

**GOD INVITES US TO HAPPINESS**

**Happiness and commandment, is this not contradictory?**

P.PL- – No, if we speak truthfully. Happiness....the beatitudes! Commandments.....of God! All is there !

**Likewise, the words of commandments never fade away....**

P.PL- Is this not because we have a superficial view? As you see, we still love the medal today: Pilgrims from all over the world come to Rue du Bac. Or more truthfully the medal expresses the commandment of love to which everybody attaches themselves. As we observe, Mary gives us the example: the rays of grace coming from the love of God, which Mary keeps in her heart. On the reverse, the two hearts exhibit the love of God up to the Passion of Jesus and the Compassion of Mary .

**OK! Let's advance !**

**What are these famous commandments?**

P.PL – These are the 10 commandment that God gave to Moses, to be handed over by Him to his people. Together, they form the two tables of the law. The Tradition of the Church has put these 10 Words of God into a Decalogue .

**What is the goal of these commandments?**

P.PL - Follow the path by which you can live with God, focus on alliance with Him. The commandments of God never change and show us serious obligations. The first 3 cover love for God and the 7 others love for your neighbour.

**“YOU WILL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD  
WITH ALL YOUR HEART,  
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND ALL YOUR STRENGTH.”**

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Fr.PL - It prohibits us from taking the name of God lightly. It is only with belief, with faith and with love that we should invoke his glorious and magnificent name. When this name is mentioned with irony, anger or indifference, it is the voice of blasphemy, which is a crime against the dignity of God .

**And the 2<sup>nd</sup> commandment?**

Fr.PL - Really? Be clear: we have strong tendencies to create idols, often without thinking about it. Anything can become an idol, a passion or an obsession, even certain things which are not bad in themselves, if in our heart or spirit, they take the place of God and turn us away from Him. Hence, in excess: sexuality, money, images, in the past it was sculptures or the virtual images of today – health can also become obsessive, sport, travel, personal fulfillment, become idols for which we sacrifice everything. There are also ideologies, which develop absolute power over man .

**Oh! We are not there!**

Fr.PL - Yes. Believe in God, hope in Him, love Him above all else, that's our joy. The words of Moses, started monotheism, the belief in one true God. Jesus reminded us about this on several occasions. Unfortunately, we invent multiple "false ways"; atheism, which refutes the existence of God, sacrifice, showing a lack of respect for persons, things and places consecrated to God; superstition which leads to idolatry.

**God is therefore someone to love, a Person to love?**

3. The 7<sup>th</sup> day is a day of rest fully consecrated to God.

2. You will not take the name of God in vain.

your soul and with all your strength.

1.You will love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all



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Fr.PL - God never asks us to do impossible things! He has given us an extraordinary instrument, the ability to reason, which allows us to judge the moral standard of our own acts by knowing Him, for our own good. He revealed Himself to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. We have been given a path to follow by His commandments! In order to follow this path, our relationship with God Himself is crucial.

**THE FIRST THREE COMMANDMENTS**

Fr.PL - First, I ask you a question! How are you going to receive them? If you put your intelligence and your heart together, you will understand the important meaning, the value and the significance of the commandments. Be confident, we are all "capable in God's eyes". Let us make progress with Mary, the first on the path right after Jesus!

**How Are You Going To Explain The Commandments?**

Fr.PL - Through Jesus, we understand that God is not pleased if we simply obey God's Commandments without respecting the spirit of His commandments – the spirit of love. God wants our heart. Isn't this wonderful? It is the sermon of Jesus on the mountain, which helps us understand God's message better. Listen very carefully to what Jesus said: we are invited to leap forward. Definitely, we have to obey the commandments, but we must also have a kind and humble heart at the same time: a strong affection, a strong desire of justice, be merciful, be innocent, be a peace-keeper and be ready even to accept persecution. In short, follow the path of Jesus! Jesus has obeyed the commandments. Jesus has practised the beatitudes.

**WHAT DOES THE GOSPEL SAY?**

### 3

***And the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment, celebrate the day of the Lord, is this important?***

Fr.PL -Do we not want to show our alliance and fidelity to Christ and His Church? Let us not be obsessed only by our work or.... by leisure and celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord by going to mass on Sunday! A challenge for us, Christians!

**AND FOUR MORE...**

Fr.PL - : The first three commandments concern our relationship with God. The seven others concern our relationship with others. Let us first see the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and also the 9<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Honour your father and mother.**

**5. Do not kill.**

**6. Do not commit adultery.**

**9. Do not covet thy neighbour's wife.**

***What do you mean by "honour" ?***

Fr.PL- : this means love, respect, obey and help people with tender loving affection, who can then take care of the physical and spiritual needs of their children. Remember, that a Christian education is nourished by examples. Because "lessons help little, if the examples come from lies" as Fenelon (1651-1715) said.

Remember also, what St. Vincent de Paul said, that the best way for those in positions of authority, to obtain respect, obedience and affection, is to exercise this authority with gentleness and kindness, without being haughty or disdainful.

***Do not kill....that is evident, isn't it ?***

Fr.PL- : Look at this closely. God does not want suicides or murders, or treating people badly, or vengeance, or the incitement to serious faults.

### 5

Under the 10<sup>th</sup> commandment, it forbids also desires over the properties of others. This is manifested by envy and jealousy which give rise to the desire of keeping up with the others by all means.

***In positive terms, do you say that the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment calls for a fourfold right?***

Fr.PL- : I found this a very interesting way to consider it. Each of us has the right to the truth. That is why we condemn false testimony and lies; the right to a secret which should never be divulged; the right to our reputation, therefore no slander, no rash judgement; the right to respect, therefore to injure someone's reputation is forbidden.

***The demand for the truth is therefore very strong.***

Fr.PL- : Yes, but with delicacy! Always tell the truth, but not all the facts that we already know. It is foolish to lie without a reason, coward to lie in order to be forgiven, a crime to lie to harm your neighbour. Sincerity is to say what is in our mind and discretion is to conceal what we must not say. These are two important qualities.

Do not pass judgement on your neighbour, at least not on those acts which could arouse criticism. Do not listen to those who speak badly of others. Respect even in thought the reputation of your neighbour. Interpret charitably his conduct and do not form an opinion until you have well understood his intentions.

### 4

Banish from our hearts, all thoughts of hate and rancour against others. Avoid quarrels, even the smallest, as God wants peace amongst us. And do not be for others an object of scandal: on the contrary, by your behaviour, show others the right path.

***You have brought together the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> commandment?***

Fr.PL- : Yes, because the two denounce the sins of impurity, as opposed to chastity. This virtue is the triumph of the spirit over the flesh. Also are condemned actions, manner, words even thoughts and dishonest desires, bad reading, bad entertainment, bad acquaintances, intemperance with alcohol or drugs, vain thoughts and idleness, the mother of all vices. In temptation, turn to the Virgin Mary as she will help you in this fight and will allow you to understand what is at stake.

**AND THREE MORE TO ADD UP TO TEN...**

***The three last commandments deal with our attitude to the possessions of others. This is important in life and in society!***

Fr.Pl - . : Certainly! Be carefully it is not only material goods but the reputation and the honour of the other person.

Let's see :

**7 - Do not steal.**

**8 - Do not bear false witness against your neighbours.**

**10 - Do not covet your neighbours goods.**

***The 7<sup>th</sup> commandment, does it only stop you from stealing?***

Fr.PL- : It does not permit you to commit fraud, keep a borrowed object, or something deposited with you, not pay your debts, not pay a right salary, not honour a contract, consider a process unjustified, damage or destroy what belongs to others, dishonesty in business deals.

### 6

***If we carefully study the Ten Commandments they will help us understand the greatness of men and women created in the image of God, and they will show us how to respect life, the family, love, and all people in their material and spiritual needs.***

Fr.PL- : Jesus has insisted that we must observe this law which is the sign of our fidelity and of our attachment to God. He insists on the commandment of the new alliance, consolidated in his blood: "Love one and other like I have loved you".

This commandment of brotherly love, brought to perfection by Jesus, is the distinctive mark of the new era, inaugurated by the resurrection of Christ.

Ask the Virgin Mary in this chapel the grace to understand and put it into practice.

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