

FOR YOU TO ANSWER

1. Where was St. Luke born? \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Do you know the difference between the beliefs of a pagan and a Jew? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  3. Which of these was St. Luke? \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Why was St. Luke's Gospel sometimes called the Gospel of St. Paul? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  5. In what language did St. Luke write his Gospel? \_\_\_\_\_
  6. Was St. Luke one of the twelve Apostles? \_\_\_\_\_
  7. Why is the Bible sometimes spoken of as the word of God?  
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  8. Which books of the Bible should we value most? \_\_\_\_\_
  9. Why? \_\_\_\_\_
  10. How old was St. Luke when he died? \_\_\_\_\_
  11. Where did he die? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who did St. Luke accompany on many journeys and with whom was he imprisoned? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Mary's Catechist*

## ST. LUKE

*Gospel Series, Part 1*

*Number 1*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Well, Uncle John, what do you think of my room? "Asked Ian, who had just been promoted to a room of his own? "I think it is fine, except for the way you've got your books," his Uncle answered.

"My books," repeated I am, "what's wrong with my books?"

"Well, you have put your Bible at the bottom of a whole heap of thrillers, magazines, lesson books and picture papers. Surely you might give God's word a better place than that and not poke it away as if it were of no value. "

"Why do you call the Bible God's word? I thought the Bible was a lot of books by different authors," Ian remarked.

"Yes, so it is, but all the books of the Bible are inspired by God, that is why we put the Bible before all other books," his Uncle said.

"I never thought of it like that," said Ian thoughtfully, and went off to re-arrange his bookshelves.

The way that Ian treated his Bible is typical of the way many of us

treat ours. We find time to read all sorts of things, novels, love stories, books about motor cars and book, about film stars, books that tell us how to do this, that and the other thing, but never find time to read the book that tells us how to get to Heaven!

We don't purposely neglect the Bible, but like Ian we are careless and thoughtless.

All the books of the Bible should be revered as being inspired by God, but the Gospels are the books that should mean more to us than any of the others because they tell of Jesus' life on earth, what He did, what He said, and what He suffered for our sakes. Surely we should be interested enough to read this for ourselves.

In the following papers an attempt has been made to plan out a course of reading and St. Luke's Gospel has been chosen to begin with.

At the end of each paper there is a kind of Test or Quiz, just to check up whether you are reading attentively. If you do one paper a week, it will take you about a year to read through St. Luke's Gospel.

I do not expect you would have time to read a learned commentary on the New Testament, but if you read the Gospels attentively, even if you do not understand all you read, you will learn to know and love Jesus better and find much to help you in your spiritual life.

It is believed that St. Luke, whose Gospel we are going to read together, was born at Antioch. Before his conversion to Christianity

he was a pagan. By profession he was a doctor and his friend, St. Paul, refers to him as " the beloved physician "

St. Luke accompanied St. Paul on his many journeys and stayed with him during his imprisonment in Rome. St. Luke was not one of Jesus' twelve Apostles but he learned so much about him from St. Paul and the other Apostles that he was able to write his Gospel. There is also a tradition that St. Luke knew Our Blessed Lady. How else did he know so much about the visit of the Angel Gabriel to her, and many other details about the happenings in connection with the birth of Jesus of which he writes?

The Gospel of St. Luke was originally written in Greek. In it St. Luke tried to show the pagans and others that Jesus offers salvation to every believer, without exception. He sets Jesus before us as the light and hope of all the world. St. Luke's writing was so much influenced by St. Paul's teaching that his Gospel is sometimes called the Gospel of St. Paul.

We are told by St. Jerome that St. Luke died in Achaia when he was 84 years old.

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## **FIRST CHAPTER**

### **The Angel Gabriel appears to Zechariah**

*Verses 5-25*

**READ** how the Angel Gabriel foretold the birth of St. John the Baptist and how Zechariah was struck dumb because of his lack of faith.

### **The Annunciation**

*Verses 26 - 34*

**READ** with what humility and faith Mary received the message of the Angel Gabriel sent to her by God announcing that He had chosen her to be the Mother of the Saviour.

### **The Visitation**

*Verses 35-45*

**READ** how the Angel told Mary that her cousin Elizabeth was also to have a son and how Mary set off to visit her and how, when the cousins met, the Holy Spirit made Mary's good news known to Elizabeth.

**The Magnificat**

*Verses 46 - 55*

READ the beautiful song of praise that Mary sang that takes its name from the opening words " My soul magnifies the, Lord. "

To *belittle* a person is to speak of them in such a way as to make them seem small and unimportant. To *magnify* them is to speak of them so as to show their greatness and importance.

**For You to Answer**

1. Where did Mary live? .....
2. Where did Elizabeth live? .....
3. How long did Mary stay with St. Elizabeth? .....
4. Who sang the song we call the " Magnificat?" .....
5. Where was Zechariah when the angel appeared to him? .....
6. What was he doing? .....
7. What relation was Elizabeth to Zechariah? .....
8. What relation was Elizabeth to Mary? .....

**CATECHISM TEST**

Complete the following Catechism answers by choosing the right ending from those given below:

- A. The chief prayer to the Blessed Virgin which the Church uses is .....
- B. The Angel Gabriel and St. Elizabeth, inspired by the Holy Spirit, made the .....
- C. The Church of God, guided by the Holy Spirit, made..... the.....
- D. We should frequently say the Hail Mary to put us in mind of the Incarnation of the Son of God, and to honour Our Blessed Lady, the

**ENDINGS :**

- The first part of the Hail Mary.
- The Hail Mary.
- Mother of God.
- Second part of the Hail Mary.

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## FIRST CHAPTER

### **The Birth of John**

*Verses 57-66*

READ how when Elizabeth's son was born, her friends expected him to be called Zechariah after his father and how Zechariah recovered his speech when he had written "His name is John ", John being the name that the angel said he should be given.

### **Zechariah's Prophecy**

*Verses 67 - 80*

READ how, having recovered his speech, Zechariah spoke of God's care for His people and prophesied that God would fulfil His promises to save them from their sins.

### **Nothing can be impossible with God**

*St. Luke, Ch. 1 verse 37*

MARY and Zechariah each received a message that they could not understand. Mary believed it without understanding, because God said it, Zechariah wanted a sign.

We know that God's word is law and. nothing is impossible for Him, so when we pray that we may pass an examination, get a job, win a cricket match, gain the affection of someone we love, we may do so hopefully,

and we must remember that if God doesn't give us what we ask it is not because He *cannot*, but because He sees that what we ask is not for our real good.

Many years ago a naval captain set his heart on commanding a certain ship. He prayed and prayed and got his wife and all his family to pray for his intention and when he heard that the command had been given to someone else he was tempted to ask "What's the use of prayer?" But a few weeks later he opened the morning paper and read that the ship he so much wanted had been wrecked and the captain and most of the crew drowned. Then he thanked God that his petition had not been granted and was ashamed of his lack of trust.

We cannot expect always to see why our prayers are not answered in the way we would like, but we can always trust that God knows, and will give us, what is best for us and for those for whom we pray.

**For You** to Answer

1. By whom were the following words spoken?
  - (a) " Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; He has visited his people and wrought their redemption " \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) • "My soul magnifies the Lord; my spirit has found joy in God, who is my Saviour" \_\_\_\_\_
  - (c) " Hail, thou who art full of grace; the Lord is with thee, blessed are you among women." \_\_\_\_\_
  - (d) And from the time when he is yet a child in his Mother's womb he shall be filled with the Holy Spirit. He shall bring back many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God. " .....

(e.)" Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb." .....

2. Who spoke the following words and to whom do they refer

(a) " And you, little child, you shall be called Prophet of the Most High, for you shall go before the Lord, to prepare a way for Him."

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(b) " Why should I be honoured with a visit from the Mother of my Lord?"

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3. Write out the Hail Mary from memory

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4. How many times is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity mentioned in this chapter? On the reverse of this sheet Copy out the sentences where His name occurs.

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## SECOND CHAPTER

### **The Birth of Christ**

*Verses 1 - 7*

READ how in obedience to authority, Mary and St. Joseph went a journey of about 70 miles to Bethlehem to register their names, and how, while they were there, the Saviour was born.

### **The Shepherds**

*Verses 8 - 20*

READ how the news of the Saviour's birth was made known to the shepherds.

### **The Circumcision**

*Verse 21*

READ how the Holy Child was circumcised and received His Name—Jesus, which means Saviour.

### **The Presentation in the Temple**

*Verses 22-39*

READ how the Infant Jesus was taken to the Temple in obedience to the Jewish Law and how the Holy Family was recognised by Simeon and by Anna the Prophetess.

**For You to Answer**

1. To what house and family did Mary and Joseph belong?  
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2. What was the name of the city where they had to be registered?  
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3. Why did Mary and Joseph lay the baby in a manger? .....  
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4. To whom did the angels tell the news of the birth of the Saviour?  
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5. What offering did Mary and Joseph make when they presented the Jesus in the Temple?.....
6. Who said "Do not be afraid; I bring news of great joy to be shared by all people"? .....
7. Who sang "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth for those he favours"? .....
8. Who said "Come, let us make our way to Bethlehem, and see for ourselves this happening which God has made known to us"?  
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9. Who said "Now, Master you are letting your servant go in peace as you promised; for my eyes have seen the salvation?"  
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10. How old was Jesus when He was circumcised and received His name? .....
11. What does the name **Jesus** mean? .....
12. Why was He given this name?.....
13. Did Mary submit to the Ceremony of Purification in order to be cleansed from her sins or as an example of perfect obedience?  
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CATECHISM TEST

Complete the following Catechism answers  
by choosing the right ending from those given below:

- (a) We have another reason for often saying the Hail Mary — to ask Our Blessed Lady to .....
- (b) The Catholic Church shows great devotion to the Blessed Virgin because .....
- (c) The Blessed Virgin is the Mother of God because Jesus Christ her Son, Who was born of her as man, is not.....
- (d) The Blessed Virgin is Our Mother also because, being the brethren of Jesus, we .....

ENDINGS :

- Only man, but is also truly God.
- She is the Immaculate Mother of God.
- Are the children of Mary?
- Pray for us sinners at all times, but especially at the hour of our death.

DO YOU KNOW THE MEANING OF THE FOLLOWING WORDS

- Immaculate .....
- Swaddling clothes .....
- Tidings.....

HERBERT'S parents were robbed of all their savings and were turned out of their home because they had not enough money to pay the rent.

*Herbert was a rich man. Ought he to have helped them?  
If so, why?*

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As soon as Alec and his sister Daisy left home they gave up keeping the Church's law of Friday's abstinence. Later on Alec married in a Registry Office and Daisy in a non-Catholic Church.

*In what sense did Alec and Daisy break the fourth  
Commandment?*

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JOHN was employed in a grocer's shop. His mother told him to try to get hold of some groceries without paying for them.

*Should John steal at his mother's bidding ?*

Write out what the Catechism has to say about obedience to parents in a case like this.

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## SECOND CHAPTER

### The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

*Verses 40 - 52*

READ how, when Jesus was twelve years old He went to Jerusalem with His Parents to keep the Feast of the Passover and how they lost Him, and found Him again after three days anxious search. For the first time Jesus makes known to the Jews that God is "His Father."

#### For You to Answer

1. How often did the Holy Family go to Jerusalem to keep the solemn day of the Pasch? .....
2. How old was Jesus on the occasion related in this chapter? .....
3. How long had Mary and St. Joseph travelled homewards when they missed Jesus? .....
4. Where did they find Him? .....
5. What was He doing? .....
6. What did Mary say to Him? .....

7. How did He reply? .....

8. Which commandment did Jesus obey when He went home with His Parents? .....

9. To what place did the Holy Family return?.....

**CATECHISM TEST**

Complete the following Catechism answers by choosing the right ending from those given below:

- (a) The fourth Commandment is .....
- (b) By the fourth Commandment we are commanded to .....
- (c) We are commanded to obey, not only our parents, but .....
- (d) We are bound to assist our parents in their wants, both.....

**ENDINGS**

Our Bishops and priests, the civil authorities, and our lawful superiors.  
Spiritual and temporal.  
Love, and obey our parents in all that is not sin.  
"Honour your father and our mother."

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

EILEEN was going to a party with some friends. Her mother told her

to be in by ten o'clock. Eileen defied her mother and stayed out till nearly twelve o'clock.

*Which Commandment did Eileen break?*

ARTHUR'S parents worked hard to give him a better education than they had had themselves. Arthur laughed at them when they spoke ungrammatically, and thought himself superior to them.

*If you think Arthur broke the fourth Commandment, say why.*

JOAN'S mother was a poor widow. She did not spend money on herself, but spent as much as she could to have her children nicely dressed. Joan would not go out to help her mother with the shopping, because she was ashamed of her mother's shabby clothes.

*Which Commandment did Joan break?*

HARRY and Jack each had a car. Their parents could not go to Mass because it was too far to walk, their sons refused to drive them to Church.

*Which Commandment did they Jack break Give the reason answer.*

**THE DUTY OF HONESTY AND FAIR DEALING**

SAINT JOHN taught the duty of honesty and fair dealing when he told the tax collectors not to demand more than the actual taxes due.

TIM told Sam he wanted to sell his bicycle for four pounds. Sam knew that Jack wanted to buy a bicycle so he offered to get Tim's for him. He told Jack that Tim wanted five pounds for it. Jack gave Sam five pounds to pay Tim and ten shillings extra for his trouble. So Sam got a "rake-off" of a pound in addition to the ten shillings.

*What would St. John have thought of this transaction?*

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THE BAPTIST was arrested and thrown into prison because he said it was wrong for Herod to marry Herodias during her husband's lifetime.

*What would the Baptist have said about the thousands of divorces and re-marriages of people in Britain now-a-days?*

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## THIRD CHAPTER

### Mission of St. John the Baptist

*Verses 1 - 6*

The most important event in the world's history was about to happen—Jesus was going to begin His public ministry.

**READ** how St. Luke tries to fix the date of this momentous happening. **READ** how John, whose birth was foretold by the Angel Gabriel, left the desert at God's bidding and came to the river Jordan to prepare men's hearts for the coming of Jesus. **READ** what Isaiah prophesied about John, hundreds of years before he was born.

### John's Stern Words to the Crowd

*Verses 7 - 9*

**READ** how John warned the Jews that the fact that they were God's chosen people and descended from Abraham, would not save them unless they showed by their good deeds that they had turned from their evil ways.

### John tells the people how to prepare for the Coming of the Saviour

*Verses 10 - 14*

**READ** how John told the people practical ways of showing that their repentance was sincere.

### John foretells the Greatness of the Coming Messiah

*Verses 15 - 18*

**READ** how John made it clear that he was not the expected Saviour and foretold the coming of one infinitely greater than he.

**John Rebukes Herod**

*Verses 19 – 20*

READ how John, fearlessly rebuked Herod for taking his sister-in-law Herodias, as wife whilst her husband Philip was still living.

**For You to Answer**

1. When John left the desert to begin his mission, who was the Governor of Judea? .....
2. How many years had Tiberius Caesar reigned as Roman Emperor .....
3. Who was Tetrarch of Galilee?.....
4. Who was Tetrarch of Iturea? .....
5. What office did Anna and Caiaphas hold? .....
6. What made this date so important?  
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7. What did John say would happen to a tree that did not bear good fruit? .....
8. What kind of deeds must we do to show that we truly repent our sins? .....
9. Why was it wrong for Herod to marry Herodias?  
.....
10. By what river did John begin his teaching? .....
11. What do you mean by ' Human respect? .....

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

**The Duty of Giving**

ST. JOHN the Baptist taught the duty of giving when he said, "He that hath two coats, let him give to him that hath none and he that hath meat, let him do in like manner."

Miss SMITH got an appeal for clothing for the refugees in Palestine. She also got one asking for things for a Jumble Sale. She put both appeals in the waste paper basket. At the time she had a cupboard full of half-worn clothing which she kept till they all got moth-eaten and had to be thrown away.

*What would St. John have said to Miss Smith?*

WHEN JACK couldn't eat all his dinner he threw it in the fire. He never thought of giving it to the poor family next door who were always glad of scraps for their chickens.

*What would St. John have said to Jack?*

ROSE earned good money. She could always afford to go to the pictures twice a week and have a "hair-do " every Saturday but she never put more than a penny in the plate at Mass and nothing at all in the Church poor-box.

*What would St. John have said to Rose?*

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## **THIRD CHAPTER**

### **The Baptism of Jesus**

*Verses 1-13*

READ how Jesus was baptised by St. John in the River Jordan and how all three Persons of the Blessed Trinity revealed themselves.

God the Father by His voice when He said:

Thou art my beloved Son, in thee I am well pleased.

God the Son by Jesus' own presence.

God the Holy Spirit by appearing in the form of a dove.

### **Jesus' Ancestry**

*Verses 23-37*

St. Joseph and Mary were both descended from David, so they both had the same family tree. It was not generally known that St. Joseph was not Jesus' real father but only His guardian or foster-father.

## TEST

### Put in the missing numbers

- (a) December (        ) is called Christmas Day, because Jesus Christ was born on that day.
- (b) There are (        ) Persons in the Blessed Trinity.
- (c) Jesus was about (        ) years old when He began His ministry,
- (d) There is only {        } God.
- (e) Jesus was (        ) years old when He went with His parents to Jerusalem to keep the feast of the Passover.

*Three, one, thirty, twenty-five, twelve*

### Put in missing words

There are three.....in God. God the .....God the.....

And God the.....

These three Persons are not three.....The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are all one and the.....God.

The ..... of the three Persons in one God is called the mystery of the.....

By a mystery I mean ..... which is above.....but ..... by God.

*Gods truth same Holy Spirit Blessed Trinity Son  
revealed mystery Persons reason Father*

### For You to Answer

1. In what river was Jesus baptised? .....
2. By whom was Jesus baptised? .....
3. What words were spoken by the voice of God at Jesus' baptism?  
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.....
4. In what form did the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity appear at Jesus' baptism? .....
5. How many Persons are there in the Blessed Trinity? .....
6. Who is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity? .....

### Choose the right ending

1. It is the work of God the Father to .....
2. It is the work of God the Son to .....
3. It is the work of God the Holy Spirit to .....

*Redeem Sanctify Create*

Can you pick out three names from Jesus' ancestry and write a few lines about each of the three on the reverse of this sheet?

CATECHISM TEST

Put in missing words

When I find myself \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ I should make the sign of the \_\_\_\_\_ On my heart, and call on \_\_\_\_\_ as earnestly as I can, saying "Lord \_\_\_\_\_ me, or I \_\_\_\_\_

*Cross    perish    save    tempted    God    sin*

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## **Jesus' Fasting and Temptation**

*Verses 1 - 13*

READ of Jesus' forty days' fast in the wilderness and of how the devil tempted Him.

### **For You to Answer**

1. Where did Jesus go when He returned from the Jordan?  
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2. How long did He stay there? .....

3. How did Jesus reply when the devil said: "If you are the Son of God, bid this stone turn into a loaf of bread?" .....

4. How did Jesus reply when the devil showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and said, "all shall be yours, if you will fall down before me and worship" .....

5. What did Jesus say when the devil tried to persuade Him to throw Himself from the pinnacle of the temple? .....

## TEMPTATION

"You were in a state weren't you? You were as white as a sheet before that attack," jeered a tough looking young soldier when he and a friend were discussing some of their war experiences. "Yes, I was, and if you had been half as scared as I was, you would probably have run away," retorted the other, laughing.

Fearlessness should not be mistaken for bravery and temptation should not be mistaken for sin. The fact that Jesus who was all holy was tempted, shows us that temptation is not sin any more than fear is cowardice. Indeed special blessings are promised to those who resist temptation. "Blessed is the man . . . that could have transgressed and hath not transgressed; and could do evil things and hath not done them." It is *yielding* to temptation that is sin. As someone once said, "Temptation is the knocking at the door. It is opening the door that is sin."

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

"Excuse me, sir, I think this is yours," said Gerald as he handed a pound note to old Mr. Jones. The note was one of ten which had been whisked out of

The old gentleman's hand as he emerged from his bank and had been blown almost at Gerald's feet. Gerald was the son of a rich man. He always had plenty of pocket money. Without a moment's hesitation he had returned the money to its owner. It never occurred to him to keep that which did not belong to him. Another note was picked up by Bob Flecker. No one saw Bob pick it up. No one saw him put it into his pocket. No one saw the struggle that went on in Bob's heart. He needed the money badly.

"Probably Mr. Jones won't miss it," suggested the devil.

"You shall not steal," countered Bob's conscience.

"Finding's keeping," said the devil.

"The seventh commandment forbids all unjust taking away, or keeping what belongs to another," replied Bob's conscience.

Bob called at Mr. Jones' house and restored the note.

*Was Gerald who was not tempted, or Bob who resisted temptation, the more blessed?*

ROSEMARY and Anne were typists in the same office — Rosemary had a boy friend who always took her out on half holidays and often in the evenings as well — Anne had no boy friend and she often envied Rosemary hers. Then one day, she got to know a man at the place where she lunched and he asked her to go to the cinema with him. After that, Anne often went out with him and she accepted flowers and presents from him and began to get fond of him. Then one day she found out that he was a married man—Anne knew that he had purposely deceived her and passed himself off as a bachelor.

"There's no harm in having a bit of fun," said the devil.

"It's risky, going about with someone else's husband," warned Anne's guardian angel.

"What risk can there be. In getting a few presents and going to a dance and a cinema now and then?" the devil persisted.

"There is the risk of breaking the ninth commandment, "You shall not covet thy neighbour's wife—nor her husband "Anne said ruefully to herself.

Anne did not accept any more presents or invitations and did all she could to avoid the man who had so deceived her.

*Who was the more blessed, Rosemary who was not tempted, or Anne who courageously avoided the occasions of sin?*

### CATECHISM TEST

Put in missing words

When I find myself \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_ I should make the sign of the \_\_\_\_\_ on my heart, and call on \_\_\_ as earnestly as I can, saying "Lord \_\_\_\_\_ me, or I \_\_\_\_\_."

*Cross    perish    save    tempted    God    sin*