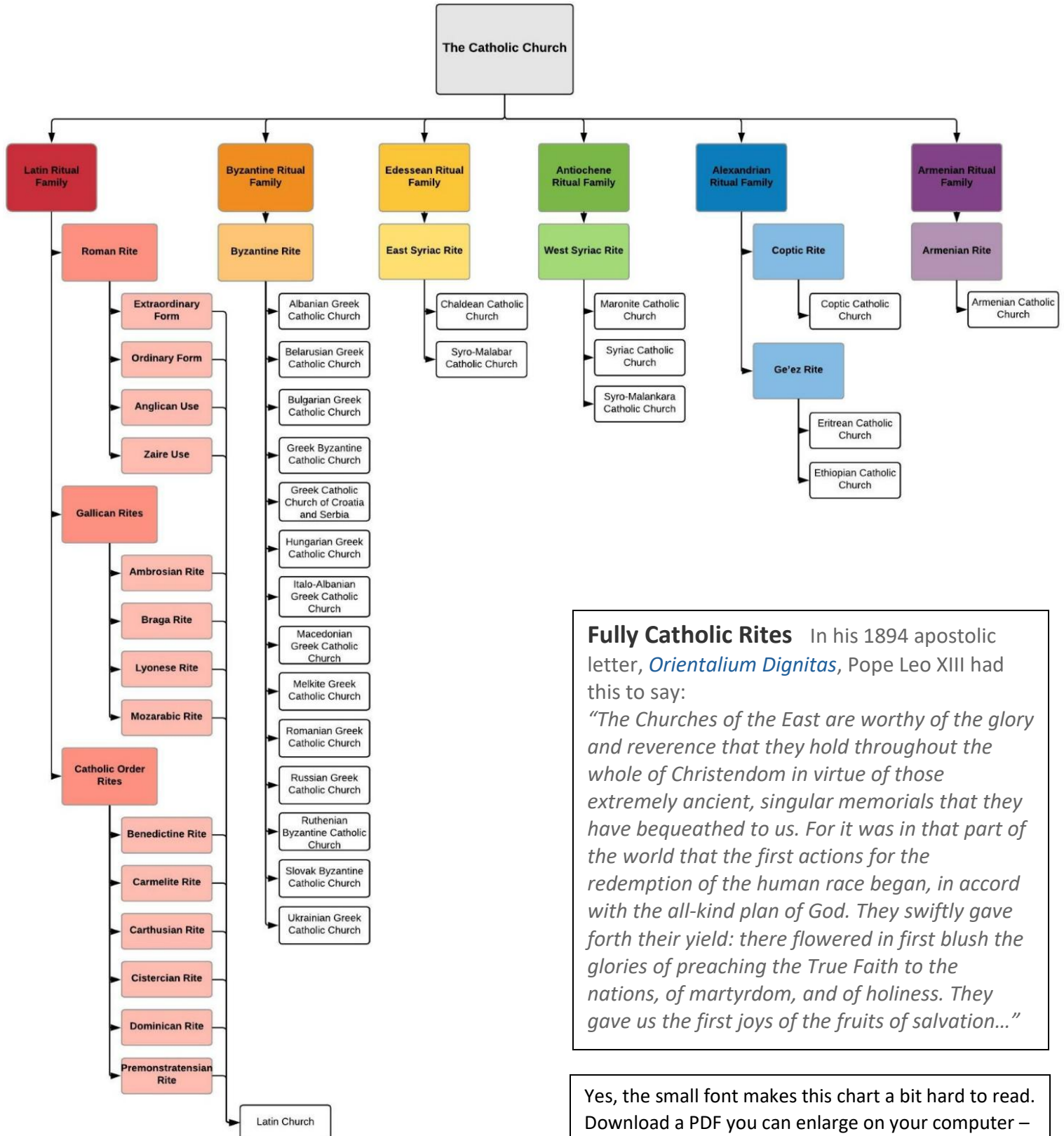


Know Your Faith

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Fully Catholic Rites In his 1894 apostolic letter, *Orientalium Dignitas*, Pope Leo XIII had this to say:
"The Churches of the East are worthy of the glory and reverence that they hold throughout the whole of Christendom in virtue of those extremely ancient, singular memorials that they have bequeathed to us. For it was in that part of the world that the first actions for the redemption of the human race began, in accord with the all-kind plan of God. They swiftly gave forth their yield: there flowered in first blush the glories of preaching the True Faith to the nations, of martyrdom, and of holiness. They gave us the first joys of the fruits of salvation..."

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CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT, INTERPRETER OF SCRIPTURE

Paragraph 109. In Sacred Scripture, God speaks to man in a human way. To interpret Scripture correctly, the reader must be attentive to what the human authors truly wanted to affirm, and to what God wanted to reveal to us by their words. *[Cf. DV 12 § 1.]*

110. In order to discover the sacred authors' intention, the reader must take into account the conditions of their time and culture, the literary genres in use at that time, and the modes of feeling, speaking and narrating then current. "For the fact is that truth is differently presented and expressed in the various types of historical writing, in prophetic and poetical texts, and in other forms of literary expression." *[DV 12 § 2.]*

111. But since Sacred Scripture is inspired, there is another and no less important principle of correct interpretation, without which Scripture would remain a dead letter. "Sacred Scripture must be read and interpreted in the light of the same Spirit by whom it was written." *[DV 12 § 3.]* The Second Vatican Council indicates **three criteria for interpreting Scripture** in accordance with the Spirit who inspired it. *[Cf. DV 12 § 4.]*

112. **1. Be especially attentive "to the content and unity of the whole Scripture"**. Different as the books which compose it may be, Scripture is a unity by reason of the unity of God's plan, of which Christ Jesus is the center and heart, open since his Passover. *[Cf. Lk 24:25-27, 44-46.]* The phrase "heart of Christ" can refer to Sacred Scripture, which makes known his heart, closed before the Passion, as the Scripture was obscure. But the Scripture has been opened since the Passion; since those who from then on have understood it, consider and discern in what way the prophecies must be interpreted. *[St. Thomas Aquinas, Expos. in Ps. 21, 11; cf. Ps 22:14.]*

113. **2. Read the Scripture within "the living Tradition of the whole Church"**. According to a saying of the Fathers, Sacred Scripture is written principally in the Church's heart rather than in documents and records, for the Church carries in her Tradition the living memorial of God's Word, and it is the Holy Spirit who gives her the spiritual interpretation of the Scripture ("...according to the spiritual meaning which the Spirit grants to the Church" *[Origen, Hom. in Lev. 5, 5: PG 12, 454D.]*).

114. **3. Be attentive to the analogy of faith.** *[Cf. Rom 12:6.]* By "analogy of faith" we mean the coherence of the truths of faith among themselves and within the whole plan of Revelation.

The soul that truly
desires to please God
should expect warfare.
Grace does not dwell in
a soul that strives for
comfort and avoids every
cross.



St. Macarius

Our Saints Quiz

Answers From Last Week

1. I am a patron saint of music – St. Cecilia
2. I saw the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lourdes – St. Bernadette
3. I got roasted to death – St. Lawrence
4. I died on a cross upside down – St. Peter
5. I cared for the poor and am portrayed with a bouquet of roses - St. Elizabeth of Hungary
6. I started groups to care for the poor – St. Vincent de Paul
7. My motto was, "Death rather than sin". - St. Dominic Savio
8. I was a brother of James – St. John
9. I was converted by the prayers of my mother – St. Augustine
10. I was a deacon and stoned to death – St. Stephen
11. I was the first saint born in the Americas – St. Rose of Lima
12. I died rather than give in to sexual sin – St. Maria Goretti
13. I am the patron of hopeless cases – St. Jude
14. I loved all of God's creatures and am the patron of animals – St. Francis of Assisi
15. I died rather than break the seal of confession
16. I am called the "Little Flower" and a patron of the missions -St. Terese of Lisieux
17. I am a patron saint of farmers – St. Isidore
18. I was a great woman writer and pictured with a broken wheel – St. Catherine of Alexandria
19. I was a tax collector who became an apostle – St. Matthew
20. I started many schools for boys – St. John Bosco
21. I started the first Catholic School in the United States – St. Elizabeth Seton
22. I was the grandfather of Jesus – St. Joachim
23. I was a great scholar and writer – St. Thomas Aquinas
24. I am the patron saint of fishermen – St. Andrew
26. I was grandfather to Jesus – St. Ann

St. James the Apostle Feast Day

On July 25th, we honor St. James the Apostle, also known as St. James the Greater. St. James was martyred for his faith by King Herod, who decapitated him and is also known as the first apostle to die. He is the patron saint of pilgrims and Spain.



St. James the Greater Prayer

O glorious Apostle, St. James, who by reason of thy fervent and generous heart wasn't chosen by Jesus to be a witness of His glory on Mount Tabor, and of His agony in Gethsemane; thou, whose very name is a symbol of warfare and victory: obtain for us strength and consolation in the unending warfare of this life, that, having constantly and generously followed Jesus, we may be victors in the strife and deserve to receive the victor's crown in heaven. Amen.