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CONFESSION



BEFORE YOU GO

Examine your conscience, that is, reflect on what sins you have committed. To guide you, just Google "examination of conscience" and you'll find resources to help you. It's even all right to make a list to bring with you if that helps.



INTRODUCTION

When you come before the priest, begin by making the Sign of the Cross (praying the words out loud), and continue by saying, "Bless me, Father, I have sinned. It has been (how long) since my last confession. These are my sins..."



CONFESSION

List the sins you've committed that came to mind during your examination of conscience. Don't be too general ("I haven't been a good person"), but a lot of detail isn't necessary (you don't need to tell the whole story of how a sin came about). If you're not sure if something is a sin, ask the priest. This isn't counseling, so unless you ask, the priest likely won't give you advice. He'll just move on to ...



PENANCE

The priest will suggest something for you to do or pray as a response to God's mercy. You'll have to remember what this is and do it after the confession is over, so pay attention.



ACT OF CONTRITION

The priest will then ask you to pray out loud your "Act of Contrition," to demonstrate your sorrow for your sins: "My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy."



ABSOLUTION

Don't get up to leave after that prayer, because the best part is yet to come: The priest will extend his hands in your direction and he will pray the Prayer of Absolution: "God, the Father of Mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. Through the ministry of the Church, may God grant you pardon and peace. And I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." You respond: "Amen."



CONCLUSION

The priest will then likely say something like, "God has freed you from your sin. Go in Peace." To which you can respond: "Thanks be to God." Don't forget to do your penance. If it is saying certain prayers, it's best to do it right away in the church before you forget.

CATECHISM CORNER

What is Confession?

Confession is the Sacrament by which sins committed after Baptism are forgiven through the absolution of the priest.

How can a priest forgive sins?

Only God can forgive sins and He can decide how He does so. The way He has decided upon is to use His priests as His instruments.

The priest has the power to forgive sins from Jesus, who said to His Apostles and their successors in the priesthood: *"Who sins you shall forgive are forgiven them."*

Is it necessary to confess every sin we have committed?

It is necessary to confess every mortal sin which has not yet been confessed and forgiven; It is not necessary to confess our venial sins, but it can be helpful to do so.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 7

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00 p.m. Confessions

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Gloria Gordon +

Sunday, November 8

- Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Ann Carroll +

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Parish Family

12:10 p.m. Rosary

12:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, November 9

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, November 10

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Adoration

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Witwer +

8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, November 11

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession

7:00 p.m. Jeanette Ault +

Thursday, November 12

8:00 a.m. Anne Bickley +

Friday, November 13

8:30 a.m. Paxton Family

Saturday, November 14

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00 p.m. Confessions

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Jean Sadlon +

Sunday, November 15

- Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Margaret Braun +

12:10 p.m. Rosary

12:30 p.m. Special Intention

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Nov. 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22

Tues., Nov. 10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church - Ti 2:1-8,11-14/ Lk 17:7-10

Wed., Nov. 11 - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop - Veteran's Day - Ti 3:1-7/ Lk 17:11-19

Thurs., Nov. 12 - St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr - Phlm 7-20/ Lk 17:20-25

Fri., Nov. 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin - 2 Jn 4-9/ Lk 17:26-37

Sat., Nov. 14 - 3 Jn 5-8/ Lk 18:1-8

Sun., Nov. 15 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31/ 1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15,19-21

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , NOVEMBER 8, 2020

This weekend, Bishop Rhoades has a very pertinent article in the *Today's Catholic*, our diocesan newspaper, entitled "***Keeping Sunday Holy During the Pandemic.***" In it, he offers a variety of suggestions (*including attending Mass, either in-person or online, reading the Sacred Scriptures, praying the Rosary as a family, refraining from unnecessary work, etc...*) on how we can ensure that Sunday does not simply become any other day of the week. He concludes by reminding us how we need Sunday "*as a day to worship God, to rest and to celebrate joyfully our salvation in Christ. We need to be renewed by the weekly commemoration of Easter.*"

Written specifically for this **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Nov. 7/8), Bishop offers these suggestions as a reflection on his continuation of the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation for the foreseeable future. As he states, "*this dispensation is in effect particularly for the protection of those most vulnerable to serious, life-threatening risks if they were to be infected*" by COVID-19 and for their caregivers. Though our entire parish family may not yet be able to fully gather together in person, we want to do all that we can to ensure that we do not remain complacent in our personal relationship with the Lord, but continue to deepen this relationship.

Bishop does share the good news that, thanks to our diocesan safety precautions, **there have been no known large-scale instances of any virus-spread in our 81 Catholic churches throughout the diocese.** Because of this, all parishes in our diocese will continue to follow our given diocesan safety precautions. **As a reminder, these precautions include: (1) Following proper social distancing guidelines; (2) Wearing a face-mask or face-covering when in the Church (excluding infants, small children, and those who would have trouble breathing if they were to wear a face-mask); (3) Utilizing the provided hand-sanitizing stations in the Church; (4) Sanitizing pews after each use; and (5) our continued temporary suspension on congregational singing.**

As always, thank you for your patience and understanding as we strive to offer Mass while respecting the safety precautions put into place by our Bishop. As I mentioned in March, while we might have a variety of personal opinions regarding these safety precautions, these are given as a request from our Bishop. Bishop Rhoades, as the successor to the Apostles for our diocese and our diocesan spiritual father, requests that we continue to follow these precautions as we gather for Mass. **Thank you, out of respect for Bishop, for following these precautions.** (*We will continue to ensure that disposable masks are available in the narthex for visitors and those who may have forgotten their masks at all weekend Masses.*)

ALL SAINTS DAY - A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES!

As we celebrated the **Solemnity of All Saints** last weekend, we had many of our youth dressed as their favorite Saint. At the end of the 10 AM Sunday morning Mass, those who dressed up had a chance to introduce their Saint and, afterwards, those who stayed voted on their favorite Saint costume. Congratulations to our winners: 1st Place - St. Elizabeth (**Ellie**), the Blessed Virgin (**Josephine**), St. John the Baptist (**Peter**), and the Infant Jesus (**Felix**); 2nd Place - St. Theresa of Calcutta (**Gracie**); 3rd Place - St. Cecelia (**Cecelia**). (*A special "Thank You!" to parishioner **Lauren Andrews** for spearheading the day and for our **St. Joseph Women's Group** for preparing treat boxes for all our Religious Education classes.*)

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Jimmy Robbins, Jean Steele, Andrea Holte, Tom Williams, and Jen Coyne.



Tuesday, November 17
6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall
Wreath Kits are \$20 per household.
Includes Candles, Wreath, Materials and
Devotional Resources.

If you plan to make an Advent Wreath here
at Church or you want to take one home, please sign up on the
sheet in the narthex so we know how many kits we need!
Thank you!!

SPREAD THE LIGHT OF GOD'S LOVE ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge
card for this years Annual Bishop's Appeal. The
Diocesan Business Office Data Processing has
requested all pledge cards be turned into them by
November 16 so statement may begin being
mailed in early December. If you have not yet turned in your
pledge card, please do so soon. Our goal is to receive 100% of
our pledge cards back even if you are unable to participate this
year. Since the pledge cards were mailed out by the Diocese, we
want to make sure everyone received a card that was supposed to.
Thank you again for your generous participation in the Annual
Bishop's Appeal.



Thank You
For Your
Prayers

Thank you for all your prayers for Mike Holland.
He is home now but still having dialysis three
time a week. Please continue to pray for healing
of his kidneys. Bruce & Diane Holland

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Nov. 7 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Nov. 7 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 8 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 8 - Discussion Forum - Saints, Purgatory and Indulgences - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Sun., Nov. 8 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Nov. 10 - St. Joseph Women's Group - meet at 6:00 p.m. in Church (bring your rubber gloves to help clean the pews) / meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- Wed., Nov. 11 - Discussion Forum - Saints, Purgatory and Indulgences - 7:30 p.m. (after 7:00 Mass)
- Thurs., Nov. 12 - Lector Training 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., Nov. 14 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Nov. 14 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 15 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 15 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Sun., Nov. 15 - Young Adult Gathering - 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- Tues., Nov. 17 - Advent Wreath Making in social hall - 6:30 p.m. (Wreath Kits \$20) - Sign up sheet in the narthex.
- Wed., Nov. 18 - Annual Knights of Columbus, Fr. Aloysius Phillips Council 7555 Memorial Mass for Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus - 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Day Mass - 9:00 a.m.
- Friday., Nov. 27 - Office Closed.
- Sun., Nov. 28 - No Religious Education Classes - Thanksgiving Break.

DISCUSSION FORUM - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

In case you missed the Discussion Forum - Saints, Purgatory and Indulgences, on Sunday, November 8th, you may join Fr. David Wednesday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m. (after 7:00 Mass) in the social hall. Everyone is invited!



MARIA STEIN SHRINE'S ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS COLORING CONTEST

Hey kids!!! Get out your crayons, colored pencils, and markers!! Maria Stein Shrine is holding their annual St. Nicholas Coloring Contest again this year. Copies of St. Nicholas may be found in the narthex. **Please take one, color it, and return it to me in the Parish Office by November 25th. I will mail all the entries together so they may arrive at the Shrine by Friday December 4th to be eligible for awards.** Fr. David and I look forward to seeing your masterpieces!!

Collections October 31/ November 1 weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$3,695.00
Child Envelopes- \$0
Loose- \$71.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$902.00
Religious Ed. Fees- \$80.00
Memorial Candles- \$120.00
All Saints Day- \$256.00
Reimbursement- \$142.00
Hall/Gym Rent- \$500.00
Total- \$5,766.00

*Thank you for your gifts
to St. Joseph's!*

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report Online Giving - October

Adult- \$3,830.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$905.00
Religious Education Fund- \$190.00
**Total Online giving
October- \$4,925.00**

Online giving- October- St. Vincent
de Paul Fund- \$160.00
St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$110.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$649.60 ahead of our
weekly budget for November and
we ended \$355.46 behind for the
month of October.

osvonlinegiving.com/4741



From Death To New Life

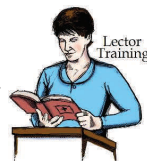
In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of
Diann Huss, sister of Dave (Margie) Huss who passed
away Sunday, November 1, 2020

May God welcome Diann home, fill her with peace and
bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon
her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the
mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

NEW LECTOR TRAINING

Ginny Fenstermaker has scheduled a training
session for new lectors Thursday evening, Novem-
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T - is it true?
h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?

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he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.
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