

DAYS 1 & 2 – REVELATION 11:15-18

1. What did you find new and/or interesting from the lecture?
2.
 - a. What was proclaimed from heaven at the blowing of the seventh trumpet?
 - b. Who has had power over the world until this point? (See Jn 14:30; 1 Jn 5:19)
3. To whom do you think the “Anointed” refers and why? (See Acts 10:38; CCC 453)
4. When was victory over the “prince of this world” won? (See CCC 2853)
5.
 - a. To what does “thy kingdom come” refer, in the Lord’s Prayer? (See CCC 2818)
 - b. Explain how the Kingdom of God is in our midst, and in the future. (See CCC 2816)
 - c. Why does the Church long for the full coming of the Kingdom? (See CCC 769)
6.
 - a. How did the 24 elders respond to the establishment of God’s reign?
 - b. What do you learn from the following verses about giving thanks?
 - Philippians 4:6 _____
 - Colossians 3:16-17 _____
 - Colossians 4:2 _____
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:18 _____
 - c. Why is it important to begin prayer with a grateful heart?
 - d. Make it a point this week to think of things for which you are thankful when you are tempted with anxiety or discouragement.
7.
 - a. At what points in the Mass does the community give thanks to God?
 - b. According to CCC 1360, what does “Eucharist” mean?
8. What is the difference between the description of God in Revelation 4:8 and Revelation 11:17 and why is this significant?
9. How did the “nations” react to the establishment of God’s reign?

DAY 3 – REVELATION 11:19

10. What could be seen when God’s temple in heaven was opened? (Read Ex 25:10-21 for a complete description)

11. a. What was the purpose of the Ark?
- Exodus 25:22 _____
 - Leviticus 16:15-16 _____
 - Numbers 10:33-35 _____
- b. According to Hebrews 9:3-4, what did the Ark contain?
12. The appearance of the Ark now is significant because the last time it was seen is recorded in 2 Maccabees 2:5-8. What happened to it?
13. How did nature accentuate the appearance of the Ark?

DAYS 4 & 5 – REVELATION 12:1-6

14. a. Describe what John saw as the Ark of the Covenant was revealed.
- b. Who was the “woman” in John 2:1-4 and John 19:25-27?
- c. Why is Mary known as the Ark of the New Covenant? (Hint: Compare the contents of the Ark with the contents of Mary’s womb.)
15. a. Today’s passage was seen by the Church Fathers as confirmation of the dogma of the Assumption. What is a dogma? (See CCC 88-89)
- b. What is the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin? (See CCC 966)
16. How can today’s passage be used to support Mary’s title, “Queen of Heaven”?
17. a. Who is the huge red dragon? (See Rv 12:9)
- b. Where else in Scripture has the dragon (or serpent) appeared?
- c. What happened to a third of the stars due to the stroke of the dragon’s tail?
18. a. Who do you think the male child is?
- b. Why would the dragon try so hard to kill the child? (See Lk 4:34, 8:28)
19. a. What was the male child destined to do?
- b. When was He caught up to God and to His throne? (See Acts 1:9)
20. The woman has been interpreted to symbolize Israel, the Church, and the Blessed Virgin Mary. How have these three borne Christ?
- Israel
 - Church
 - Mary
21. Why is Mary considered to be an icon of the Church? (See CCC 967, 972)
22. What did the woman do after giving birth and how did she survive?