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### THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.

#### Opening Prayer:

Lord, You are the giver of every good gift. As we reflect on the Seventh Commandment, teach us to respect what belongs to others and to live with honesty and generosity. May our hearts be free from greed and open to justice and charity. Holy Spirit, guide our conversation today. Help us to speak with honesty, humility, and a desire to grow closer to You. Amen.

#### 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Do you not know that the unjust will not inherit the kingdom of God?...nor thieves nor the greedy...nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God.

#### Discussion Questions

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##### **The Universal Destination and the Private Ownership of Goods & Respect for Persons and Their Goods**

The Seventh Commandment calls us to respect not only others' property but also their dignity as persons made in the image of God. How can we grow in our awareness of how our choices affect the well-being of others, especially in how we use or misuse resources, time, or even relationships? What does true respect for others and their goods look like in our everyday lives?

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##### **The Social Doctrine of the Church, Economic Activity and Social Justice & Justice and Solidarity among Nations**

The Seventh Commandment not only forbids stealing but also calls us to promote justice in economic life, including fair wages, ethical work, and responsible use of profit. How do we, as Christians, live out this call in a society that often prioritizes profit over people? In our own work, spending, or leadership roles, how can we ensure we're contributing to a more just and equitable world?

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#### Love for the Poor

In Matthew 25, Jesus reminds us that how we treat the least among us is how we treat Him: 'I was hungry and you gave me food... In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.'" How does this challenge us to think differently about our responsibility toward others – not just avoiding theft or injustice? What are some concrete ways we can live this out in our everyday lives?

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#### Closing Prayer:

Lord, You are the source of all that is good and just. As we close our time together, help us to see the dignity of every person and the weight of every choice we make. Teach us to be just in our dealings, generous with our time and resources, and mindful stewards of what we've been given. May we reject greed, dishonesty, and indifference in all their forms. Inspire us to build a world that reflects Your justice, compassion, and care for the vulnerable. Let our lives witness to the truth that love is greater than gain. Amen.

#### Additional Resources

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The Catechism in a Year  
w/ Fr. Mike Schmitz



Day 313 – Day 319

Catechism Paragraphs



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Casual Evangelization

