



# Catechesis Corner

*"Catechesis is the echo of the Word of God."*  
Pope Francis January 30, 2021

## Statement of Faith

**God makes known His loving goodness and His plan to us, and, by grace, empowers man to respond freely with faith to His Revelation.**

*Related Scripture and Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Scripture	CCC
Romans 6:17	84
2 Corinthians 4:3-6	153-156, 158
John 16:13	166
Matthew 16:16-17	181
2 Peter 1:4	298
Galatians 1:15-16	215-217
Romans 16:25-27	1229
2 Corinthians 5:7	1253
1 Peter 1:3-9	1813-1814
Hebrews 2:2-4; 11:1	2008
Mark 9:7	2474
1 Timothy 1:3-5	2518-2519
Ephesians 1:18	2705

Dei Verbum (7-9)

## Understanding the Symbols



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*Videos to Explore*

Faith, Hope, and Love

The Theological Virtues: Faith

FORMED parish code: **CM7TFZ**

What REAL Faith Looks Like

Father Mike Schmitz

Following by FAITH? Or Following Feelings?

Father Mark Mary Ames

How Firm A Foundation

The Petersens

We Walk by Faith

## The Tabernacle: Part 1

In the book of Exodus, God gives Moses precise details on every aspect of building the Tabernacle, including the **Ark of the Covenant** (see Ex. 25, 37). In Hebrew, the word "**shakan**" means "**to dwell**" or "**to settle**." In Greek, this meaning is "**tent**" or "**tabernacle**." The term "**mishkan**" primarily refers to the portable sanctuary or tabernacle that the Israelites constructed in the wilderness as a place of worship and the dwelling place of God's presence. It signifies a sacred space where God meets with His people, emphasizing the concept of divine presence and communion with humanity. (**Strong's**) Within the **Tabernacle**, in the **Holy of Holies**, is where the **Ark of the Covenant** was kept throughout the desert wanderings and beyond, and then in the Temple period until the time of the prophet Jeremiah (see 2 Maccabees 2:4-8). Exodus 37:9 tells us, "The cherubim spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, with their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat were the faces of the cherubim." Hebrews 9:4-5 tells us about "the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant."

## What Are Alms?

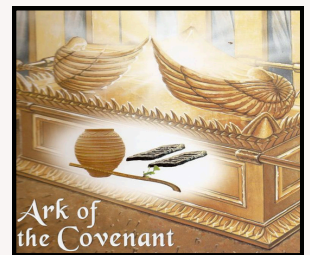
The word "**alms**" is not one that we use in our everyday language. "**Alms**" means "**charitable relief of the poor**". It originates from Greek; meaning "**pity**" or "**mercy**." This is where we get the word "**almsgiving**." The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines almsgiving as: Money or goods given to the poor as an act of penance or fraternal charity. Almsgiving, together with prayer and fasting, are traditionally recommended to foster the state of interior penance. These three practices are increased during the liturgical season of Lent.

One way we can give **alms every week** in our parish is by participating in the **St. Vincent de Paul Society weekly food drive**. Each week the bulletin provides the food item to bring the following week.

During Lent, in addition to St. Vincent de Paul, consider donating to the **CRS Rice Bowl** program. You are able to find the cardboard bowls in the parish office.

## March's Devotion

Saint Joseph



Ark of the Covenant

***Ite missa est - Go! You have been sent.***