

2023 Religion Bee Questions

1. What is a sacred oath or agreement between God and man called?
--A covenant
2. What is the wooden box called in which the tablets of the 10 Commandments, Aaron's Staff, and some manna from the desert were kept?
--the Ark of the Covenant
3. Who was the first anointed king of Israel?
--Saul
4. Which king of Israel was especially known for his wisdom?
--Solomon
5. What is the great collection of Hebrew religious songs that Jews and Christians pray today?
--Psalms / Book of Psalms
6. What sign marked the doorways of the Israelites at the original Passover?
--Lamb's Blood
7. What is another name for the Decalogue?
--10 Commandments
8. God renewed His covenant with Jacob and changed his name to what?
--Israel
9. What does "Genesis", the first book of the Bible, mean?
--Beginning / Beginnings
10. What do you call a collection of local parishes gathered together and placed under the authority of a Bishop?
--Diocese
11. What is the name of those baptized faithful that are not called to the ordained ministry or to the consecrated life?
--the Laity or Lay people

12. What is the name of an ordained minister who assists the Priest during the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist?

--the Deacon

13. What is the term that refers to the fact that the Pope cannot be in error when teaching officially to the entire Church on matters of faith and morals?

--Infallibility

14. What do you call the head bishop of an Archdiocese?

--Archbishop

15. What are the three vows professed by members of religious orders?

--Poverty, Chastity, Obedience

16. What is the name of the priests' residence or house?

--Rectory

17. What is the name of the residence or house of religious sisters?

--Convent

18. Who said that He is the perfect image of the Father (but He is not the Father)?

--Jesus, God the Son, the Son, or the Son of God

19. The word "Trinity" is used in Scripture. True or False?

--False

20. What creed was written to combat the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ?

--Nicene Creed / Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed

21. Prudence, Justice, Temperance, and Fortitude are the four what?

--Cardinal Virtues

22. When elected Pope, what name did Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio take?

--Pope Francis

23. What is the name of the Bishop's tall hat?

--Miter

24. What is the name of the secluded meeting of Roman Catholic Cardinals when choosing a Pope?

--Conclave or Papal Conclave

25. What term refers to Mary being conceived without Original Sin?

--Immaculate Conception

26. What is the mark of the Church that refers to the Church being *universal* or open to all people?

--Catholic

27. Which set of mysteries of the Rosary was introduced by Pope Saint John Paul II in October 2002? They focus on the Public Ministry of Jesus?

--Luminous Mysteries or Mysteries of Light

28. What is the central mystery of the Christian Faith?

--Trinity / Holy Trinity / Most Holy Trinity

29. What is the first Commandment?

--I am the Lord your God, you shall not have strange gods before me.

30. What is the third Commandment?

--Keep holy the Lord's Day.

31. What is the tenth Commandment?

--You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

32. The corporal works of mercy are acts of love to help what kind of needs of our neighbors?

--bodily needs or corporal needs or corporeal needs

33. What are three of the corporal works of mercy?

--Feed the hungry; Give drink to the thirsty; Clothe the naked; Shelter the Homeless; Visit / Comfort the sick; Visit the imprisoned; Bury the dead

34. When you volunteer your time working in a food pantry you fulfill which corporal work of mercy?

--Feed the hungry

35. Spiritual works of mercy are acts of love towards our neighbor to help with what kind of needs?

--Needs of their soul / spirit

36. Which grace confers on our souls a sharing in the life of God Himself?

Hint: To get to Heaven when he or she dies, a person has to die in this kind of grace.

--Sanctifying Grace

37. What are the three Theological Virtues (also known as the Supernatural Virtues)?

--faith, hope, and charity (love)

38. By which of the Theological Virtues do we firmly believe all the truths which God has revealed?

--faith

39. By which of the Theological Virtues do we firmly trust that God will give us the grace necessary for eternal happiness and the means to obtain it?

--hope

40. What is a habitual and firm power to do good?

--virtue

41. What is another name for the four chief moral or human virtues?

--Cardinal Virtues

42. Name two out of the four chief Cardinal Virtues.

--prudence, justice, temperance, fortitude

43. Which of the Cardinal Virtues disposes us in all situations to form right judgments about what we must do or not do?

--prudence

44. Which of the Cardinal Virtues helps us to give a person what is owed to him or her?

--justice

45. Which of the Cardinal Virtues disposes us to do what is good in spite of any difficulty?

--fortitude

46. Which of the Cardinal Virtues disposes us to control our desires and to use rightly those things that please our senses?

--temperance

47. There are three things that make a sin mortal; 1) The sin must be serious; 2) The person must know that the sin is serious; What is the third?

--The person must do it anyway or freely choose it anyway or give free consent of the will

48. What is any intentional thought, word, deed, or omission that breaks God's law?

--sin

49. What are bad habits that incline one to evil and are the opposite of virtues?

--vices

50. Does being created in the "image of God" mean that human beings are capable of knowing and loving their Creator?

--yes

51. Which day of the week during Lent are we called to abstain from meat?

--Friday

52. What does the word "Emmanuel" mean?

**--"God with us" or "God is with us." Matthew 1:23
(Scripture passage not necessary)**

53. In what town did Jesus spend most of his life?

--Nazareth Mathew 2:23 (Scripture passage not necessary)

54. Who did Jesus say was the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?
--**Anyone who makes himself like a little child**
-**Matthew 18:1-4 (Scripture passage not necessary)**
55. Who ordered John the Baptist killed and how was it done?
--**Herod had him beheaded. Mark 6: 17, 27**
(Scripture passage not necessary)
56. Whom did Jesus take with Him to the Mountain of the Transfiguration?
--**Peter, James, and John Mark 9:2**
(Scripture passage not necessary)
57. Which two Old Testament figures appeared with Jesus at the Transfiguration?
--**Moses and Elijah Mark 9:4**
(Scripture passage not necessary)
58. Who were the parents of John the Baptist?
--**Zachariah (or Zachary) and Elizabeth Luke 1:13**
(Scripture passage not necessary)
59. Where and when did the Last Supper take place?
--**Holy Thursday and in the Upper Room John 13:1, Mark 14:15**
(Scripture passage not necessary)
60. What action did Jesus perform at the Last Supper to call his Apostles to be servants?
--**Washing their feet John 13:5, 14-15**
(Scripture passage not necessary)
61. What is the sacrament that is the only ordinary way by which mortal sins are forgiven?
- **Penance, or Reconciliation, or Confession** (two other terms for the same sacrament that are in the

Catechism of the Catholic Church and that we would certainly accept are **Conversion** or **Forgiveness**)

62. The only people who go to hell are those who die in un-repented what?

- **Mortal sin**

63. True or False – We can know with certainty which people go to Hell.

- **False**

64. The mystery of God in the flesh, or God made man, is known as?

- **Incarnation**

65. The official book of readings used at Mass that the Lector reads from is the?

- **Lectionary**

66. The mystery that is the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus is the?

- **Paschal Mystery**

67. The two sacraments that Jesus instituted on Holy Thursday are?

- **The Eucharist and Holy Orders**

68. What object do we see in Catholic churches and in some homes during Advent? It has three purple candles and one rose candle?

- **Advent Wreath**

69. This holy object is usually in the form of a sunburst, often gold in color, and has the Eucharist placed in it during periods of Eucharistic adoration? Its name means “to show.” What is the object called?

- **Monstrance (or Ostensorium)**

70. The virtue by which one believes in God and in all He teaches because He can neither deceive nor be deceived is the virtue of?

- **faith**

71. The virtue by which one loves God above all things and one's neighbor as oneself for the love of God is the virtue of?

-charity

72. Who is the Patron Saint of Workers?

- St. Joseph

73. Which Saint was known for helping the "poorest of the poor" in Calcutta, India?

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

74. Which Saint saw the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lourdes?

- St. Bernadette

75. Who are the three archangels named in the Bible?

- St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael

76. Which Saint was the 4th Bishop of Philadelphia, who spread the 40 Hours Eucharistic devotions in this country and who originally came from the area now known as the Czech Republic?

- St. John Neumann

77. Which Saint came from a wealthy Philadelphia family and used her great wealth to help educate African-Americans and Native Americans?

- St. Katharine Drexel

78. Which of the 12 Apostles shares a feast day with St. Jude the Apostle?

- St. Simon / St. Simon the Apostle / St. Simon the Zealot

79. Who was the Saint who started the first Catholic schools in the United States? She is also the first Saint born in what would soon become the United States.

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

80. Which group of angels have their feast day celebrated on October 2nd?

- The Guardian Angels

81. Who was the first of the 12 Apostles to be martyred?

- **St. James the Greater**

82. In the Old Testament Book of Tobit, which angel was the faithful companion of Tobias?

- **St. Raphael**

83. Who was the mother, who prayed for her son, Augustine, to turn from a life of sin and become a Catholic Christian?

- **St. Monica**

84. Which Saint saw the Blessed Virgin Mary at Guadalupe, Mexico?

- **St. Juan Diego**

85. Who was the first Native American to be named a Saint?

- **St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

86. Which Apostle is known as the “Saint of Impossible Causes”?

- **St. Jude / St. Jude Thaddeus / Thaddeus**

87. Which Saint had visions and apparitions about Jesus’ Divine Mercy in the 1930s and wrote about them in her diary entitled, “Divine Mercy in My Soul.”

- **St. Faustina**

88. Which solemnity in the Church celebrates Mary giving her complete consent to the Archangel Gabriel concerning God’s plan to send the Savior into the world through her?

- **Annunciation**

89. What is the third Joyful Mystery of the Rosary?

- **The Nativity / The Nativity of our Lord / Birth of Christ / Birth of Jesus**

90. What is the fourth Luminous Mystery of the Rosary?

- **Transfiguration**

91. What is the first Sorrowful Mystery of the Rosary?

- **Agony in the Garden**

92. What is the fifth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary?

- **Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary / Coronation**

93. What is the greatest commandment?

- **To love God with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength / To love God above all else**

94. In his agony in the *Garden of Gethsemane*, by what term (which means “Dad”) did Jesus use to refer to God the Father?

- **Abba**

95. Which Theological Virtue protects us from discouragement and directs our expectations toward eternal happiness?

- **Hope**

96. Which Theological Virtue is the virtue of belief in God and in all He teaches because He can neither deceive nor be deceived?

- **Faith**

97. Which Theological Virtue is the virtue by which we love God above all things and love our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God?

- **Charity or Love**

98. For how many days after the Resurrection did Jesus appear to His disciples before He ascended into Heaven?

- **40 days**

99. How many days is a novena?

- **Nine days**

100. What is the term for Mary being taken body and soul into Heaven at the end of her earthly life?

- **Assumption or Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

101. Who helped Jesus carry the Cross to Calvary?

- **Simon of Cyrene**

102. Who wiped Jesus face with her veil as He carried His Cross?
- **St. Veronica**
103. Who allowed Jesus to be buried in the tomb that he had purchased?
- **Joseph of Arimathea**
104. Who was the Sadducee who was the High Priest at the time of Jesus Passion, Death, and Resurrection, who said that Jesus had blasphemed and should be crucified?
- **Caiaphas**
105. Who is the English martyr who fell out of favor with King Henry VIII and later had his head chopped off by him. He is now the Patron Saint of Lawyers and those in the Legal Profession?
- **St. Thomas More**
106. Which Dominican Saint is the Patron Saint of Catholic schools and also wrote the great Eucharistic hymn, *Tantum Ergo*?
- **St. Thomas Aquinas**
107. Which Saint is the founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits)?
- **St. Ignatius of Loyola** or **St. Ignatius Loyola**
108. What great Swedish Saint, who was a wife and mother, also had great visions of Jesus' Passion and Death?
- **St. Bridget of Sweden** or **St. Bridget**
109. Name one of the active auxiliary bishops of Philadelphia.
- Bishop John McIntyre, Bishop Michael Fitzgerald, Bishop Timothy Senior
110. Who is the patron saint of physicians?
- **Sts. Cosmas and Damian** or **St. Luke**
111. Who is the patron saint of parish Priests?
- **St. John Vianney**

112. Who is the patron saint of police officers?
- **St. Michael or St. Michael the Archangel**
113. Who is the first Saint we know to have used the term “catholic” to refer to the Church? He did so on or around the year AD 107.
i. **-St. Ignatius of Antioch**
114. Who is the patron saint of athletes?
- **St. Sebastian**
115. Who is the patron saint of throat ailments?
- **St. Blaise**
116. Who is the patron saint of ecology and the environment?
- **St. Francis of Assisi**
117. Which of the four Evangelists’ Gospel wrote the first book of the New Testament?
- **St. Matthew**
118. Which evangelist wrote the shortest Gospel?
- **St. Mark**
119. Who was the first Catholic (and, so far, the only Catholic) to be elected President of the United States of America?
- **John Kennedy**
120. What do we call that place or state of further purification from sin for those who died in the state of grace, but are not yet ready for Heaven?
- **Purgatory**
121. With the start of what liturgical season does a new Church year begin?
- **Advent**
122. What word is used to refer to the first five books of the Old Testament?
- **Torah** **or** **Pentateuch**

123. Before Pope Francis became Pope, he was an archbishop in which country?
- **Argentina**
124. Which Gospel records the event of Jesus changing water into wine at the Wedding at Cana?
- **Gospel of John**
125. Which solemnity is celebrated on August 15?
- **Assumption or Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
126. Which solemnity is celebrated on January 1?
- **Mother of God or Mary, Mother of God**
127. Which solemnity is celebrated December 8?
- **Immaculate Conception**
128. Which Solemnity is celebrated November 1?
- **All Saints**
129. Which book of the Bible tells us about Pentecost and the great things the Apostles did after Jesus' Ascension, as well as about the beginnings of the Church?
- **Acts of the Apostles**
130. Who first translated the Bible into Latin (this translation is known as the *Vulgate*)?
- **St. Jerome**
131. Whose nailing of 95 theses to a Cathedral door in Germany began the Protestant Reformation?
- **Martin Luther**
132. During the time of the Protestant Reformation, who declared himself as head of the Church of England?
- **King Henry VIII**

133. The Parable of the Prodigal Son is often used to teach about which sacrament?
- **Penance / Confession / Reconciliation**
134. What name is given to people who lived holy lives in the desert or in caves away from the world?
- **Hermits**
135. Which Gospel writer is symbolized by a man?
- **Matthew**
136. Which Gospel writer is symbolized by a lion?
- **Mark**
137. Which Gospel writer is symbolized by an ox?
- **Luke**
138. Which Gospel writer is symbolized by an eagle?
- **John**
139. A prayer which is a summary of our most important beliefs is called what?
- **Creed or Apostles Creed or Nicene Creed**
140. Which saint started the Nativity Scene or Manger Scene?
- **St. Francis of Assisi**
141. Who was the first woman saint to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi?
- **St. Clare**
142. Who founded a religious community known as the Order of Preachers?
- **St. Dominic**
143. Which Roman Emperor officially recognized Christianity as a legal religion?
- **Constantine**

144. What is the most commonly used title for the Chief Vicar of Christ on earth?

- **The Pope**

145. What is the name of the prayer that commemorates the Incarnation and is traditionally recited at 6 am, 12 noon, and 6 pm?

- **The Angelus**

146. In the initials INRI that you see on the sign at the top of a Crucifix, what does the letter R stand for?

- **King**

147. In the initials INRI that you see on the sign at the top of the Crucifix, what does the letter N stand for?

- **Nazareth or Nazarene**

148. In the initials INRI that you see at the top of the Crucifix, what does the first letter I stand for?

- **Jesus**

149. In the initials INRI that you see at the top of the Crucifix, what does the last letter I stand for?

- **Jews**

150. Who does tradition tell us was the last apostle to die and probably the only one not to die as a martyr?

- **St. John**

151. Which apostle had worked as a tax collector?

- **St. Matthew**

152. Which Christians are most similar to Catholic Christians in worship and doctrine?

- **Orthodox Christians**

153. Which prophet foretold King Ahaz that the Messiah would be born of a virgin?

- **Isaiah**

154. What is the term that refers to a false teaching which goes contrary to an official doctrine of the Catholic faith?
- **Heresy**
155. What is it called when Christians officially break from unity with the Pope?
- **Schism**
156. The complete rejection of the Christian Faith by a baptized person is called what?
- **Apostasy**
157. Which Gospel Evangelist is also credited with writing the Acts of the Apostles?
- **St. Luke**
158. Which saint was nicknamed “the dumb ox” by his classmates, but became perhaps the greatest of the medieval Doctors of the Church?
- **St. Thomas Aquinas**
159. Name two people in the Gospel of Luke to whom the Archangel Gabriel appeared?
- **Zechariah/Zachary Mary**
160. What was the first diocese in the United States?
- **Baltimore**
161. Who was the first Bishop in the United States
- **Bishop John Carroll**
162. After the Sign of the Cross, what is typically the first prayer of the Rosary?
- **Apostles Creed**
163. The word “Baptism” means what?
- **“To plunge” or “To immerse”**
164. The code of Church laws for governing the Church is called what?
- **Canon Law or Code of Canon Law**

165. What is the name of the social media website that took the place of the Catholic Standard and Times.
- **CatholicPhilly.com**
166. Toward what city was Saul (St. Paul) headed when he was blinded, fell to the ground, heard Christ's voice, and had his conversion?
- **Damascus**
167. How many Psalms are there in the Old Testament Book of Psalms?
- **150**
168. According to ancient custom, what is the name of the repentant criminal crucified next to Jesus?
- **Dismas or St. Dismas**
169. The study of God is called what?
- **Theology**
170. What was the name of the blind man to whom Jesus gave sight?
- **Bartimaeus**
171. What is the reason we choose a Saint's name at Confirmation?
- **To pray for us or to serve as a special model for us for in living the Christian life**
172. What are the essential words that must be said in Baptism?
- **"I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."**
173. What is contained in the cruets at Mass?
- **water and wine**
174. On which Sunday is the Passion read?
- **Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday**
175. On what night during Holy Week do we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and Holy Orders?
- **Holy Thursday**

176. On what day during Holy Week do we commemorate the Passion and Death of Jesus?
- **Good Friday**
177. What day is often called the “Birthday of the Church?”
- **Pentecost Sunday**
178. Who is considered the “New Eve?”
- **Mary / the Blessed Virgin Mary / the Mother of God**
179. What is the name of the candle lit during the Easter Vigil?
- **The Paschal Candle**
180. On what day in the liturgical year is there a solemn service, but not Mass?
- **Good Friday**
181. How did the soldiers decide who would get Christ’s seamless garment?
- **They cast lots**