

And he was casting out a devil, and the same was dumb

(adapted from St Alphonsus Liguori's sermon for the 3rd Sunday of Lent)
(Numbering & all pronouns, even divine pronouns, correspond to the original.)

The devil does not bring sinners to hell with their eyes open: he first blinds them with the malice of their own sins, "For their own malice blinded them"(Wis. 2:21), and, afterwards, seeks to make us dumb, that, through shame, we may conceal our guilt in confession. Again, the devil leads us to hell by a double chain, inducing us, after our sin, to consent to the greater sin of sacrilege. **Today**, I will try convince you of the great evil of concealing sins in confession

1. On the words of David, "Set a door O Lord, round about my lips" (Ps 140:3), St. Augustine says, "We should keep a door to the mouth, that it may be closed against detraction, blasphemy, and all improper words, but be open to confess the sins we have committed." To be silent regarding words injurious to God or our neighbor, is an act of virtue; but, to be silent about confessing our sins, is the ruin of the soul. Again, after our sin, the devil strives to keep us from confessing our guilt. A holy hermit once saw the devil standing near the confessional box. He asked the fiend what he was doing. The enemy replied, "I now restore to the penitents what I before took away from them; I removed shame while they were sinning; I now restore shame so they avoid confession."

5. The wolf, St Augustine says, prevents the ewe from crying out for help by seizing her throat, then securely carries her away to devour her. The devil acts in like manner with the sheep of Jesus Christ. He induces them to sin then seizes their throats, so they not confess, then securely brings them to hell.

6. Some penitents ask: "What will my confessor say when he hears my wicked sins?" What will he say? He will say that you are, like all persons living on this earth, miserable & prone to sin: that you have done evil but have also done well in overcoming shame by a candid confession.

7. "But I am afraid to confess this sin." I say, "How many confessors must you tell? But one, to one who hears many sins just like yours." Confessing once, the confessor will give you penance & absolution, and you will have peace. But, you say, "I am in angst to tell this sin to my spiritual father." Then confess to another confessor, to whomever you wish, to whom you are unknown.

8. Are you afraid that the confessor will make known your sin to others? Would it not be madness to suspect that he is so wicked as to break the seal of confession by revealing your sin to others? Remember that the obligation of the seal of confession is so strict, that a confessor cannot speak out of confession, even to the penitent, of the smallest venial fault; and if he did so, without the permission of the penitent, he would be guilty of a most grievous sin.

9. But you say: "I am afraid that my confessor, when he hears my sin, will severely rebuke me." Ah! Do you not see these are deceits of the devil to bring you to hell? No; the confessor will not rebuke you, but he will give advice suited to your state. A confessor cannot experience greater consolation than in absolving a penitent who confesses his sins with true sorrow & with sincerity. If a queen were mortally wounded by a slave, and you were in possession of a remedy by which she could be cured, how great would be your joy in saving her life! Such is the joy which a confessor feels in absolving a soul in the state of sin. By his act he delivers her from eternal death: and by restoring to her the grace of God, he makes her a queen of Paradise.

12. **Brethren**, if there be one among you who has ever concealed a sin, through shame, in the tribunal of penance, let him take courage, and make a full confession of all his faults. "Give glory to God with a good heart."(Eccl 35:10) Give glory to God and confusion to the devil. A certain penitent was tempted by Satan to conceal a sin through shame; but she was resolved to confess it; and, while she was going to her confessor, the devil came forward and asked her where she was going. She courageously answered: "I am going to cover myself, and you with confusion." Act you in a similar manner, if you have ever concealed a mortal sin.

13. **Jesus Christ** is waiting for you.



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Mass and Confession Schedule @ Sarasota

Sunday ~ 8:30 am (Confessions begin at 7:45 am)

~ 10:30 am (Confessions begin at 9:45 am)

Monday ~ 12 noon

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday ~ 7:00 am & 9:00 am

Friday ~ 9:00 am & 6:30 pm followed by Holy Hour

Saturday ~ 9:00 am

(Confessions ~ 30 minutes before weekday Mass & after, if needed.)

Mass and Confession Schedule @ Queen of Peace Catholic Church

6455 SW State Road 200

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Sunday ~ 4:30 pm (Confessions begin at 3:30 pm)

Monday ~ 7:00 am (Confessions begin at 6:30 am)

First Saturday ~10:30 am (Confessions begin at 10:00 am)

Today's Mass: 3rd Sunday of Lent

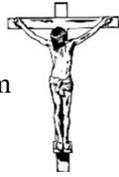
Missa XVII (SEC 762) / Credo IV (SEC 710)

Entr: *Attende Domine* SEC 952

Hymn: *Ave Regina Caelorum* SEC 951

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

| DATE | FEAST | CLASS/COLOR | COMMEMORATION |
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| Sun 03-15 | Third Sunday of Lent | 2/V | |
| Mon 03-16 | Feria of Lent | 3/V | |
| Tues 03-17 | Feria of Lent | 3/V | St Patrick |
| Wed 03-18 | Feria of Lent | 3/V | St Cyril of Jerusalem |
| Thu 03-19 | St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM | 1/W | Feria |
| Fri 03-20 | Feria of Lent | 3/V | Pro Papa |
| Sat 03-21 | Feria of Lent | 3/V | St Benedict |
| Sun 03-22 | Fourth Sunday of Lent | 2/V | |



Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

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| Sun 03-15 | (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) John Wisniewski+ | rb B&B Wis |
| Mon 03-16 | (12 noon) Rita Wallace | rb M/M Labrecque |
| Tues 03-17 | (7 am) Saizieu's family (9 am) Holy Souls in Purgatory | rb L de Saizieu rb anon |
| Wed 03-18 | (7 am) Fr Fausto (9 am) Leslie & Thomas Wade++ | rb S Valerga rb T&A Wade |
| Thu 03-19 | (7 am) Blessed Virgin Mary (9 am) Joseph Clough | rb a friend rb mom & dad |
| Fri 03-20 | (9 am) Catherine Alvarez+ (6:30 pm) Peter Dinh | rb K Kirsch & B Blake rb M/M L Truong |
| Sat 03-21 | (9 am) Int. of Marie Meza | rb M&M Meza |
| Sun 03-22 | (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) Cynthia A Medvitz | rb R & D Gabriel |

Today, due the corona virus, there is no social following both Masses. You may put your items to be blessed on St Joseph's table in the hall; they will be blessed on March 19th and next Sunday, if needed.

Thank you: your Pancake Sunday alms raised \$758.00 for the food bank.

This week, Saturday, due the corona virus, Youth Group is cancelled.

Collection Team this week: Team Sacks.

In your charity, please pray for Maureen & Bob McNamara (3/8), Barbara & Bill Wis (3/8), Sarah Sturm (2/23) & Claire Verdini (2/21), (Prayer requests posted for a month; renewable.)

Parce Domine, parce populo tuo, ne in aeternum irascaris nobis. (Spare O Lord, spare thy people, do not be angry with us forever.) Frs daily Mass Lenten hymn.

Why do Catholics traditionally not eat meat on Friday? (adapted from Aleteia site)
The USCCB answers, "Catholic peoples from time immemorial have set apart Friday for special penitential observance by which they gladly suffer with Christ that they may one day be glorified with Him. This is the heart of the tradition of abstinence from meat on Friday where that tradition has been observed in the holy Catholic Church."

Again, as Jesus suffered & died on a Friday, so the early Christians saw all Fridays as a special day to unite their suffering with His. Eventually, the Church codified all Fridays as days to commemorate the Passion & death of Christ by offering up a specific penance; historically, meat was the chosen sacrifice for its association with celebrations; again, as the "fattened calf" was only slaughtered on joyous occasions, so it is not eaten on the day in the week in which Christ suffered & died. (Some bishops permit meat on St. Patrick's Day, should it fall on Friday, as it is considered a "solemnity" for many Irish Catholics.)

What can Catholics eat on Fridays? (adapted from Aleteia site)

The prohibition of meat on Fridays of Lent means "animal flesh" from the Latin *carnis*. The USCCB explains, "Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs - all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consomme, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles (cold-blooded animals), and shellfish are permitted."

Again, "animals" such as alligator, beaver, turtle & frogs are permitted during Lent. In South America, Catholics may eat capybara; it is said, a Venezuelan priest obtained this permission from Rome at the end of the 18th century "because of its amphibious habits." Nonetheless, the Church instructs us to observe the "spirit of the law" and avoid excessive celebration on a day that recalls the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross.

Holy Week at Sarasota:

April 9, Holy Thursday: 6 pm Confessions & 7 pm Mass.

April 10, Good Friday: 1 pm Confessions; 2 pm Stations; 3 pm Service.

April 11, Holy Saturday: 9 pm Confessions; 10 pm Easter Vigil.

April 12, Easter Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am low Masses.

Holy Week at Ocala: Good Friday at 5:30 pm.

Mass attendance & collection for last Sunday

Sarasota: 8:30 am ~ 109 souls & 10:30 am ~ 166 souls; offertory \$ 3617.10

Ocala attendance ~170 souls.