May 17, 2018- The Catholic Watchmen- St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

-The Fatherhood of God

- Jesus came to reveal God as Father, calls God “Our Father”

-This was a crazy idea, Jews didn’t think they could have that familiarity with God, didn’t see God as personal before

-In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus calls God “Father” 17 times

-God’s Fatherhood is the deepest mystery of his identity, John 1:14 see God’s Fatherhood revealed right away, He adopts us as his children through Christ Gal 4:4-7

-Note as well that we have the SAME Father

-John 20:17, I am ascending to my Father and your Father

-Father sent the Son as Savior of the World! 1 John 4:14

-Scandalized the Jews because it was so personal

-Scripture References to the Father

-Called to obey him and do his will

-Father gave him free will just like he did us

- Nature of God the Father

Father- what is the nature of a Father? It is to give life. As men we are Fathers, we are life givers. Sign of the Cross- Hand comes down from above, God provides, he gives us life

-Threefold mission of a Father- Provide, Protect, Establish

Provide- food, shelter, love

Protect- Guard, preserve

Establish- Affirm, support

-Called to provide- for spiritual, emotional and physical needs

-Called to protect them from danger and from sin

-Called to establish them in confidence and love

Questions for Discussion

* 1. How has the last month been?
  2. What was one thing you learned from the Talk?
  3. What is your attitude toward confession?