

Prayer – Act of Justice

- Heavenly Father, You are the Author of all life, and I give You praise. Help me see and serve You in everyone I meet today. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen.

Review - Prudence

- 4 cardinal virtues:
 - Prudence (智)
 - Justice (義)
 - Fortitude (勇)
 - Temperance (節)
- In light of faith, able to see clearly to know the truth and best way to act.
- Prudence is the right reason in action
- Prudence is the perfection of the intellect

Cardinal Virtue - Justice

- Justice is the constant and firm **will** to give to each what is his due. (God, neighbor)
- Justice toward God is called the virtue of religion.
- Justice perfects our will and all our relationship with others (family, country, and Church).
- Justice focuses on others while fortitude and temperance focus on self.

Cardinal Virtue – Justice 3 types


- Justice rules in a community or state whenever the three fundamental structures of communal life, are disposed in their proper order:
- the relations of individuals to one another (**commutative justice**);
- the relations of the social whole to individuals (**distributive justice**); and
- the relations of individuals to the social whole (**legal or general justice**).

Cardinal Virtue - Justice

- Virtue of justice focus on positive aspect(respect the right of others) not negative (criminal was punished and justice was served)
- Justice makes us willing to live according to the commandments. (duty to God)
- It perfects the will and safeguards the rights of man: to life, freedom, honor, good name, sanctity of the home, and external possessions.

Cardinal Virtue - Justice

- Roman 13:7
Pay to all their dues,
taxes to whom taxes are due,
toll to whom toll is due,
respect to whom respect is due,
honor to whom honor is due.



Cardinal Virtue - Justice


- Justice respects the right of others and gives them what they are due.
- BUT, The question is how do we define "rights?"

A Supreme Court decision, *Planned Parenthood vs. Casey*, 1992, struck down restrictions on abortion passed by the Pennsylvania legislature.

"At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life."


From then on God is driven out of the public square

For Catholics, human rights derive from their unique creation in the image and likeness of God.



Cardinal Virtue - Justice

- Because justice relies on one's will power to give each what is his due, it is connected to love. (Love is the will for the good of the other because of the other)
- But charity may rise above justice, to give someone more than he is rightfully due.
- However, charity is more of a personal benevolence.
- Justice involves trying to change injustices in social institutions, structures and policies larger than ourselves.



Cardinal Virtue – Justice at home


- Due honor to God (**Religion** virtue)
- Proper order and headship – grandparents, father, mother, children (**Filial Piety** 孝順)
- Honest communication without fear
- **Respect** others and be respected by others
- Keep promise and tell the truth
- Keep rules for games
- Respect properties of others (to knock, to ask permission, etc)



Virtues related to Justice

- Affability – friendly, easily approachable

Courtesy	Generosity
Gratitude	Kindness
Loyalty	Obedience
Patriotism	Prayerfulness
Respect	Responsibility
Sincerity	Trustworthiness



- Questions and answers
- Sharing of ideas or faith experiences

Tomkin - Justice
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41GtaY0nJjU>