

DAY 1 – REVELATION 8:1

1. What did you find new and/or interesting from the lecture?
2. There was silence in heaven for half an hour when the Lamb broke open the seventh seal. What does silence before the Lord imply? (See CCC 2628)
3.
 - a. What is meditation and why is silence a valuable aspect of this type of prayer? (See CCC 2705)
 - b. What should Christian meditation ultimately have as a focus? (See CCC 2707-2708)
4.
 - a. What is contemplative prayer? (See CCC 2709, 2715-2717)
 - b. Why might it be fruitful to schedule contemplative prayer on your daily planner? (See CCC 2710)
 - c. Take some time this week to spend in silent meditation/contemplation before the Lord (in the adoration chapel perhaps?). Describe your experience. **(Personal)**
5. What “noise” distracts you from God? **(Personal)**

DAYS 2 & 3 – REVELATION 8:2-5

6.
 - a. According to verse 2, how many angels stand before God?
 - b. Name the possible identities of three of these angels from Tobit 12:15, Luke 1:19 and Jude 9.
7. What elements in verse 3 are also present in the Mass?
8.
 - a. What did the angel in verses 3 and 4 do before the throne of God?
 - b. We have help in offering our prayers to God through the angels. Do you use any specific angel prayers in your personal prayer time?
9.
 - a. Since the saints in heaven are in need of nothing, their prayers must be for us. Do you have a particular saint that you consider to be your special prayer partner? Explain. **(Personal)**
 - b. Why are prayer groups important? (See Mt 18:20; CCC 2689)
 - c. If you have a prayer partner/group (on earth) how have you witnessed the power of your prayers?
10.
 - a. What was mingled with the prayers of the saints (holy ones) offered up to God?

- b. Can you think of any objects that are incensed today?
11. a. What did the angel do immediately after offering the prayers of the saints (holy ones) up to God?
 - b. According to 2 Peter 3:7, what does the fire indicate?
 - c. Cite another incident in Scripture when fire was used as judgment on a nation?
 12. a. Read 2 Peter 3:11-13. How should we be conducting ourselves in preparation for the day of God?
 - b. What warning does Peter give in 2 Peter 3:14, 17?
 - c. What exhortation does he give in 2 Peter 3:18?

DAYS 4 & 5 – REVELATION 8:6-13

13. The angels prepared to blow the trumpets. What did the trumpets represent to the Jews? (See Ex 19:16-19; Nm 10:9-10; Ps 47:6; Mt 24:30-31)
14. Can you think of a modern day catastrophe, which altered the world's landscape as in verse 7?
15. To what might the mountain in verse 8 refer? (See Is 66:20)
16. a. What was the result of the falling star "Wormwood" at the blast of the third trumpet?
 - b. Why did the Lord give the people "wormwood" to eat in Jeremiah 9:12-14 and 23:15?
 - c. What happens when bitterness spreads within the family, workplace, or church?
17. What was lost as the fourth trumpet was blown?
18. a. What elements of nature were affected by each of the first 4 trumpets?
 - b. Why is creation subject to judgment? (See Gn 3:17-18; CCC 399-400)
19. Read about the fall of Jericho in Joshua 6:10-14, 20-21, 24. What similarities do you find with Revelation 8?
20. What percentage of the earth was struck as a result of the first four trumpets? _____ Compare this with Rv 6:8. Is the devastation intensifying or weakening?
21. a. Who does the eagle lament will suffer from the rest of the trumpet blasts?
 - b. This seems to be a reference to whom? (See Rev 6:10, 13:8, 14)
22. What hope will you take away from the lesson this week?