498)** - Savonarola of Florence was a Dominican monk who boldly denounced the prevalent corruptions and immorality in the churches. He was burned at the stake. Savonarola was not a doctrinal Reformer but a social Reformer campaigning for moral standards and integrity. “We will pry open the doors and such a stench will emerge...”
- **Inquisition** – 12th Century. The Inquisition was established to root out reformers in the Albigensian and Waldensian sects.
- **Jan Huss** – A monk in Bohemia (Prague, Czech.). Student of Wycliffe's writings. Excommunicated 5 times since he held that priests could not forgive sins, the Bible was the source of faith/practice, exposed false miracles (like weeping statues), did not believe in transubstantiation. Justification by grace through faith. Invited to Constance with promise of protection. Put him in a prison-sewer to die. They burned him at the stake.



Corruption - Papal Evil

STEPHEN VII (896-897AD)

"He dug up a Corsican predecessor, Pope Formosus (891-896), when he had been dead for over nine months.... He dressed the stinking corpse in full pontificals, placed him on the throne in the Lateran and proceeded to interrogate him personally....After being found guilty, the corpse was condemned as an anti-pope, stripped and minus the two fingers with which he had given his fake apostolic blessing, was thrown into the Tiber...." (Vicars of Christ - the Dark Side of the Papacy by Father Peter de Rosa).

SERGIUS III (904-911)

Standing in his way to the throne had been Leo V, who reigned for one month before he was imprisoned by an usurper, Cardinal Christopher. Sergius had both killed. Then he exhumed his predecessor and had him beheaded, three fingers chopped off and thrown into the Tiber.

JOHN XII (955 - 963)

He invented sins, it was said, that had not been known since the beginning of the world - including relations with his mother. John XII ran a harem in the Lateran Palace, he gambled with the offerings of pilgrims and he even toasted the devil at the high altar during the mass.



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BENEDICT V (964)

Described by a church historian as "the most iniquitous of all the monsters of ungodliness."

BENEDICT IX (1032-44, 1045, 1047-8)

Elected pope at age eleven, he was twice driven from his position due to his participation in plunder, immorality, oppression and murder. Church historians described him as "That wretch, from the beginning of his pontificate to the end of his life, feasted on immorality," and "a demon from hell in the disguise of a priest has occupied the chair of Peter."

SIXTUS IV (1471 - 1484)

This is the pope who built the Sistine Chapel in which all popes are now elected. Sixtus IV had several illegitimate sons, licensed the brothels of Rome and received a large amount of revenue for the papacy from these houses of iniquity, introduced the novel idea of selling indulgences for the dead to raise more revenue, and sanctioned the Inquisition in Castile (Spain) by issuing a bull in 1478 (in just one year - 1482 - in one city of Andalusia, 2000 "heretics" were burned as a result).



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ALEXANDER VI (1492 - 1503)

He was a murderer by age 12, he had 10 known illegitimate children, he was infamous for his drunken and immoral parties, he was known to have cardinals who had purchased their positions to be poisoned so that he could sell their positions again and increase his turnover. He spent a fortune in bribes to secure his own election as pope and he caused the Reformer Savonarola to be burned at the stake.

Consider – The monuments of Rome are magnificent. However, they were built off of the superstition, blood, sweat , tears and toil of the exploited poor.

And if this was the Popes, you can only imagine the rest of the hierarchy...



Papal Seat Warmers

Papal Contradiction



- Pope Gregory VII (1073-85) declared that "The Pope cannot make a mistake".
- The First Vatican Council (1869-70) under Pope Pius IX raised the Dogma of Papal infallibility to become the official teaching of Roman Catholicism adding the usual anathema upon all who dared to disagree:
 - "But if anyonepresume to contradict this assertion, let him be accursed."
- Yet between 1378 to 1408 there were first two popes and then three! Gregory XII reigned from Rome, Benedict XIII from Avignon and John XXIII from Pisa.
- John XXIII was described in *Vicars of Christ*: "He was noted as a former pirate, pope-poisoner, mass-murderer, mass-fornicator..., adulterer on a scale unknown outside fables, simoniac par excellence, blackmailer, pimp, master of dirty tricks."

Papal Contradiction

John XXIII accused his rival pope Benedict XIII of being "a Fake" and Gregory XII he nicknamed "Mistake"!

Pope Pius IX, who at the First Vatican Council (1869 - 1870) caused the dogma of Papal Infallibility to become the official teaching of Roman Catholicism, also issued an edict permitting "excommunication, confiscation, banishment, imprisonment for life, as well as secret execution in heinous cases."

At the First Vatican Council, Bishop Strossmayer (himself a papist) gave a speech arguing against papal infallibility. He pointed out: "Gregory I calls anyone anti-Christ who takes the name of Universal Bishop; and contrawise Boniface III made Emperor Phocas confer that title upon him. Paschal II and Eugenius III authorised duelling; Julius II and Pins IV forbade it. Hadrian II declared civil magistrates to be valid; Pius VII condemned them. Sixtus V published an edition of the Bible and recommended it to be read; Pius VII condemned the reading of the Bible."

**SOUND DOCTRINE
IS HARD WORK**



Papal Contradiction

- It could also be noted that while one (supposedly infallible) pope, Eugene IV (1431 - 1447), condemned Joan of Arc as a heretic to be burned alive. Another pope, Benedict XV, in 1920, declared her to be a saint and her burning a mistake.



- Yet the Dogma of Papal Infallibility declares that when a pope speaks ex cathedra his words are "as infallible as if it had been uttered by Christ Himself!"

Papal Power Concentration

Pope Leo The Great – (400-461) The Pope in Rome is primary. He described his special relationship with Peter and his primacy as head of the Church.

Innocent III – (1160-1216) The Vicar of Peter (apostolic), the Vicar of Christ (sacred rule), the Vicar of God (secular rule – power to crown)! 1215 – Transubstantiation. Interdict used as weapon.

Unam Sanctum - (1302) Pope Boniface VIII. “It is necessary to salvation to be subject to the Pope in Rome...” "plenitudo potestatis" - those who resist the Roman Pontiff are resisting God's ordination (fullness of power).

Sixtus IV – (1412-1484) Started Inquisition. Pioneered indulgences for the dead (not just the living) in 1476. Major Money Maker! Used plenitudo potestatis to face criticism.

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Pope Pius IX - First Vatican Council

(1869 - 1870) caused the dogma of Papal Infallibility to become the official teaching of Roman Catholicism. Perhaps a little late...



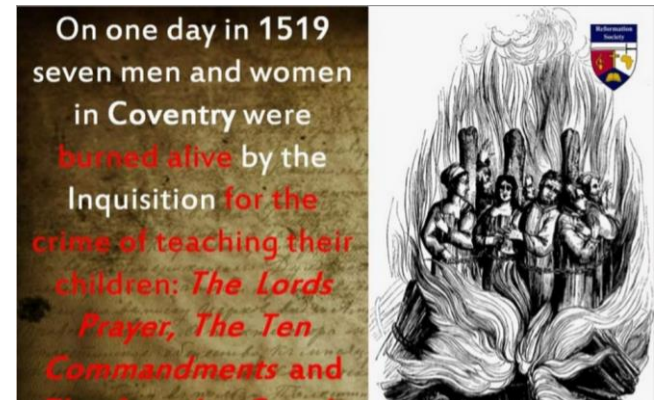
Bible Banned

- Council of Valencia placed the Bible on The Index of Forbidden Books in 1229.
- At the Council of Toulouse (1229 A.D), papal church leaders ruled: "We prohibit laymen possessing copies of the Old and New Testament ... We forbid them most severely to have the above books in the popular vernacular." "The lords of the districts shall carefully seek out the heretics in dwellings, hovels, and forests, and even their underground retreats shall be entirely wiped out." Pope Gregory IX, Council Tolosanum, 1229 A.D.
- The Archbishop of Canterbury Arundel: "That pestilent and most wretched John Wycliffe, of damnable memory, a child of the old devil, and himself a child and pupil of the anti-Christ...crowned his wickedness by translating the Scriptures into the mother tongue."
- Catholic historian Henry Knighton wrote: "John Wycliffe translated the Gospel from Latin into the English...made it the property of the masses and common to all and...even to women...and so the pearl of the Gospel is thrown before swine and trodden under foot and what is meant to be the jewel of the clergy has been turned into the jest of the laity...has become common..."

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A synod of clergy in 1408 decreed:

“It is dangerous...to translate the text of Holy Scripture from one language into another...we decree and ordain that no-one shall in future translate on his authority any text of Scripture into the English tongue or into any other tongue, by way of book, booklet or treatise. Nor shall any man read, in public or in private, this kind of book, booklet or treatise, now recently composed in the time of the said John Wycliffe...under penalty of the greater excommunication.”

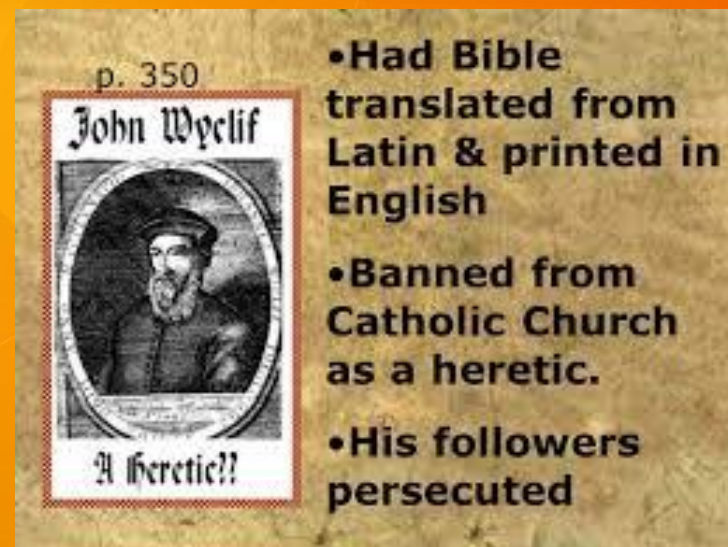
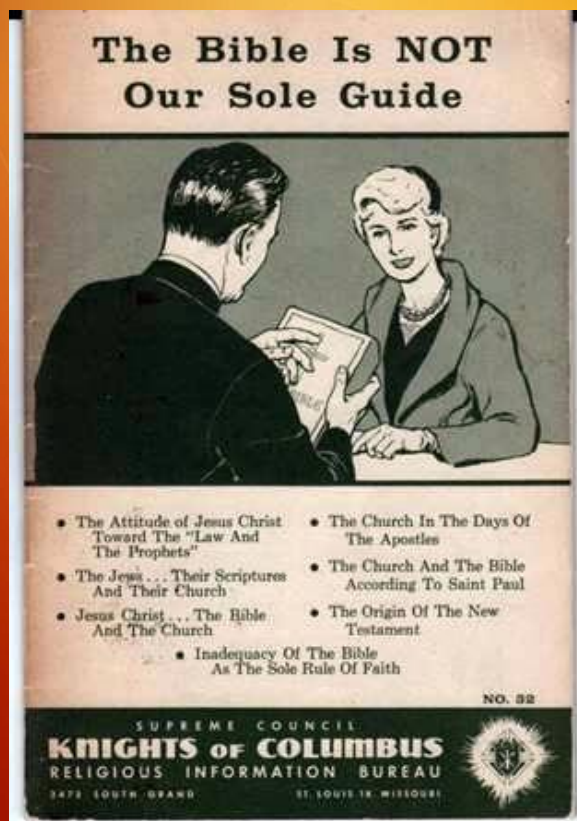


On one day in 1519
seven men and women
in Coventry were
burned alive by the
Inquisition for the
crime of teaching their
children: *The Lords
Prayer, The Ten
Commandments and*

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And to this day... The only infallible interpreter of the Scriptures is the Pope and the Magisterium...

While the Bible itself is not banned, you dare not come to it without the Pope holding your hand...



Salvation Shuttered

The Power to Forgive Sins -

- Penance – Matthew 3:2 – “Repent, for the kingdom...” vs. Vulgate mis-translation “Do Penance...”
- Indulgences – Emerged in 11th and 12th centuries from Crusades
- Relics – Enough bones of the apostles... Enough wood from the cross....

Power of Priests – The power to take ordinary bread and wine...

Transubstantiation – Product of the 1215 4th Lateran Council..

Rise of Mary – Co-Redemptrix/Co-Mediatrix. Touted by Franciscans. If not for the Reformation...?

Justification – Faith and works...

Salvation Shuttered - Eucharist — Council of Trent 1545-1563

- CHAPTER IV. - On Transubstantiation.
- And because that Christ, our Redeemer, declared that which He offered under the species of bread to be truly His own body, therefore has it ever been a firm belief in the Church of God, and this holy Synod doth now declare it anew, that, by the consecration of the bread and of the wine, a conversion is made of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord, and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of His blood; which conversion is, by the holy Catholic Church, suitably and properly called Transubstantiation.
- CHAPTER V. - On the cult and veneration to be shown to this most holy Sacrament.
- Wherefore, there is no room left for doubt, that all the faithful of Christ may, according to the custom ever received in the Catholic Church, render in veneration the worship of latria, which is due to the true God, to this most holy sacrament. For not therefore is it the less to be adored on this account, that it was instituted by Christ, the Lord, in order to be received: for we believe that same God to be present therein, of whom the eternal Father, when introducing him into the world, says; And let all the angels of God adore him; whom the Magi falling down, adored; who, in fine, as the Scripture testifies, was adored by the apostles in Galilee.

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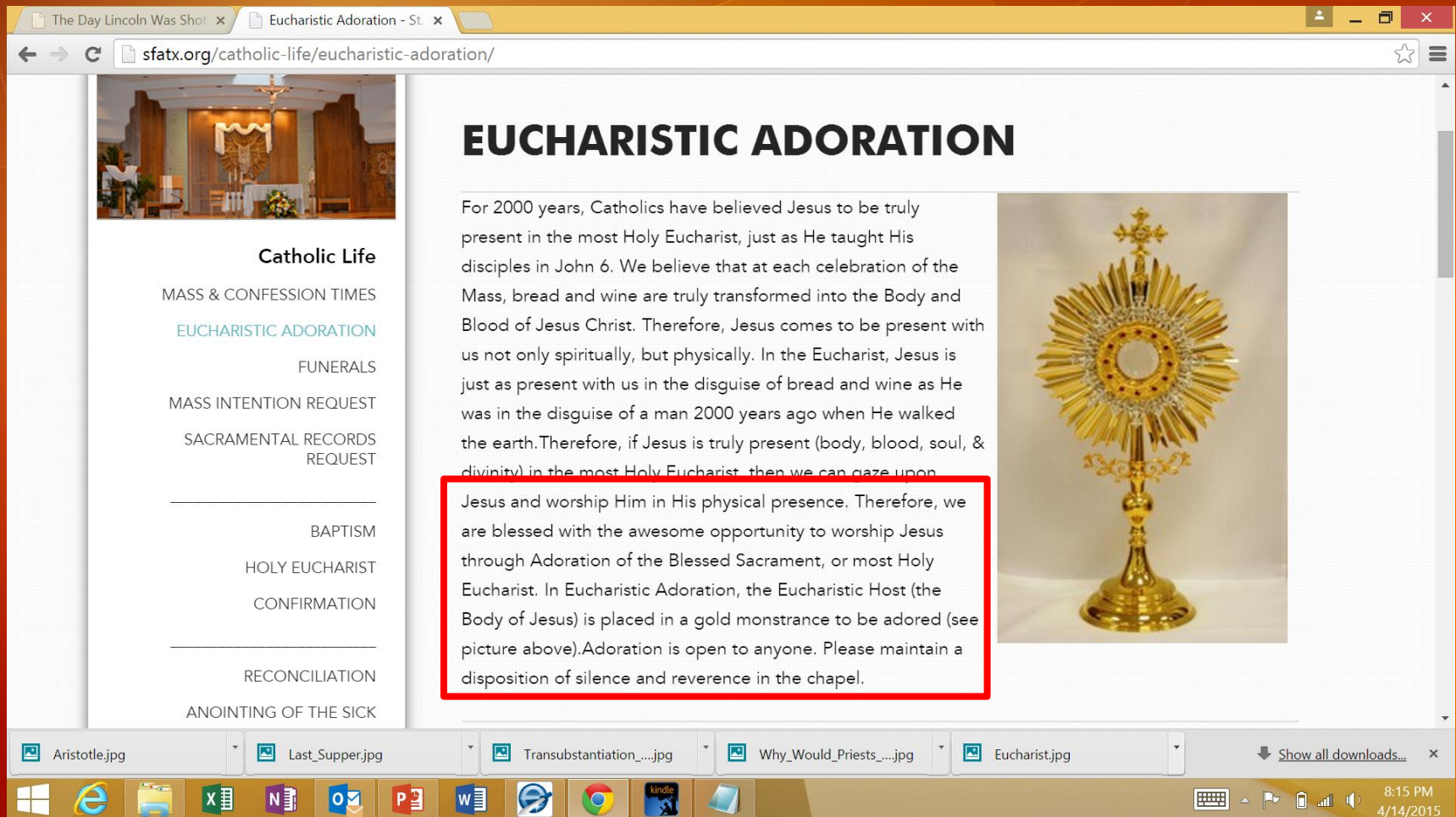
- CANON I.-If any one denieth, that, in the sacrament of the most holy Eucharist, are contained truly, really, and substantially, the body and blood together with the soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and consequently the whole Christ; but saith that He is only therein as in a sign, or in figure, or virtue; let him be anathema.
- CANON II.-If any one saith, that, in the sacred and holy sacrament of the Eucharist, the substance of the bread and wine remains conjointly with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and denieth that wonderful and singular conversion of the whole substance of the bread into the Body, and of the whole substance of the wine into the Blood-the species Only of the bread and wine remaining-which conversion indeed the Catholic Church most aptly calls Transubstantiation; let him be anathema.
- CANON III.-If any one denieth, that, in the venerable sacrament of the Eucharist, the whole Christ is contained under each species, and under every part of each species, when separated; let him be anathema.



<https://history.hanover.edu/texts/trent/ct13.html>

Anathematizations
Start of Crazy, Endless
Rules

Salvation Shuttered - Eucharist – Today – Endless, Crazy Rules



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying sfatx.org/catholic-life/eucharistic-adoration/. The page title is "EUCHARISTIC ADORATION". On the left sidebar, under "Catholic Life", there are links for "MASS & CONFESSION TIMES", "EUCHARISTIC ADORATION" (highlighted in blue), "FUNERALS", "MASS INTENTION REQUEST", "SACRAMENTAL RECORDS REQUEST", "BAPTISM", "HOLY EUCHARIST", "CONFIRMATION", "RECONCILIATION", and "ANointing of the Sick". The main content area has a heading "EUCHARISTIC ADORATION" and a paragraph of text. A red box highlights the following text: "Jesus and worship Him in His physical presence. Therefore, we are blessed with the awesome opportunity to worship Jesus through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, or most Holy Eucharist. In Eucharistic Adoration, the Eucharistic Host (the Body of Jesus) is placed in a gold monstrance to be adored (see picture above). Adoration is open to anyone. Please maintain a disposition of silence and reverence in the chapel." To the right of the text is a photograph of a golden monstrance. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows several open files: "Aristotle.jpg", "Last_Supper.jpg", "Transubstantiation_....jpg", "Why_Would_Priests_....jpg", and "Eucharist.jpg". The system clock in the bottom right corner shows "8:15 PM 4/14/2015".

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

For 2000 years, Catholics have believed Jesus to be truly present in the most Holy Eucharist, just as He taught His disciples in John 6. We believe that at each celebration of the Mass, bread and wine are truly transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Therefore, Jesus comes to be present with us not only spiritually, but physically. In the Eucharist, Jesus is just as present with us in the disguise of bread and wine as He was in the disguise of a man 2000 years ago when He walked the earth. Therefore, if Jesus is truly present (body, blood, soul, & divinity) in the most Holy Eucharist, then we can gaze upon Jesus and worship Him in His physical presence. Therefore, we are blessed with the awesome opportunity to worship Jesus through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, or most Holy Eucharist. In Eucharistic Adoration, the Eucharistic Host (the Body of Jesus) is placed in a gold monstrance to be adored (see picture above). Adoration is open to anyone. Please maintain a disposition of silence and reverence in the chapel.

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Gluten free bread?

In the "Norms for Use of Low-Gluten Bread and *Mustum* " (August 22, 1994) the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith declared that gluten-free hosts are "invalid matter for the celebration of the Eucharist"; however, "low-gluten hosts are valid matter, provided that they contain the amount of gluten sufficient to obtain the confection of bread, that there is no addition of foreign materials and that the procedure for making such hosts is not such as to alter the nature of the substance of the bread."

<http://www.catholic.com/magazine/articles/why-wheat-bread>



You know who God REALLY hates? Celiacs. You know how I know?

Communion wafers have gluten!

I could go murder like nine people, go to confession, say three Hail Mary's and an Our Father and I'm golden, baby.

A Celiac does nothing wrong, he takes the Body of Christ, the fires of hell descend on his digestive system.

They made gluten-free wafers... and the POPE said NO.

CJ Hernandez - @notokaycj

Tampa, FL

Sorry Celiac diseased folk!

Salvation Shuttered - Indulgences

Tetzel sparked the 95 Theses, but TODAY....



Ways to gain a plenary indulgence

- Climb Croagh Patrick: Valid once in June, July and August if you climb Ireland's holy mountain and pray in the chapel at the top
- Lough Derg pilgrimage: Pope Pius IX granted a perpetual indulgence in 1870 for pilgrims completing the fasting and vigil
- November and the dead: Various indulgences available for those who pray for the dead on set dates in November
- Special Papal Events: In recent years this has included World Youth Day and the 2012-13 Year of Faith
- First Communion: Both those receiving and those assisting can collect an indulgence
- Listening to the Pope's Urbi et Orbi address at Easter or Christmas

Robert Mickens, editor at La Croix International says indulgences are often issued for papal visits to countries; holy years and jubilees.

"They can also be granted for visits to certain churches, shrines, basilicas and cathedrals and are granted, with the pope's approval, through the Apostolic Penitentiary, one of the Vatican's three tribunals."

The New York Times

For Catholics, a Door to Absolution Is Reopened

By PAUL VITELLO FEB. 9, 2009



Getting Catholics back into confession, in fact, was one of the motivations for reintroducing the indulgence. In a 2001 [speech](#), Pope John Paul described the newly reborn tradition as "a happy incentive" for confession.

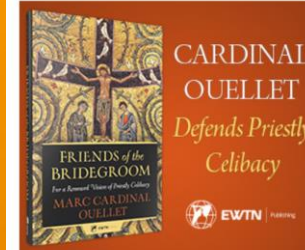
"Confessions have been down for years and the church is very worried about it," said the Rev. Tom Reese, a Jesuit and former editor of the Catholic magazine [America](#). In a secularized culture of pop psychology and self-help, he said, "the church wants the idea of personal sin back in the equation. Indulgences are a way of reminding people of the importance of penance."

"The good news is we're not selling them anymore," he added.



By Carl Bunderson

New York City, N.Y., Aug 2, 2019 / 03:18 am (CNA).- Today's feast of Our Lady of the Angels of Porziuncola and its associated indulgence is a way to focus on the importance of Mary and the Franciscan tradition in the Church, said one friar.



A plenary indulgence also requires that the individual be in the state of grace and have complete detachment from sin. The person must also sacramentally confess their sins and receive Communion up to about 20 days before or after the indulgenced act.

Anyone who visits a Catholic church with the intention of honoring Our Lady of the

Angels and recites the Creed, the Our Father, and prays for the Pope's intentions, may receive a plenary indulgence on Aug. 2.

Why Was Reform Needed? Salvation Shuttered

- **Romans 3:20 - 20** For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.
- ...
- **27** Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. **28** For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.
- **Galatians 2:16 - 16** yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.
- **Ephesians 2:8 - 8** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

--Matthew 7:15-16

To fight back the wolves!



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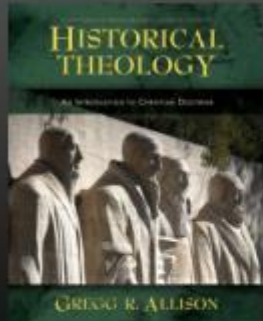
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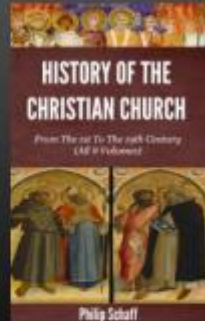
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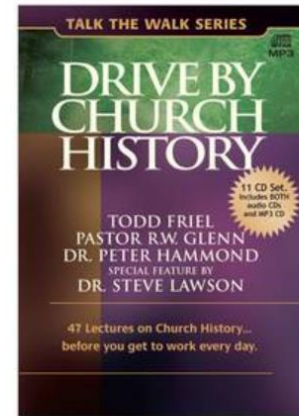



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Philip Schaff



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