



The Armor of Faith
Topic Summary: Flame of Love
Part VIII: Cenacles of Reparation



Jesus - Last Supper - Leonardo da Vinci
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Introduction

[Greeting:] → Welcome to “The Armor of Faith,” a show where we hope to bring our listeners closer to the Word of God and the blessings we receive through living in the fullness of the Catholic faith. My name is Doug and I will be your host as we discuss the blessings of the Church Christ built upon Peter.

I am joined today by my panel: [names]

Helen is a lay-Dominican with a love for music ministry. The Dominicans, I always mention, are also known as the Order of Preachers. In addition to being my lovely wife as well as a wonderful blessing, Sharon is a youth and adult formation catechist. We are also blessed to have on our panel, Donna Mae, who is the artist who sculpted the statue of Our Lady of America which was carried by our youth and blessed by Saint John Paul II at the 1993 Word Youth Day.

We are also joined by special panel guests from the Flame of Love Movement; John Sullivan, Patti Schwartz, and Lori Brown.

John is the National Spokesperson for the Flame of Love Movement in the US. John left the Church in 1973 but returned to the Catholic Church in 1998 after a study of the Ante-Nicene Fathers. Since then, he has been involved in local catechesis and parochial and diocesan evangelization.

Patti is the National Hispanic director for La Llama de Amor, United States. She taught in the New York public school system for 24 years and received the top model teacher award for New York State by an NBC affiliate. Patti is currently hosting a weekly radio show on The Flame of Love at Radio María Miami and evangelizes the Flame of Love movement to the cities in South Florida.

Lori is the Regional Leader for the Flame of Love Movement in the Midwest and Northern United States. In addition to homeschooling her six children, Lori's been involved in serving Our Lord and Our Lady in teaching and catechetical ministry for over 35 years and has been a speaker at various conferences, diocesan activities, and now is spreading the Flame of Love of Mary's Immaculate Heart wherever Our Lady calls her.

Of course, as everyone knows by now, I am simply here to ask questions because, right now, we are in a time where we really need to ask questions if we are to learn about what our choices mean to our eternity. Anyway, to answer my questions, correct my pronunciation, and make sure I know which century I am talking about is why we have our panelists, so welcome to our panelists as well as to our listeners.

Let us open with a prayer:

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father, we lift up our hearts in thanks and praise for this opportunity to open and share your Holy Word this day. We pray that You are with us and all our listeners as we share with one another the blessings of faith. We pray You will grant us wisdom and understanding as we seek to learn Your Holy Truth.

Dear Lord, we also lift up the prayers in our prayer basket. You know what is written on each one and you know the hearts of those who offer their thanks and praise as well as their petitions for the blessings of Your great mercy.

We pray especially today for those who are considering abortion. Help them see it is not a choice, it is not an option; for whatever challenges they may face, You have created, for them to protect, a special gift with a special purpose. Help them see the blessings which are possible through choosing life and enabling life to grow and thrive with love.

We also pray for those who pray and counsel from the sidewalk. As they endeavor in their vigil, protect them and help them reach, with love, the hearts of those who have small lives in their wombs and in their hands.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

If you would like to add your prayers to our prayer basket, all you need to do is send us an email at armoroffaithradio@gmail.com. We ask that you include the word “prayer” in the subject line so that we will give it priority and ensure we place it in our prayer basket. Just so you know, Sharon and I lift up our prayers with those in the Armor of Faith Radio prayer basket during the course of our daily prayers.

We would like to inform you that WCAT Radio, the organization through which this and a variety of kindred Catholic radio shows are presented, is conducting a funding drive to help address the costs of operation and production. WCAT Radio presents two dozen hours of new, quality, Catholic programming each week and offers well over 5,000 hours of archived programming in history, theology, spirituality, and poetry for the purpose of promoting the Catholic spiritual journey — a virtual audio library of our Catholic faith. Please consider giving a tax deductible donation to WCAT Radio to enable them to continue to broadcast the Catholic message. You can donate online at <https://wcatradio.com/support>. Any amount you can contribute, helps.

We would also like to ask you to assist Armor of Faith Radio in our evangelization. By sharing the URL for our show, you can help us spread knowledge of our faith. All you need to do is share the URL, wcatradio.com/armoroffaith via email or social media and tell family and friends as well. Several of the streaming services through which we are available on demand also have share options, so we invite you to join the evangelization and help us spread the good news of the Gospel and our trust in Jesus Christ. You can also help us by selecting the follow or subscribe option associated with the service through which you listen to our show.

Current Day Commentary:

History and Faith

My prediction for 2021 is that Progressivism, aka Globalist Marxism, will continue to advance as the result of an intense, global propaganda campaign. As it swells and continues to spread its errors through various media forms, the faithful cannot afford to sit by in silence. Why do I say this? Well, we need only look at history to see what happens when extreme ideologies come to power, especially atheistic ones.

They put on the clothing of sheep and tell us that their only aim is to help the poor. They try to fill us with propaganda spouting things like Jesus was a socialist because he healed the sick for free, but that is all a distraction. The reality is that socialism is not about the less fortunate, it is about power and control.

To understand what is happening in our day, we must look at the tactics of Lenin. In his book, [Russia: A History of the Soviet Period](#), Woodford McClellan wrote that Lenin believed, “A strong revolutionary party could prepare the way through propaganda, education, agitation, and political leadership.” He continued, “History itself would supply the critical complex of events – economic depression, war, breakdown in government – that would force a crisis.” (McClellan, 5) So, does any of this sound familiar; but this was talking about 1917.

McClellan summarized some of the tactics of Lenin for the rise to power of the Bolsheviks, “He would abolish police, army, bureaucracy. A popular militia would replace the army; it was not clear what, if anything, would fulfill the functions of police and bureaucracy.” Lenin basically sowed chaos as a means for the communists to seize power in the vacuum.

Our Lady warned in 1917, at Fatima, that Russia would spread its errors to the world. While the Soviet Union is no more, the errors continue to spread through nations and institutions. So, what are the faithful do? Well, we talk some about that in our series, *Spiritual Warfare*, episodes 158 through 173, because we must recognize that what is happening in our media and social media is a spiritual war in progress, but the battlefield is not limited to media. It is also happening in our schools and other institutions where the target is the hearts and minds of our children.

We must open our eyes to the battle playing out in our day, for the struggle for power and control is not a simple political conversation. It is a battle for how government will control our freedom, faith, and privacy. As I have mentioned before, our salvation is not about whether those who stand on the right or the left are right or wrong, it is about whether we understand and live what God asks of us, so the first measure of our protection is to know our faith. The

better we know our faith and enable the understanding of our children, the more difficult we make the task for the one who would deceive us away from what God asks of us.

We must also know our history, for what the evil one has attempted in the past, he will attempt again, knowing memories fade, hence condemning us to the mistakes of the past; but if we are aware of the past and what God asks of us, perhaps we will prevent repetition.

We must also learn to recognize the buzz words of propaganda. For example, when we hear words like “re-imagine,” “re-think,” or “re-set;” we must view them as flags, for often what follows is a globalist agenda to manipulate us to accept the ideals of socialism as a smokescreen for the implementation of the power and control of socialism. And when they cry, but the only reason socialism has failed in the past is that it was not properly implemented; we must ask, how many lives must be ruined, how many people must die before the powers which be figure out the proper implementation?

We must also be wary of the propaganda to the other extreme. Again, when extremes fight for power, Catholics always seem to become a target of both sides. We must not enable ideologies of evil.

As the battle rages, we must not hide, nor be silent. We must exercise our First Amendment rights to share the Word of God, not so much by our speaking, but by our ministry; and we can engage our children in our ministry to help them see what hands of love are able to accomplish.

Why Catholics Do What We Do:

Catholic Definitions – Part IX: Bible

Happy New Year!!!

We made it through 2020 and are ready for more excitement in 2021. What do most Americans do at the beginning of the new year? Make resolutions. Resolutions to get healthy, lose weight, exercise more and get organized. What do American Catholics resolve to do? I have heard it a lot----study the Bible more. I really like the last one. So let's look at what the Bible is and what it means.

The word “Bible” comes from a Greek word, “biblos” which means “book.” Oh wait, it also means, “parchment” or “scroll.” Interesting how one word describes all the means by which the Bible as we know it today has come about.

Bible is defined as Christian scriptures. It consists of the Old and New Testaments. It is a collection of many books, by many authors. It is in fact, a library of history, songs, poetry, guidelines, stories, and the retelling of the events in the life of Jesus. The original keepers of the historical records recorded all the information on scrolls and the scrolls were guarded in the Ark of the Covenant. These scrolls are what we know as the Old Testament, the history of creation, God's relationship with His creation, and the rise and fall of many generations.

When the Apostles were writing to their followers, they wrote letters of guidance and instruction on parchment. These letters were carefully guarded until they were written down on scrolls. Then, when the printing press was invented, these same letters were printed and put into book form. Biblos, meaning, parchment, scroll, book is now known as The Book, The Holy Bible.

Nowhere in Scripture is the word Bible used. It wasn't until the fourth century that this term began to be used. John Chrysostom first began to use this when he preached and he called the collections of writings, *ta biblia* which is the Latin form of biblos.

Also during the 4th century, there was a movement to collect and organize all the writings that were being taught as the “inspired Word of God.” It was during these days that disagreements began on what was to be included. Because of languages used, some felt that all the collected writings were wonderful and inspiring, but not everyone agreed that all the writings were inspired by God.

These disagreements resulted in what we today know as the Catholic Bible and the Protestant Bible. The Catholic Bible includes 73 books but the Protestant Bible only has 66. Why? The writers of the Catholic Bible decided that all the written words were indeed needed for the fullness of faith.

The Catholic Bible does contain all of the 66 books found in the Protestant Bible. The seven books that were omitted from the Protestant Bible are called the Apocrypha or the deuterocanonicals. These seven books are: Tobit, Judith, 1 Maccabees, Wisdom, Sirach and Baruch. In addition, the books of Esther and Daniel were shortened up for the Protestant version but left intact by the Catholic writers.

During the Council of Trent, the members officially decreed that the Apocrypha was part of the Catholic version. Sooo, yes there is a difference. Now that you know what the Bible is and how it came about, its time to fulfill the resolution to learn more about God. As St. Jerome said, “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.”

Have a blessed week All. Remember, you are loved dearly by God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit and yes, by us as well.

If you would like to learn more about the Catholic meaning of the “Bible,” we invite you to follow the links in the reference section of the topic summary for this show. You can obtain the topic summary by visiting <https://wcatradio.com/armoroffaithstudyguides/> and look for episode 180.

Discussion:

Last time, we discussed some of the messages which outline the three principle graces which flow from the Flame of Love; blinding Satan, releasing souls from purgatory, and the salvation of dying souls. Of course, as we read the diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann, we see that these are

not the only graces we may receive and share with others, but we should observe that the conversion and salvation of souls is the primary objective of Jesus and Mary through the Flame of Love to which they call us.

When we examine the condition of the world, we are tempted with doubts similar to those experienced by Elizabeth. When such doubts arise within us, let us reflect on what Jesus told Elizabeth:

“A great battle awaits you, but you will conquer in the Sign of the Cross. When you make the Cross, think of the three Divine Persons. Make the Sign of the Cross five times, while thinking of my Five Wounds. Always look at my eyes bathed in blood. Tell everyone all that I tell you. Do not worry about how to make the Cause prevail. Be a good Carmelite. Be humble and refrain your tongue, not saying unneeded words. Do not worry that you can only give me little things.” (Kindelmann, 18)

Indeed, the battle rages. Let us conquer in the Sign of the Cross. Let us reflect on the five wounds received in sacrifice for our salvation. Let us look at the eyes bathed in blood and allow them to blind Satan. Let us ask Jesus and Mary to guide us in how we may share the Flame of Love.

Today, we are going to discuss one means by which we may share the Flame of Love and that is through Cenacles of Reparation.

(Question 1: Of course, the first question we should probably answer is what is a cenacle? A cenacle is not unique to the Flame of Love, but when we consider to what the word “cenacle” refers, we should not be surprised at its relationship to the Flame of Love. John, can you tell us a little about what the word “cenacle” refers and how does this meaning relate to Cenacles of Reparation?)

- Refers to the place of the Last Supper
- Refers to the Upper Room where the Holy Spirit descended on Mary and the Apostles at Pentecost
- Refers to a small group for adoration, prayer, study, and faith sharing
- Adoration and prayer lifting up penance and reparation

The Blessed Virgin spoke: *“Make reparation. He has been offended so often.”* (Kindelmann, 14)

In the first week of March, I did not know what was happening. Every five minutes, the Lord urged me to kneel down to make reparation. I asked to share in his work to the greatest possible degree. He said, *“Ask for abundant graces. The more you ask, the more you will receive. Many ask to share in my work, but when I ask for a sacrifice, they grow frightened.”* (Kindelmann, 14)

[Jesus said,] *“I have called many souls to follow me on the road of reparation, but few understand. You must sacrifice so that their numbers will increase. These souls will*

counterbalance my just anger. My Mother keeps back my wrath. Her Flame of Love obliges even me." (Kindelmann, 23)

[Our Lady said,] "*I will aid your work with miracles never seen before. This will bring about reparation to my Son.*" (Kindelmann, 31)

At church, Our Lady spoke, "*You must see Thursday and Friday as days of great grace. During the hours of reparation, the power of Satan will weaken to the degree that you pray for sinners.*" (Kindelmann, 39)

(Question 2: While we want to influence the world, our sustenance begins in small groups. The basic unit of society is the family, so it is natural we come together in small groups to pray, study, and share in faith. Lori, can you tell us a little bit about the cenacle experience?)

- Study → Lots of resources available through flameoflove.us
 - Adoration
 - Prayer
 - ➔ Flame of Love Rosary
 - ➔ Unity Prayer
 - ➔ Meditation on the five wounds of Jesus
 - Faith Sharing
 - Virtual Cenacles
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(Question 3: Most people are not looking for one more thing to do, but then, we must also consider, that is why Satan wants us to be busy and stressed so we will not have time to spend with our Lord. Patti, can you relate your experience when you participate in a cenacle and what would you tell someone to encourage them to share that experience?)

- Blessings, insights, and encouragement of faith community
- Small groups enable discussion and sharing
- Matthew 18:20, "*For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*"
- We do not always see the blessings in the moment, but the moments will be with us as we lift up our love to the Lord.

Quotes:

From the Diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann

[Jesus said,] "*People will make reparation, and graces will fall upon dry and confused souls. Ask me for these souls. Results do not matter. The continual desire to do my will is what makes a saint. Loving me again and again is important. This effort dispels my pain. What you give me each day is not important. It is only important that you never stop giving.*" (Kindelmann, 71)

[Jesus said,] *“Repentance has immense power. Sometimes, my hand is raised to punish. Then those who make reparation force me to pardon.”* (Kindelmann, 96)

Jesus warned me, *“Satan and his forces want to destroy families. You are a mother, and you know the many ways in which a family is torn apart. To save families, throw yourself into the furnace of suffering. How many sins come from destroyed families. Make reparation for these families.”* (Kindelmann, 42)

“On Thursday and Friday,” said Mary, *“offer a very special reparation to my Divine Son. This will be an hour for the family to make reparation. Begin this hour with a spiritual reading followed by the Rosary or other prayers in an atmosphere of recollection and fervor.”* (Kindelmann, 111)

Final Thoughts:

As I mentioned during our discussion, few people are looking for one more thing to add to their day or week, but as we examine our lives, we must ask ourselves, what time do we make for our Lord? Participating in a Flame of Love cenacle is not so much a demand on our time as it is an opportunity to receive and share the blessings of our Lord.

Our Lady constantly calls us to prayer, fasting, and penance; and she constantly points to the Sacred Heart of her Son. We may respond to the call in our private moments, but we must also consider what we may share when we are able to come together and share in cenacle groups. It is not just about prayer, it is about a relationship; and we cannot have a true relationship with Jesus and Mary if we do not spend time with them. We must also remember that as we come together to share the blessings of our faith, we are also living the second of the greatest commandments, which by extension, gives glory to God as we lift up our love for one another.

Jesus told Elizabeth, *“Many ask to share in my work, but when I ask for a sacrifice, they grow frightened.”* (Kindelmann, 14) We must not view the call to prayer, fasting, and penance as burdens, for though they are personal means of sacrifice, they are also opportunities to allow the Flame of Love to flow within us and from us. Let us, then, encourage one another through the practice of our faith.

If you would like to learn more about Flame of Love Cenacles of Reparation, you can visit <https://flameoflove.us/prayer-cenacles/>.

Wrap Up: Well, our time has once more come to an end. We hope you will be able to join us next time as we turn our discussion to the Flame of Love and families.

Let us conclude with a prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you for this opportunity to share the blessings of our trust and faith in You. We pray that as we go our separate ways, You will continue to walk with us and help us to see how we may put on the armor of **truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation**, and the **Word** of the gospel not only for the benefit of our lives, but also the lives of all who cross our path.

And let us share the Flame of Love Prayer:

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
spread the effect of grace of thy Flame of Love over all of humanity,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Thank you all and God bless.

Next Session: Flame of Love – Part IX: Family Sanctuaries

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