

Ascension of the Lord



**ST. ROSALIE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
May 29, 2022**

The Pastor Jots It Down

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Rosalie and St. John Bosco Parishes and School,

People of God, Happy Solemnity of Jesus Ascension into Heaven!

Today's celebration of Jesus returning home to His Father reminds us of God's great plan for us. He wants us to be with Him someday in Heaven.

Because of his great love for us, we have the freedom to choose whether we want to be with him in heaven. We can do our best to live his will in our lives (living the commandments and the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in our lives). Or we can pretend that we know better than God regarding what is good for us. We have that freedom. Though we will be held accountable for our choices.

Life and life choices are not easy. Weakened by original sin and our own personal weaknesses, Jesus gave us the sacraments to support us in our lives and keep us on the pathway to heaven.

Though these sacraments can only help us if we make use of them with the proper intentions. The Eucharist and Reconciliation are the building blocks of our spiritual life. (See centerfold article: Five Steps to a Good Confession – Penitents Experience Buoyancy, Peace in Confessions)

Jesus also blessed us with the gift of prayer. Jesus prayed daily. He taught the apostles the Our Father, but he also gave them the example

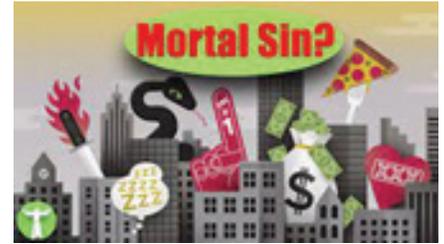


of frequently going off by himself and entering personal dialogue with his heavenly Father.

Again, on the night before he died for us, he celebrated the Last Supper, the first Eucharist. He gave us his Body and Blood as our food and drink unto everlasting life and told us "Do this in memory of me." This is the best and most perfect prayer that we can offer.

It might be good to examine our prayer life today. How often do I approach the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist? Why don't I make more frequent use of these sacraments? What keeps me away? How is my prayer life? Daily? Weekly? Has my prayer life grown from my childhood days from rote prayers to personal conversation with God, opening my heart to Him, and giving Him time to speak to me in the silence of my heart? Do I give God 1st place in my life or do I give him only the leftovers if there are any? Does my prayer life help me to walk more closely in the footsteps of Jesus and live His teachings in my life?

In our parishes, we have a spectrum of belief about the seriousness of our Sunday Mass obligation. There are some who believe that no matter what the circumstance, missing Sunday Mass is a mortal sin. Not true. Then, there are those who don't believe that deliberately missing is a mortal sin



and that there is no need to confess before receiving Holy Communion at the next Mass they attend. Not true. For the authentic teachings of God and of the Church regarding the obligation for Sunday Mass, please read Fr. Francis Hoffman's article on the following page: **Is Missing Sunday Mass, a Mortal Sin?**

Marriages and weddings are joyful times. God views Matrimony as a sacrament: the union of husband and wife in partnership with God for the benefit of the spouses and their children – a pathway to holiness just like religious life and priesthood. Sad to say in our society and among many nominal Catholics, that God's plan for married life are not compatible with the mores of today's society. Society's message is do whatever you want. Commitment doesn't make a difference. Do whatever makes you happy – what does God know about how I should be leading my life.



In this issue of the bulletin, you will find three pieces dealing with Marriage: **Planning a Church Wedding; Worldwide Marriage Encounter**, (a marriage enrichment weekend); and **Retrouvaille**, (a program for married couples facing difficult changes in their relationship). I hope this information is helpful and will lead to greater grace and holiness in one's marriage.

God loves you!

F. Mark

Is Missing Sunday Mass a Mortal Sin?

BY FR. FRANCIS HOFFMAN

Our Sunday Mass obligation is based on the Third Commandment: “Remember the sabbath day – keep it holy” (Ex 20:8). All of the commandments of God are serious matter, so to deliberately miss Mass on Sunday – without a just reason – would objectively be considered a mortal sin.

However, there are reasons that excuse from the Sunday obligation. While the Third Commandment is part of Divine Law and therefore admits no exceptions, the specification of how we fulfill that commandment (Sunday Mass) is part of human positive law and therefore can admit of exceptions. Such an exception would be the physical or moral impossibility of attending Mass. Physical impossibility would include the person who is too ill to attend or just lives too far away; moral impossibility would be higher extenuating

circumstances for a higher act of charity, such as caring for the sick, or a young mother having to care for infants.

The local pastor of a parish has the authority to dispense from the Sunday obligation for certain personal and individual cases. Canon 1245 of the Code of Canon Law states:

“Without prejudice to the right of diocesan bishops mentioned in Canon 87, for a just cause and according to the prescripts of the diocesan bishop, a pastor can grant in individual cases. . . a dispensation from the obligation of observing a feast day or a day of penance, or commute the obligation into other pious works. The superior of a . . . religious institute or society of apostolic life has the same power in respect of his own subjects.”

Planning a Church Wedding?

Getting Married: Attending Mass regularly is an important spiritual preparation for your church wedding. You will need at least 6-9 months prior to the anticipated wedding date for your Marriage Preparation. Please be sure you are registered with your respective parish and contact the parish office for further information regarding preparation.

To be considered a parishioner you must be a member of one of our parishes for at least 9 months prior the wedding.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

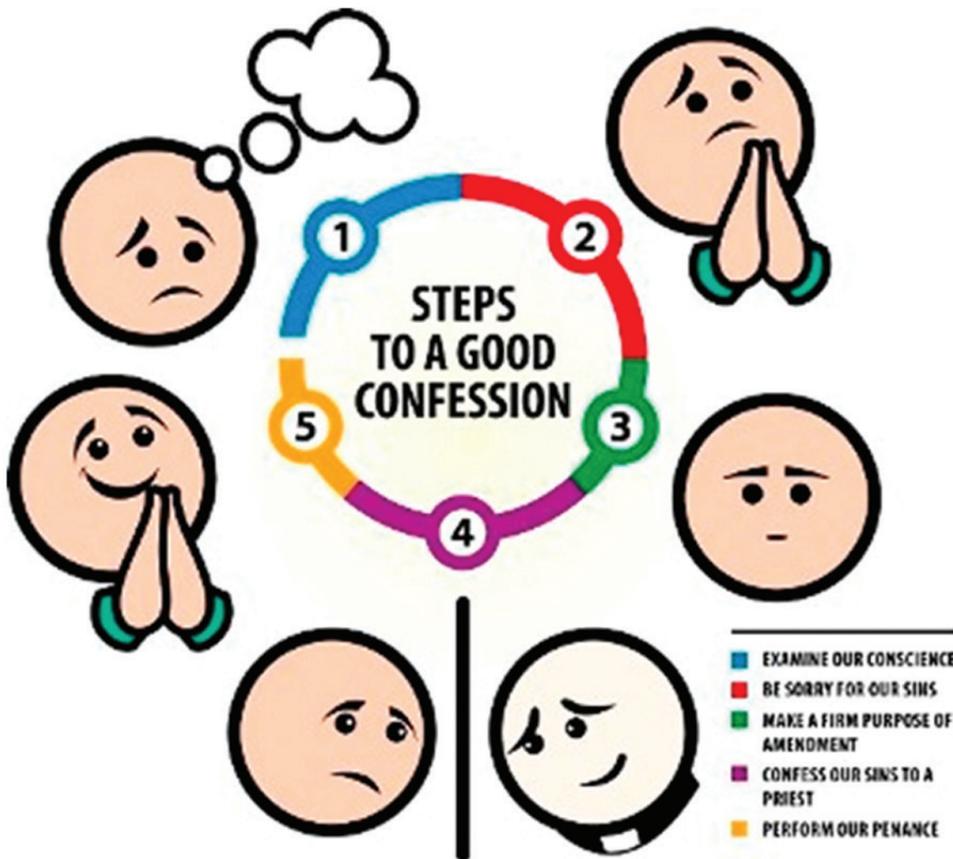
June 24-26, 2022.

To apply, go to <http://www.wwme.org/>

Questions? - e-mail apply@dfwme.org or call 469-444-0904.

Five Steps to a Good Confession

Penitents Experience Buoyancy, Peace in Confessions



Sylvia Sevier wasn't sure she felt truly sorry for some of her sins.

The wife and mother of two from Ireland was raised Catholic but confession fell off her "to do" list in her teenage years and 20's.

She returned to confession at 30 but some sins she didn't confess.

"I was so nervous about going back after all those years I let it go," said Sevier.

It began to nag her until Christmas 2013.

"I got some grace from God

and said, 'I'm going to go in and it's going to be tough, but I haven't openly confessed,'" she said.

The priest at the church was helpful and walked her through the process.

"I just felt like a weight had been lifted," Sevier said.

The value of reconciliation with God and growing in closer relationship with him overcame her tendency to treat it as only a process.

"I feel closer to him for it," she said. "Knowing that when we make

a good and true confession, God has forgiven us and then we can forgive ourselves. Sometimes it's harder to forgive ourselves. I feel more at peace with myself."

The value of confession and the graces felt as a result are not lost on other faithful.

The smallest of God's faithful have experienced the peace and joy of the sacrament of penance, like second-grader Mary Clare Watts.

She prepared for her first confession with her class at her Catholic school.

"They taught us that your sins are washed away, and your soul gets stored with grace," the 7-year-old said.

She decided she wanted to go with her family before her class went. She memorized her sins and was one of the first in line. She confessed face-to-face with a priest.

"I wasn't that nervous," she said of her first time. "It was actually kind of fun."

Then she decided to go again three days later with her class.

"I just felt like it. I liked it because it was fun," Watts said.

Confessing sins was once a struggle for others like Russell and Trina Harmes.

For years they didn't see themselves as sinners and didn't see a reason to confess to a priest. They thought confessing to God directly in prayer was sufficient.

Both were raised in Protestant homes but entered the Rite of

Christian Initiation for Adults as an engaged couple in 1998. Russell went once and Trina never completed her first confession.

“My sin was not something I dealt with ever,” Trina said.

In 2011 they were invited to a Penance Celebration held by the Neocatechumenal Way, a parish-based catechumenate.

“Confession was the last things on my mind,” Trina said. “But something stirred in me.”

She responded to a call encouraging the group to confess. She won’t

forget that day: March 1, 2012.

“The next morning, I felt like a new person,” she said. “That joy and love I had never experienced. I felt I could love every person on the face of the earth with no questions ask.”

Russell also confessed the same day.

“Prior to going to confession, I struggled with fear, doubt and shame.”

Afterward, he felt like a different person.

“Now I can lead my family in the way Christ has called me to. I know

he loves me, and I experienced that through confession,” Russell said.

Now the pair goes regularly and encourages everyone to do likewise.

“I have the concrete experience (of God’s forgiveness) now that no one can take away from me,” Trina said. “That’s what makes me a believer.”

From: <https://denvercatholic.org/penitents-experience-buoyancy-peace-first-confessions/>



The Retrouvaille Program is for Married Couples Facing Difficult Challenges in their Relationship

- A Marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship.
- A Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend.
- Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect.
- Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

Retrouvaille (Rediscovery): Help for a troubled or unhappy marriage?

Retrouvaille is designed to heal and renew troubled marriages.

For information and registration call 1-800-470- 2230 or www.retrouvaille.org



History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in military service for the United States.

In 2012, the New York Times reported that as many as 25 different places claimed to have begun Memorial Day. In 1966 President Lyndon Johnson officially declared Waterloo N.Y. as the birthplace of Memorial Day, where the village held an event on May 5th 1866. It is known that other informal observations took place before that, such as on May 1st 1865 (two weeks before the end of the Civil War), newly freed slaves in Charleston, South Carolina, held a ceremony reburial of fallen Union soldiers with a proper burial.

While there is some dispute as to the origin of the day, the first Decoration Day was observed on May 30th 1868, under proclamation by General John A. Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. The first official observation involved placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery with Pre-President James Garfield delivering a speech.

Some believe General Logan planned the first Decoration Day for May 30th, because both Northern and Southern states would have flowers in bloom by then, though others say the date was chosen because it didn't coincide with the anniversary of any battles.

In 1868, about 5,000 people decorated graves at Arlington National Cemetery's first Memorial Day ceremony. About the same number of people still gather there annually.

By 1890, it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honouring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honouring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honouring Americans who died fighting in any war).

Memorial Day was celebrated on May 30th up to 1971 when the National Holiday Act of 1971, designated the last Monday in May to be the Federal holiday.

<https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/usa/memorial-day>

Announcements

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Thursday, June 2nd is First Thursday. Anointing of the Sick will take place at 7:00 a.m. Mass.

ADORATION

Adoration and Confession will be held every Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. As usual, the First Friday Adoration will be suspended for the Summer.

SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of June 4th is Team 6, which consists of Cindy Robichaux, Bonnie Perrin, Melody Clark, Carol Pelegrin, Karen Guillot and Theresa Parfait.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The KCs will meet on Thursday, June 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Ruckert Room.

KC AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary will also meet on June 2nd. Recitation of the Rosary will begin at 6:30 followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Have you been coming to Mass for a while but are not Catholic?

You're invited to look deeper into the Catholic faith through the RCIA Program. Come meet some faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to get to know you. We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment where you can ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Catholic Church. These inquiry sessions will begin in September.

To pre-register call the parish office.



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, MAY 28

8:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased
4:00p.m. Carmen & Charles Austin
Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
Donald Comeaux
Alexis & Beverly Vicari
Malcolm & Timmy LeBlanc
Steve Tassin
Chimento & Lirette
Eunice & Clifford Vegan
Una Mae & Cecil Moorman

SUNDAY, MAY 29

7:30a.m. Bro. Dave Verrett, SDB
10:30a.m. Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois
Kevin Fitzhenry
Byron S. LeJeune
Rodney Isemann
Nelson Cantrelle, Jr.
Madeleine Behette
T-Van Falgout
Doris & Walter Treadaway
Martha Martinez
Agnes & Sydney Rotolo
Dee Clement
Pat Diez
All Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, MAY 30

7:00a.m. In Memory of all Veterans
Rosalie Gaspar
Godfrey E. Boudreaux, Sr.

TUESDAY, MAY 31

7:00a.m. Bro. Jerry Meegan, SDB

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

7:00a.m. Saladino & LeBlanc families
Landry, Terracina &
Vicknair families

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

7:00a.m. Steve & Tommy Blanchard

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

7:00a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

8:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased
4:00p.m. Carmen & Charles Austin
Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
Donald Comeaux
Alexis & Beverly Vicari
Malcolm & Timmy LeBlanc
Craig Pellegal
Hilton Lirette
Mallitta Davis
Avis & R.J. Burmaster
Josephine & Bert LeBlanc, Sr.
Claude & Verine Zeringue
Ethel & Henry Kraus
Wayne Oubre
Dwayne Guidry
Kenneth Ockman
Geraldine Landry
Rosalie Savona
Nevel & Jennie Mayeaux
Iris & Tibby Thibodeaux
Rodney Wilcox
Fr. Jon Parks, SDB
Raymond LeBlanc
Estanislao &
Maria Ana Gongora
Juan B. & Marcela
Rodriguez



In Our Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP
will burn in memory of
All Veterans

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP
will burn in memory of
Raymond Champagne

SACRED HEART'S LAMP
will burn for healing of
Jackie Morvant Bush

ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP
will burn in memory of
Byron S. LeJeune

ALTAR WINE
is given for healing of
Shannon Morvant Olivero

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE



Families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

MASS FOR HEALING:

O.J. Orgeron, Rosalie Oubre, Jackie Morvant Bush,
Shannon Morvant Olivero, Colleen Martin,
Gary Guidry, Marlene Hess, Sandra Daigle,
Julie Kirkland, Kim Robin

MASS FOR THE LIVING: Patrick Lofton, Anne,
William, Thomas and Marguerite Hart

SPECIAL MASSES: For conversion of all sinners.
Prayer for Peace in Ukraine
Parishioners ability to return to Ida damaged home.
For the Safety of Sr. Suellen Tennyson kidnapped in
Burkina Faso.

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Fr. George Hanna, SDB
Fr. Wilgintz Polynice, SDB
Parochial Vicars

Kevin Steel, Deacon

Mass Schedule: Vigil - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Adoration & Confessions: Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.