

The Sacrament of Penance (Part I of VII): its Necessity

In today's Gospel, the Jews are scandalized that Christ forgave sin. In our time the scandal continues; not of Christ forgiving sins, but that a class of men on earth do so. Oh, that *the multitude* could see the truth of the Sacrament of Confession and *glorify God Who had given such power to men*. In its time, The Council of Trent wonderfully defended the Church against many heresies regarding justification and the seven Sacraments. In her teaching on the Sacrament of Penance (i.e., Confession, reconciliation), the Catechism of the Council of Trent declares, "we must admit that expounding this sacrament they (the pastors) can never be sufficiently diligent." Alas!, We fail before we try! We try, nonetheless.

The necessity of teaching on this subject arises from our fallen human condition. Human frailty and weakness are universally experienced such that "no one can be ignorant of the great necessity of the Sacrament of Penance" by which our union with God can be restored (should it be lost by mortal sin) or strengthened (should it be weakened by venial sin.)

This sacrament should be explained more than Baptism. Baptism is received once and cannot be repeated; Confession may be administered, and becomes necessary, as often as we fall into sin after Baptism. Hence, the Catechism of Trent states: "**For those who fall into sin after Baptism, the Sacrament of Penance is as necessary to salvation as is Baptism for those who have not already been baptized.**" Observing its necessity, St. Jerome called Confession, "the second plank after shipwreck." If our Baptismal innocence is wrecked by sin, so we may find salvation in the floating debris of a good Confession and, by this means, eventually obtain the happy shores of heaven. But if we do not grab that plank!

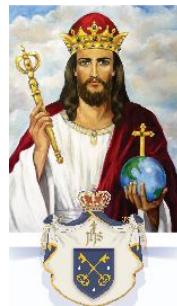
The Catechism stresses instruction on Confession not simply for pastors but all the faithful: "to awaken attention, lest they be found culpably negligent in a matter so very important." Again, if the faithful truly know themselves, their proneness to sin and failings, their first desire should be to advance against this moral weakness by using God's helps to do so, chief among which is this precious sacrament.

Why Christ instituted this sacrament

The first reason Christ instituted the Sacrament of Penance was to preserve us from uncertainty whether our sin has been taken away according to the promise of God, "If the wicked do penance for all his sins which he has committed, and keep all my commandments, and do judgment and justice, living he shall live, and shall not die." (Ez 18:21) Some say they ask God to forgive them directly; the truth of this "inner penance" leaves room for a measure of uncertainty. To remove the uneasiness of one's private judgment as to their state with God, Christ instituted the Sacrament of Penance. By this means, a soul may know her sins are pardoned by the absolution of the priest. The absolving words of the priest, when duly and lawfully spoken, are to be heard in the same manner as when Jesus spoke to the paralyzed man: "Be of good heart, son, thy sins are forgiven thee." (Mt 9:2)

Secondarily, as no one can obtain eternal life except through Christ and the merits of His passion, so it is highly fitting, and to our great benefit, that a sacrament be given by which His sacred blood may be applied to our souls to wash away all sins committed after Baptism; by this means, we are ever reminded that it is from our Blessed Savior alone that we owe the tremendous blessing of reconciliation with an everlasting, almighty & all-good God.

To end, thank you Lord for giving such power to men as found in this Fountain of Mercy!



CHRIST THE KING Catholic Church

An apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
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according to the liturgical books of 1962.

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024, A.D.

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The Daily Mass Schedule is:

Monday at 12 noon.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:00 am and 9:00 am.

Friday at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm. (On Friday, a 5:30 pm Holy Hour & confession time, precedes the 6:30 pm Mass.)

Saturday at 9:00 am.

Sacramental Emergency: 941-400-5415

The Sunday Mass Schedule is:

7:00 am low; 8:30 am low; & 10:30 am sung & a seasonal 12:30 pm low Mass.

Items on the "Blessing Table" in the hall are blessed after the last Sunday Mass.

Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before Mass.

"Lost & Found" is in the vestibule; if not there, check with the office.

In Ocala:

Sunday Mass at 4:30 pm

Monday Mass at 7 am.

1st Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

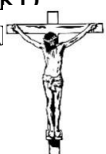
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Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR
Sun 09-22	18 th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G
Mon 09-23	St Linus, <i>Pope & Martyr</i>	3/R St Thecla
Tues 09-24	Our Lady of Ransom	4/W
Wed 09-25	Votive Mass of St Joseph	4/W Ss Cyprian & Justina
Thu 09-26	Ss Isaac Jogues, Jean Brebeuf & Comp.	3/R
Fri 09-27	Ss Cosmas & Damian, <i>Martyrs</i>	3/R
Sat 09-28	St Wenceslaus, <i>Duke & Martyr</i>	3/R
Sun 09-29	Dedication of St Michael the Archangel	1/W 19 th Sunday after Pentecost

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 09-22	(7 am) Conversion of a loved one (8:30 am) Fr Shannon Collins (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) No Mass until Fall	rb anonymous rb R Galatolo
Mon 09-23	(12 pm) Kenneth & Catherine Ruckey	rb D Karbarz
Tues 09-24	(7 am) Frederic de Lanascot+ (9 am) A deceased soul who may be in Purgatory	rb L de Saizieu rb anonymous
Wed 09-25	(7 am) Francis J Kramer+ (9 am) My children & grandchildren (6:30 pm) Do This in Memory of Me , capital campaign	rb AB Kramer rb Gigi
Thu 09-26	(7 am) Juana Carvallo+ (9 am) Breda Malfesi+	rb KT rb J  i
Fri 09-27	(9 am) Reparation for abortion (6:30 pm) Clifford Brown+	nonymous ; Blake & K Kirsch
Sat 09-28	(9 am) Juana Maria Carvallo+	. Gatza
Sun 09-29	(7 am) Saizieu's family (8:30 am) Helen Kafara Bovienzo+ (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) No Mass until Fall	rb L de Saizieu rb J Bovienzo MD

Today's 10:30 am Mass: Entr: Daily, Daily, Sing to Mary, 912; Mass IV, 710 & Credo IV, 780; Exit: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus, 936.

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$5,178.67; on-line \$1,535.00; CFA \$2,060.00.

Do This in Memory of Me: cash \$1,914.02; online \$1,050.00.

Total souls: 460; 7 am-70; 8:30 am-163; 10:30 am-227. **Ocala ~ 349.**

Please pray for: Kelly Carr (9/22); Markus Dixon, Susan Terrizzi, Rick Connick (9/15); Denise Karbarz, Antonio Negrin, Alex B. (9/1); Alice Manganello, Susan Furlong, & Joseph Furlong (8/25).

This week, Monday, *St Joseph novena*, Vespers (4:30 pm); Tuesday, *St Joseph novena*, Holy Face devotions (10:15 am), Women's Book Club (6:30-8pm); Wednesday, *St Joseph novena*, Votive Mass of St Joseph (6:30 pm); Thursday, 40-Days for Life kickoff at CPCI (10 am), Vespers (4:30 pm), Youth Catechism (5-6 pm); Friday, staff meeting (3:30 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm), Holy Hour (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm); Saturday, Rosary & potluck (10 am), Vespers (4:30 pm).

2024 CFA status at CtK as of September 14, 2024: \$113,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$72,551.67 pledged (64.21% of goal); from 35.25% of 215 households; \$63,564.97 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**

Jesus commands His Church, the one true Church, the Catholic Church, to spread His gospel. The non-profit organization, **St. Paul Street Evangelization (SPSE)**, takes this command seriously & they wish to help you do this as well. **SPSE Vice-President Adam Janke** invites all adult parishioners from any Catholic parish to a training session on **Sunday, September 29, 12:30pm - 4:00pm, at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Lakewood Ranch**. Registration is \$25 and includes lunch & training materials. You can register online at <http://evangelizationschool.com/store/product/apologetics-in-evangelization-training-lakewood/>. For more information, please contact Jim Gontis at gontis@dioceseofvenice.org.

Latin meal Prayers: *Before: Benedic, Domine, nos et haec tua dona, quae de tua largitate sumus sumpturi. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.* Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts which we are about to receive through Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. ***After: Gratias tibi agimus, omnipotens Deus, pro universis beneficiis tuis, qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*** We give Thee thanks, Almighty God, for all Thy benefits who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.
V. Deus det nos suam pacem. R. Et vitam aeternum. Amen. May God grant us His peace. And life everlasting. Amen.

Dear Faithful of Christ the King,

9/22/24

Thank you for your continued prayers & donations for the success of our building project, "**Do This in Memory of Me.**"

CtK remains in the process of getting hard numbers on the cost of the project. After the numbers are in, Bishop Dewane will confirm with CtK that it wants to go forward. If so, he will likely give his approval and then CtK can make a general presentation of its project. Thank you for your patience.

Again, if you wish to donate now, please do so through our website or by check, writing on the memo line: "Do This in Memory of Me" or "Building Project." Pledge envelopes are available near the offertory box or through the office. God bless you,
Fr Hathaway