

**Sat. - Mar. 3 - 3rd Sunday of Lent**

4:00 PM +Stasia & +Joseph Patykula
Req. Family

Sun. - Mar. 4 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM +Joseph Michael Bobrowiecki
Req. Mother

Mon. - Mar. 5 - Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners
Living & Deceased

Tues. - Mar. 6 - Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM Health & God's Blessings
Req. Olga Ostapczuk

Wed. - Mar. 7 - Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM Healing
Req. Jack Chmiel

Thurs. - Mar. 8 - Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM Recovery after Surgery
Req. Alice Kmiecik

Fri. - Mar. 9 - Lenten Weekday

4:30 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Stations of the Cross
5:30 PM Special Intention
Req. John Krawczyk

Sat. - Mar. 10 - Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM +Walter & +Helen Palys
Req. Family

Sat. - Mar. 10 - 4th Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM +Nancy Brightman
Req. OLPH Bingo

Sun. - Mar. 11 - 4th Sunday of Lent

10 AM +Michele Fontaine
Req. Ernest Duval

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER CONRAD

Brothers and Sisters of Our Parish Family,

Recall the closing words of last week's column: "[*The Sacrament of Reconciliation*] is all about letting ourselves receive the merciful and healing love and peace that only God's love can give us."

These forty days of Lent give us the opportunity to focus on the merciful love that God freely gives us in response to our sins and failings. Yet God's mercy is possible *only if we repent by acknowledging our sins and admitting our faults.*

Those of us who are old enough to remember the Baltimore Catechism will recall its definition of sin being any willful thought, word, deed, or omission that is contrary to God's law.

Mortal sin (a grievous offense against God's law) deprives the sinner of spiritual life (grace) and brings damnation. Why would anyone choose to remain in mortal sin? **Venial sin (a less serious offense against God's law)** lessens one's love for God. Why would anyone even choose to remain in venial sin?

When we repent, we open our hearts to take in God's mercy. A good starting point for embracing God's merciful love is simply turning to Him for forgiveness.

Remember what happens to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation: our sins are forgiven! They are taken away. The slate is wiped clean. We have a new beginning—a **fresh start.** We receive God's mercy and are filled with His peace. And once this total and complete forgiveness happens, deep and lasting healing can happen as well.

So, it's a great idea to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to receive a fresh start and to let the grace of healing begin. It's the right thing to do, because we all yearn for communion with our God. We want that integrity and love that only this Sacrament can offer us.

Peace and Blessings.

Father Conrad