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191. Is it ever lawful to swear or to take an oath?  
It is lawful to swear, or to take an oath, only when God's honour, or our own, or our neighbour's good requires it.

People are allowed, and sometimes are forced, to swear—as, for instance, in a court of justice—because the public good requires it; otherwise people might not tell the truth, and justice would not be done.

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

192. What is the third Commandment?  
The third Commandment is, "Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath Day."

193. What are we commanded by the third Commandment?  
By the third Commandment we are commanded to keep Sunday holy.

The Jews' Sabbath Day was Saturday; we Christians keep Sunday holy. The Church, by the power our Lord gave her, changed the observance of Saturday to Sunday.

A word about Sunday. God said, "Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath Day." The Sabbath was Saturday, not Sunday; why, then, do we keep Sunday holy instead of Saturday? The Church altered the observance of the Sabbath to the observance of Sunday in commemoration of our Lord having risen from the dead on Easter Sunday, and of the Holy Ghost having descended upon the apostles on Whit Sunday. Protestants who say that they go by the Bible and the Bible only, and that they do not believe anything that is not in the Bible, must be rather puzzled by the keeping of Sunday when God distinctly said, "Keep holy the Sabbath Day." The word Sunday does not come anywhere in the Bible, so, without knowing it, they are obeying the authority of the Catholic Church.

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194. How are we to keep the Sunday holy?  
We are to keep the Sunday holy by hearing Mass and resting from servile works.

The obligation of going to Mass on Sunday is explained in question 232. Servile works are the works the slaves used to do, such as digging, ploughing, working in stone or iron, etc., and, for women, spinning, etc. It is not forbidden to play games on Sunday, such as croquet, tennis, golf, etc., but if we have reason to believe that we should scandalize our neighbour by so doing, it is better to avoid it.

195. Why are we commanded to rest from servile works?  
We are commanded to rest from servile works that we may have time and opportunity for prayer, going to the sacraments, hearing instructions, and reading good books.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

196. What is the fourth Commandment?  
The fourth Commandment is, "Honour thy father and thy mother."

197. What are we commanded by the fourth Commandment?  
By the fourth Commandment we are commanded to love, reverence, and obey our parents in all that is not sin.

A parent may not order a child to steal or to tell a lie. The child would not be bound to obey in that case.

198. Are we commanded to obey our parents only?  
We are commanded to obey, not only our parents, but also our bishops and pastors, the civil authorities, and our lawful superiors.

199. Are we bound to assist our parents in their wants?  
We are bound to assist our parents in their wants, both spiritual and temporal.