



Welcome!

**Please grab a snack and take this
time to check in with the people at
your table.**

How was your week/day?

How are you doing?

January 14, 2026



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pick up January Magnifikids**
- **Sacramental Paperwork is past due!**
- **SPY2 Mid-Year Make up Meeting**
 - **Balodis-Isha, Cervantes, Fesi, Owen, Sawaya, & Sisneros**
 - **Meet back here after you pick up your child(ren).**
- **Gathering of Men Retreat 1/30-2/1**
 - **Register by 1/28**
- **Funeral Vigil in the Big Church Tonight.**
Please leave quietly!



In the Beginning...Back to the Garden



Christian Anthropology



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Man cannot live without love.

He remains a being that is incomprehensible for himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it. This, as has already been said, is why Christ the Redeemer "fully reveals man to himself".

- St. John Paul II

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

- John 15:12

Theological time-bomb

George Weigel, John Paul II's biographer, said that his revolutionary ideas on the theology of the body is a kind of theological time bomb set to go off with dramatic consequences, sometime in the third millennium of the Church.






The way we understand and express our sexuality points to our deepest held convictions about who we are, who God is, the meaning of love, the ordering of society, and even the ordering of the universe.

-Christopher West



THE BASILICA

When the Church or the world is in crisis, God raises up a great saint to confront and correct the crisis.

The image is a triptych painting. The central panel shows the Crucifixion of Christ, with the Virgin Mary seated below and the Holy Spirit as a dove above. The left panel shows the Descent from the Cross, with Adam reclining in the foreground. The right panel shows the Entombment of Christ, with the dead Christ being placed into a tomb. The entire scene is framed by an ornate, arched structure.

Adequate Anthropology:

A total vision of man and of his vocation, natural and earthly, but also his supernatural and eternal vocation.

Triptych of the human person:

Original man, Historical man, Eschatological man

*And the Word was made
flesh and dwelt among
us.*

-John 1:14

Theology of the Body:

"The study of God" of the
Body

The Mystery of Christmas





The body in fact, and it alone, is capable of making visible what is invisible.

- John Paul II

THE CREATION OF ADAM

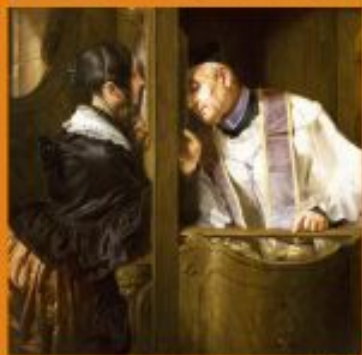


Human beings
are body and
soul.



Jesus
Wept.

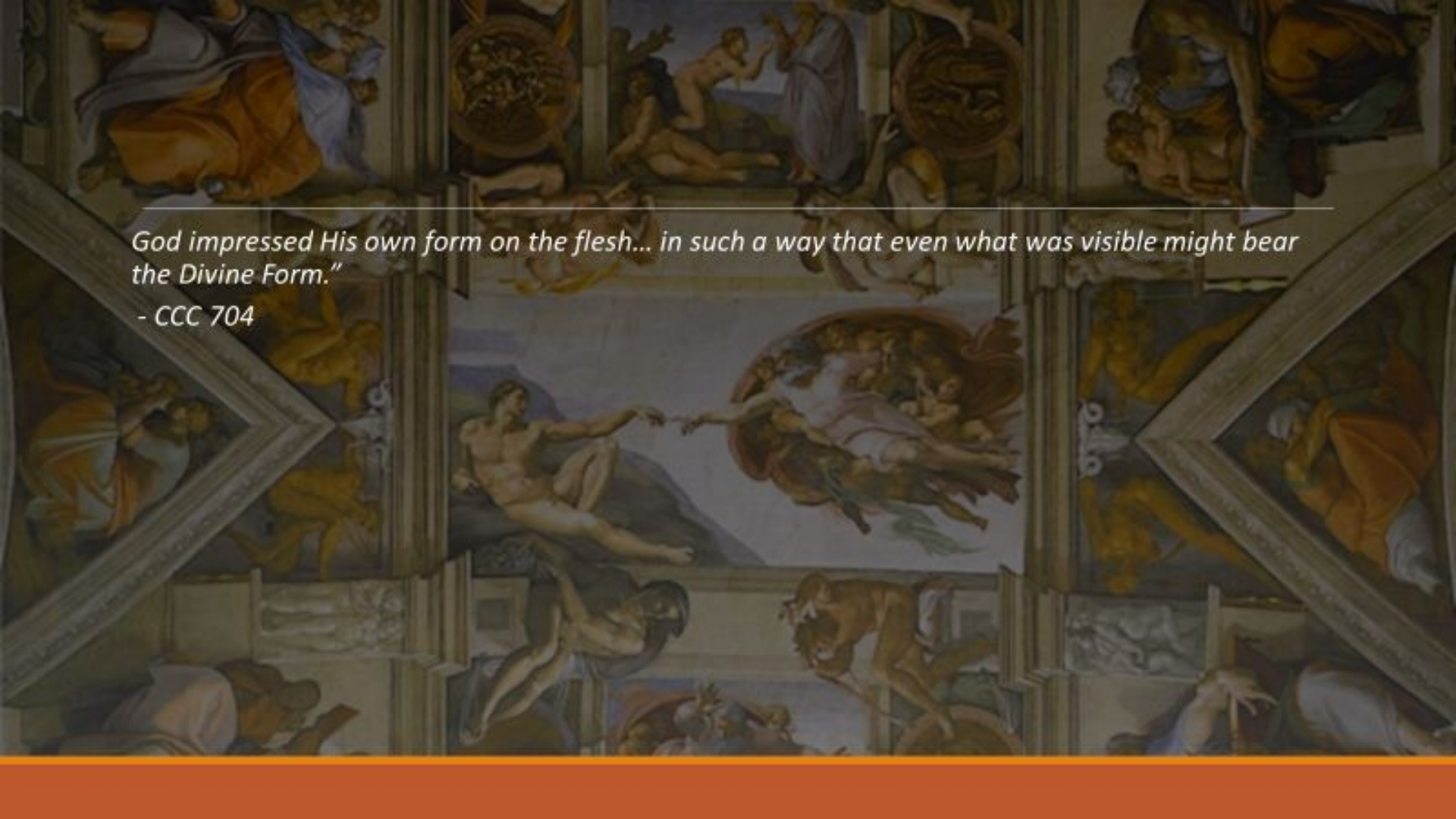
Sacraments: The outward and visible sign of an inward and invisible grace.





From the beginning it was not so.

-Matthew 19:3-12

The background of the slide is a reproduction of Michelangelo's famous fresco, "The Creation of Adam," from the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. The central figure is Adam, reclining on his side, reaching out with his right arm towards the right. On the right, God is depicted reclining on a cloud, surrounded by other figures, with his right arm extended towards Adam. The entire scene is framed by architectural elements like columns and arches. Overlaid on the left side of the fresco is a white text box containing a quote and a reference.

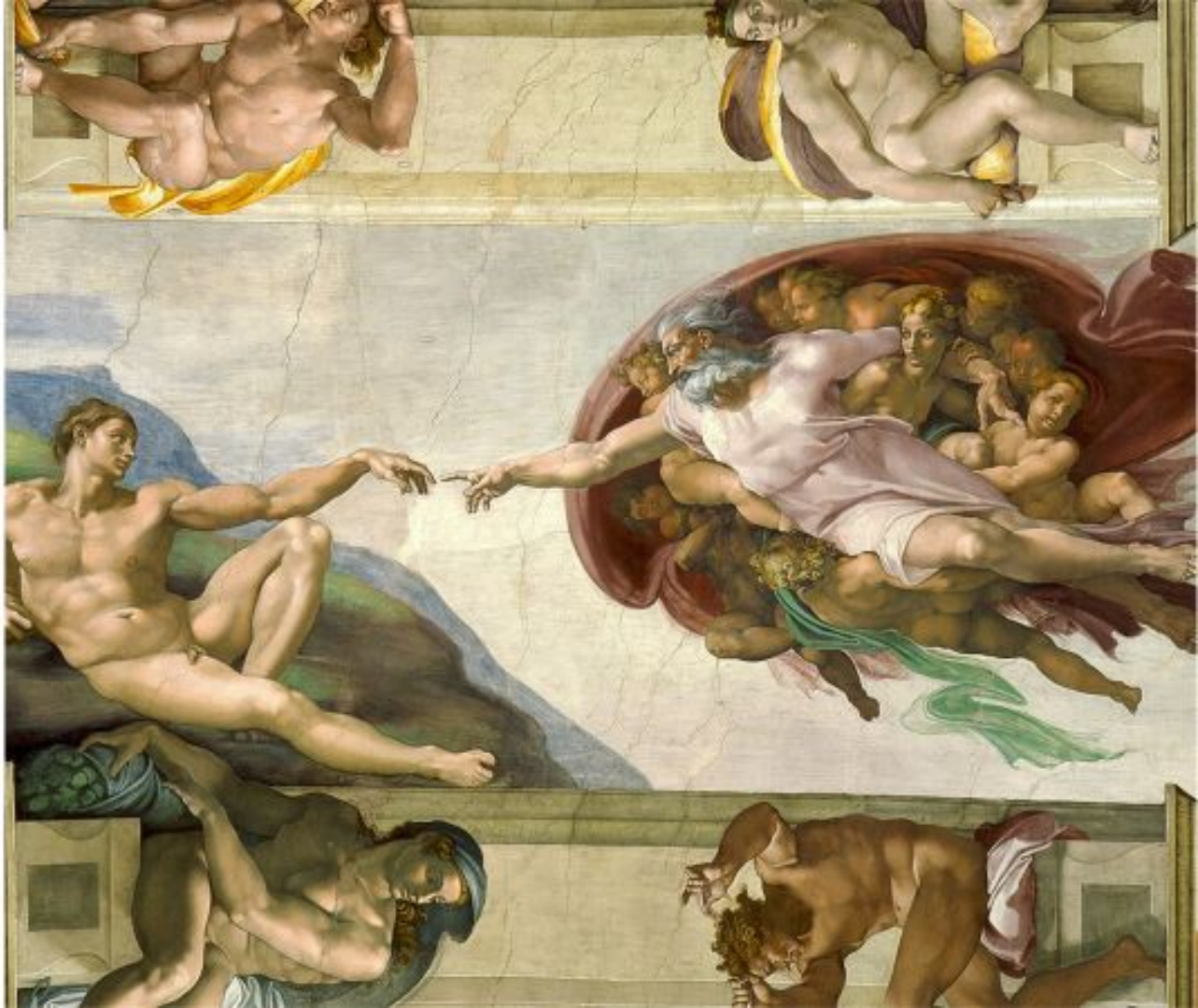
God impressed His own form on the flesh... in such a way that even what was visible might bear the Divine Form."

- CCC 704

Original Solitude

It is not good for man to be alone.

- Genesis 2:18



Original Unity

*This at last is bone of my
bones and flesh of my flesh.*

- Genesis 2:23



Spousal meaning of the body

Icon of the Holy Trinity

God is an eternal exchange of love. This is "*the **central** mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the **source** of all other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them*"

- CCC 234



Original Nakedness

*And man and woman were
naked, and were not
ashamed.*

- Genesis 2:25



Original Sin

*She took of its fruit and ate;
and she also gave some to
her husband, and he ate.*

- Gen 3:6



Shame

Then the eyes of both were opened and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons... I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

- Gen 3:7,10



The *second* discovery of sex

*Cursed is the ground
because of you; in toil you
shall eat of it all the days of
your life.*

- Genesis 3:17





I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel. – Genesis 3:15



O truly necessary sin of
Adam,
destroyed completely by
the Death of Christ!
O happy fault
that earned so great, so
glorious a Redeemer!
- The Exultant

*For this perishable body
must put on imperishability,
and this mortal body must
put on immortality.*

*Death is swallowed up in
victory.*

*Where O death, is thy
victory?
Where O death, is thy
sting?*

- 1 Corinthians 15:53,55





RESOURCES

- **Helpful Resources**
- **with links**
- **go here!**



MEMORARE

REMEMBER, O MOST gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us.

AMEN.