

# Glossary Sins and Virtues

## Sins Against Faith, God and the Church

<b>Blasphemy</b>	Irreverent use of the Name of God, Jesus, or the saints, through impatience, jest, surprise or habit.
<b>Heresy</b>	Baptized Christian denying the faith or defending a doctrine opposed to Catholic teaching.
<b>Idolatry</b>	Worshipping persons or things in the place of God.
<b>Sacrilege</b>	Irreverence toward consecrated persons, places or objects.
<b>Superstition</b>	Excessive belief in the supernatural powers of objects or persons or wrongful worship of God by the introduction of false or superfluous elements.
<b>Cursing</b>	This sin against the second commandment involves calling upon God to inflict evil upon a neighbor.
<b>Apostate</b>	This is a baptized person who completely rejects the Catholic Faith.
<b>Indifferentism</b>	This is a form of heresy that asserts that it is of little consequence what people believe, as long as they are 'nice'.
<b>Infidelity</b>	Pagans, atheists, Moslems, and all who do not believe in the doctrines of Christ are in this state of sin.
<b>Sacrilege</b>	This sin is committed when someone knowingly receives a sacrament of the living in mortal sin.
<b>Simony</b>	Buying or selling of spiritual things, such as indulgences or sacred offices for money.

## Sins Against Hope

<b>Despair</b>	This sin is deliberate refusal to hope in God.
<b>Presumption</b>	Continuing in bad behavior with the intention of repenting before death.

## Sins Against Purity

<b>Adultery</b>	Sexual relationship between a married person and another person who is not his spouse.
<b>Contraception</b>	Willful perversion of the natural gifts of God for the engendering of children, whereby conception is prevented.
<b>Fornication</b>	Sin of impurity between two unmarried persons.
<b>Lust</b>	Sin of impure desires.

## Sins Against the Fifth Commandment

<b>Suicide</b>	Taking of one's own life.
<b>Euthanasia</b>	Mercy killing or the hastening of one's death for the purpose of ending human suffering.
<b>Murder</b>	The malicious killing of another human being.
<b>Cremation</b>	This is the burning rather than burying of a human body after death.

## Sins Against the Eighth Commandment

<b>Hypocrisy</b>	This sin involves false appearances and failing in action to live up to ones beliefs. It is lies in action rather than words.
<b>Calumny or</b>	Lying about another person and injuring his good name.

**Slander**

**Equivocation** This form of lying involves the use of ambiguous language to conceal the truth or avoid commitment.

**Malicious lie** Some lies, told in jest or to procure an advantage, do little harm and are venial, but this type of lie is serious sin.

**Sins Against Charity**

**Usury** Excessive interest charged on loans and use of money.

**Envy** Sadness at another's good fortune or success.

**Scandal** Examples of this sin are setting a poor example, or leading another into sin.

**Avarice** Excessive desire for worldly goods or material wealth.

**Contumely** Use of disrespectful, contemptuous, and insulting language and ridicule to degrade a person.

**Detraction** Gossiping or revealing another's faults to a third person to injure a person's good name

**Sins Against Courage**

**Sloth** Spiritual, mental or physical laziness which causes a person to neglect his duties.

**Pusillanimity** Smallness of soul which shrinks from honorable actions.

**Sins Against Temperance**

**Gluttony** Excessive indulgence in food and/or drink.

**Pride** Inordinate self-regard or excessive estimation of one's own worth.

**Anger** Strong, uncontrolled passion of displeasure, sometimes followed by a desire for revenge.

**Sins Against the Seventh Commandment**

**Virtue**

**Definition**

**Hope** This virtue obliges us to trust in God.

**Charity** A theological virtue by which we love God above all things, and our neighbor as ourselves.

**Faith** This Divine gift, infused by the Holy Spirit, enables a person to believe firmly all that God has revealed.

**Almsgiving** Four of the corporal works of mercy are devoted to this Christian virtue of assisting one in need.

**Tithe** This is the contribution of a portion of one's income (originally 10%) for the purposes of religion and charity.

**Fidelity** This virtue entails unwavering loyalty and support to a person, institution, cause, or belief.

**Decalogue** This is another term to describe the Ten Commandments.

**Chastity** Adultery, fornication, sodomy, rape, contraception, and self-abuse are sins against this virtue.

**Restitution** This is the restoration of something stolen to its original owner, or recompense for injury or loss.