

Lesson 12, Wed, Feb 28: Intercession & Salvation History

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Opening prayer: St. Pope John Paul II from *Fidei Depositum* in [CCC introduction p. 6](#)

Warmup: *What is the final word of the Bible?*

I. Intercession

- "A form of prayer of petition on behalf of others. The prayer of intercession leads us to pray as Christ, our unique Intercessor, prayed (see 2634; [CCC Glossary](#)):
 - See: [CCC 2634](#)"Intercession is a prayer of petition which leads us to pray as Jesus did. He is the one intercessor with the Father on behalf of all men, especially sinners. He is "able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them." The Holy Spirit "himself intercedes for us . . . and intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

II. Short films

- [The Veil Removed](#)
 - Find in the movie:
 1. Guardian Angels;
 2. Virgin Mary;
 3. Souls in Purgatory;
 4. John 20:28
- Films on the Saints: see [Saints - FORMED](#)

III. Salvation History

- St. Augustine:

"The New is in the Old concealed; the Old is in the New revealed."

or ***"New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New."***
- Fr. Vincent Ferrer:
 - "Adam sinned. Mankind fell. So God chose a people to show how to do it right"
 - But... people can't figure that out on their own
 - We need God's Salvation
 - See Handouts "Salvation History" and "Typology"
- Salvation History and the Covenants can be best understood as:
 1. Covenant ---> oops--> redemption ---> oops---> redemption ---> oops --->
 2. Covenant ---> oops--> redemption ---> oops---> redemption ---> oops --->
 3. Covenant ---> oops--> redemption ---> oops---> redemption ---> oops --->
 4. Covenant ---> oops--> redemption ---> oops---> redemption ---> oops --->
 5. Covenant ---> oops--> redemption ---> oops---> redemption ---> oops --->
 6. Covenant ---> oops--> redemption ---> oops---> redemption ---> oops --->
 7. ... JESUS!
- A note on the Old Testament
 - God may seem cruel, but God is never evil, only just
 - It's people who are cruel and evil.
 - God had to speak to people on their own terms, and lift them gradually from ignorance
 - God still speaks to us in our own language, according to our own limits (see [CCC 42-43](#))
- Jesus explains ([Mt.19:8](#); also [Mk 10:5](#)):

"Because of the hardness of your hearts Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so."