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Salvation: Salvation is through the Roman Catholic Church and its sacraments.

You are saved by faith plus works. Obedience to the commandments is necessary. Salvation is a process from baptism through purgatory.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church - pgs. 161, 162, 1254, 1255, 846, 1129, 1815, 1821, 2010, 2027, 2068

Salvation:

Salvation is only through Christ

Acts 4:12:

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."

You are saved by faith not works

Eph 2:8-9:

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast."

It occurs the moment you repent and believe the gospel

Eph 1:13:

"In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,"

Communion: Christ is re-sacrificed. His Body and Blood are actually present; the Eucharist is worshipped as Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church- 611, 1367, 1405

Lord's Supper: to be done in remembrance of Christ's death and resurrection.

Luke 22:19-20

"And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

Matt 24:23

"Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe him."

Acts 7:48

"However, the Most High does not dwell in houses made by human hands;"

Baptism: Salvation begins at baptism. It confers regeneration and forgiveness. Infants need to be baptized.

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Baptism: This is for believers only. It is a symbol and testimony of salvation.

Acts 18:8:

"And Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his household, and many of the Corinthians when they heard were believing and being baptized."

Prayers for the dead: Their state is not yet fixed and can be improved at our request; it can lessen their time in purgatory.

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There is not one single instance of prayer for the dead in Scripture. No petitions on our part can change their eternal destiny.

John 3:18

"He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

John 3:36

"He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Heb 9:27

"And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,"

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<p>Mary: She was sinless; she is called Queen of Heaven, and she is co-mediatrix with Christ. <i>"The Glories of Mary"; Bishop Alfonse D. Liguori;</i> <i>Pgs. 82-83, 160, 169</i></p>	<p>Mary: She was merely a servant of God. She is in need of a Savior herself so has nothing to do with our salvation Luke 1:46-48 "And Mary said: "My soul exalts the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has had regard for the humble state of His bondservant;" 1 Tim 2:5 "For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus," she was not sinless Rom 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," "Queen of Heaven" is a reference to a pagan god Jer 7:18 "The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and they pour out libations to other gods in order to spite Me." Salvation is through Christ alone Acts 4:12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."</p>
<p>The Mass: Jesus gave the sacrifice of the Mass to leave to His church a visible sacrifice which continues His sacrifice on the cross until the end of time. The Mass is the same sacrifice as the sacrifice of the cross. <i>The New York Catechism</i> The Mass is offered to God a true, proper, and propitiatory sacrifice for the living and the dead. <i>The Creed of Pope Pius IV (one of the official creeds of the Roman Catholic Church)</i></p>	<p>Jesus' death on the cross is the only sacrifice acceptable to God. Heb 10:11-15 "And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet. For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified." Heb 7:26-27 "For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins, and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself." Heb 9:21-22 "And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness." 1 Peter 3:18 "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;" Rom 6:9-11 "knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God." 1 John 2:2 "and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world." John 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit.</p>

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Rosary: This is a series of prayers said with the use of a chain of beads (to count the prayers). It is designed primarily as a devotional to Mary. There are ten times as many prayers addressed to Mary as to God.
"The Rosary, Your Key To Heaven"

Our prayers are to be to God alone; not using vain repetition.
Matt 6:7
"And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition, as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words."
Rom 1:25
"For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen."
Matt 6:6
"But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you."

Priests: Called Father; the only ones who can understand Scripture; he can remit sins; he is the man of God, he that hears him hears God; they hold the authority of God; they are mediators between God and man; they continue Christ's sacrifice in the Mass.
The Council of Trent

There is no New Testament authority for a human priesthood.
Matt 23:9-10
"And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to be called 'teacher,' for you have one Teacher, the Christ."
1 John 2:27
"And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him."
2 Tim 3:16-17
"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."
1 Tim 2:5
"For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,"
James 5:16
"Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."
1 John 1:9
"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
Deut 18:20-21
'But the prophet who shall speak a word presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he shall speak in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'
Isa 8:20
"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."
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Prov 30:5-6

“Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. Do not add to His words Lest He reprove you, and you be proved a liar.”

John 12:48

“There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day.”

1 Tim 6:3-4

“If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, he is conceited and understands nothing.”

Heb 4:12

“For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

Isa 8:20

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Acts 17:11

“Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so.”

Col 2:8

“See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.”

Matt 15:2-4

“And He answered and said to them, “And why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?”

Matt 15:8-9

“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.”

Acts 5:29

“But Peter and the apostles answered and said, “We must obey God rather than men.”

Mark 7:13

“Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”

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Purgatory: is a cleansing fire that achieves the holiness necessary for heaven.
The Catechism of the Catholic Church– pgs. 1030-1031

Only Jesus purifies sin.

Heb 1:3

“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”

Col 1:21-22

“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation-”

Eternal Security: You sin if you presume to be saved without merit. You cannot know for sure if you are going to heaven.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church– pgs. 2090-2092

You can know that you are saved.

John 10:27-30

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

1 John 5:13

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”