

What does it take to be a practicing Catholic? March 11, 2017
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- Obey the laws of the Ten Commandments
- Accept the teachings of the Magisterium
- 5 Precepts of the Church: (Read 2041 – Catechism of the Catholic Church)

- Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days: 58, sometimes less
- Sacrament of Reconciliation: once/year
- Sacrament of the Eucharist: once/year
- Observe days of fasting/abstinence
- Help provide for the needs of the Church

Name the Ten Commandments

6 Holy Days:

- January 1 Mary, Mother of God
- Ascension Thursday
- August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- November 1 All Saints Day
- December 8 Immaculate Conception
- December 25 Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Reconciliation: Saturdays 11:00 to 12:00; by appointment; 2 times/year at nearby Parishes, see Bulletin

Fasting/Abstinence:

- During Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday
- Special focus on abstinence and fasting
- All Fridays during Lent: Fast and abstinence
- Abstinence: ages 14 and older
- Fasting: ages 18 to 59: 1 full meal or 2 smaller meals

What is the Magisterium?

- Teachings of the Church: Popes and Bishops
- Deposit of Faith: Scripture, Tradition

Fr. Mike Schmitz: Video Link on Youtube: "What constitutes a practicing Catholic?": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jrGW5G8QqQ4>