

Are We Living in The End Times?

The definitive Catholic teaching on the “end times” is contained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church CCC 668-682

CCC 668 Jesus Christ is the King of the Universe

- And He possesses all power in heaven and on earth
- Feast of Christ the King – the end of November

CCC 670 Since the Ascension God's plan has entered into its fulfillment. We are already at "the last hour" (1 John 2:18; 1 Peter 4:7). Already the final age of the world is with us, and the renewal of the world is irrevocably under way; it is even now anticipated in a certain real way, for the Church on earth is endowed already with a sanctity that is real but imperfect. (LG 48, 1 Cor. 10:11) Christ's kingdom already manifests its presence through the miraculous signs that attend its proclamation by the Church.

CCC 671 Yet His kingdom on earth, the Church,

- is still under attack by the powers of evil,
- even though they have been defeated definitively
- by the death and Resurrection of Christ

CCC 672 That is why the present time is still

- the time marked by distress and
- the trial of evil which does not spare the Church
- Therefore, it is a time of witness

CCC 673 Since the Ascension, Christ's coming in glory has been imminent, even though (as Jesus said in Acts 1:7) "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority." This eschatological (final) coming could be accomplished at any moment, even if both it and the final trial that will precede it are "delayed".

1 Peter 4: 7, St. Peter warns us that “everything will soon come to an end” while at the same time exercising caution: “But there is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, a “day” can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day” (2 Pet. 3: 8).

The four things that will occur before the end of time

1. The Gospel must be proclaimed to the whole world and all the Gentiles who are going to be converted will be converted
2. Immediately after the full number of Gentiles enter the covenant with God, the Jews will recognize Jesus as the Messiah
3. The supreme deception of the Antichrist that will cause many to fall away from Catholicism and Christianity
4. The Church will enter the glory of the kingdom only through this final Passover, when she will follow her Lord in his death and Resurrection... God's triumph over the revolt of evil will take the form of the Last Judgment after the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world

The End Time Events

1. The Gospel must be proclaimed to the whole world and all the Gentiles who are going to be converted will be converted

CCC 674 The glorious Messiah's coming is suspended at every moment of history until his recognition by "all Israel", for "a hardening has come upon part of Israel" in their "unbelief" toward Jesus... The "full inclusion" of the Jews in the Messiah's salvation, in the wake of "the full number of the Gentiles"...

Luke 21:24, "Jerusalem will be trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled."

For the first time since 66 AD, Jerusalem is no longer "trodden down by the Gentiles"

2. Very soon after (in the wake of) the full number of Gentiles entering the covenant with God, the Jews will recognize Jesus as the Messiah

Romans 11: 25-26

There is a hidden reason for all this, brothers, of which I do not want you to be ignorant, in case you think you know more than you do. One section of Israel has become blind, but this will last only until the whole pagan world has entered, and then after this the rest of Israel will be saved as well.

3. A final trial of the Church brought about by the supreme deception of the Antichrist

CCC 675 Before Christ's second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the "mystery of iniquity" in the form of a religious

deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. The supreme religious deception is that of the Antichrist, a pseudo-messianism by which man glorifies himself in place of God and of his Messiah come in the flesh.

CCC 676 The Antichrist's deception already begins to take shape in the world every time the claim is made to realize within history that messianic hope which can only be realized beyond history through the last judgment. The Church has rejected even modified forms of this falsification of the kingdom to come under...the "intrinsically perverse" political form of a secular messianism.

In what do we place our hope for happiness and security?

- Science and medicine?
- Politics and economics?
- Human relationships?

Where you place your time, energy and attention is where you place your hope?

Two recent Forerunners of the Anti-Christ

1. Communism
2. Nazism

Both believed that they could create and establish a kingdom of peace and justice on earth through social and political means. Their vision of power, however, was to deny God's sovereignty over all people and even to destroy the remembrance of Him in the life of those subject to their domination. Religious freedom and human rights were trampled upon as countless numbers of people were murdered.

In 1978, Solzhenitsyn, a Russian Philosopher visiting the US said western secular atheism that seeks to remove God, religion and the universal moral law from American society is just as dangerous for society as was Atheistic Communism.

4. **CCC 677** The Church will enter the glory of the kingdom only through this final Passover, when she will follow her Lord in his death and Resurrection. The kingdom will be fulfilled, then, not by a historic triumph of the Church through a progressive ascendancy, but only by God's victory over the final unleashing of evil, which will cause his Bride to come down from heaven. God's triumph over the revolt of evil will take the form of the Last Judgment after the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world.

The World will NOT end soon. Many saints, mystics and the messages of approved apparitions have prophesied

- A minor apostasy and tribulation toward the end of the world,
- After which will occur the reunion of Christians

- I believe this is what Our Lady is saying through her Apparitions now
- The reunion of Christians will be brought about by Mary and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart and the Era of Peace

Our Lady of Fatima, July 13, 1917

You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. The war is going to end; but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the reign of Pius XI. When you see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God that He is about to punish the world for its crimes by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father.

To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays. If My requests are heeded, Russia will be converted and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be annihilated. In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to Me, and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world. In Portugal, the dogma of the Faith will always be preserved, etc. Only later will the personal Antichrist appear

- Then the Supreme Religious Deception
- The Great Apostasy - the entire world fall away from Christ and the Tribulation of the End occur.

The optimism of St. John Paul II for the "New Evangelization" and a "Civilization of Love" in the Third Millennium of Christianity fits here, as well and the full number of Gentiles coming into the Church

This would place us in the period just before the evangelization of the entire world.

1993 Sr Lucia told Cardinal Vidal of the Philippines there are 7 days of Fatima:

- The 1st day was the apparition period
- The 2nd day was the post-apparition, pre-consecration (1918-1984)
- We are in the 3rd day - immediately after the consecration of March 25, 1984
- "The Fatima week has not yet ended... People expect things to happen immediately within their own timeframe. But Fatima is still in its third day. The triumph is an on-going process."

John Paul II commented to the Archbishop of Slovakia, Pavel Hnilca: "Medjugorje is the continuation of Fatima, it is the completion of Fatima." (Slovimir Oder, *Why He is a Saint* p. 169)

The apparitions of Mary in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina, June 24, 1981 – Present – still under investigation

Mary has been appearing to Ivan, Jakov, Marija, Mirjana, Vicka, and Ivanka since 1981. Our Lady calls us to join the fight here on earth by helping our brothers and sisters turn from evil and self-destruction and come to know God's love by our;

- Prayer – especially the Rosary
- Sacrifice – with a particular emphasis on Fasting
- Conversion – turn away from sin and self-destruction, put God first in our lives and make us of frequent Confession
- Friendship

Our Lady is to give each of the six visionaries ten "secrets"

Each of the 10 Secrets will be revealed to the world in this way:

1. 10 days before the date of the event foretold in the secret, Mirjana is to tell the priest that has already been chosen, what will happen and when
2. Mirjana and the priest are to pray and fast for 7 days
3. Then, 3 days before the event, the priest will reveal the secret to the world

These events revealed by the secrets can be altered by conversion, prayer and sacrifice and fasting.

Our Lady stated: "Prayer and fasting can stop wars and change the laws of nature."

The Permanent Sign

After the events contained in the first two secrets come to pass, Our Lady will leave a supernatural, permanent and indestructible sign on Apparition Hill where she first appeared.

Completion of the Secrets

- Mirjana, Jakov, and Ivanka have received all ten secrets, and Our Lady appears to them once per year for the rest of their lives.
- Marija, Vicka, and Ivan have received nine secrets, and Our Lady still appears to them every day, wherever they are, at 6:40pm.

Mirjana is 51 years old now

The only thing Mirjana will say about the secrets is this: "Our Lady is planning to change the world. She did not come to announce our destruction; she came to save us, and with her Son, she will triumph over evil."

At Medjugorje Our Lady is Reported to have said: "What I started in Fatima, I will complete in Medjugorje. My heart will triumph.

What has Mary asked us to do?

1. Consecration to Mary
“God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart.”
 - a. Consecrate oneself to Mary in imitation of Jesus
 - b. Live in Union with Mary as Our Mother in imitation of Jesus
2. On-going deepening Conversion
“Do not offend the Lord our God anymore, because He is already so much offended.”
3. Prayer
“Pray, pray very much!”; “Pray the Rosary every day.”
4. Sacrifice
“Make of everything you can a sacrifice and offer it to God as an act of Reparation for the sins by which God is offended and for the conversion of sinners.”
 - a. What you did not choose, do not like and cannot change
 - b. Accept with Trust and Offer with Love to God for the conversion of souls
5. Five First Saturdays of Reparation
 - a. Mass, Communion, Confession, Rosary
6. Evangelization and Discipleship through Friendship

If we respond to the Message of Our Lady, we can change world events and save souls.