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	Weekday: Tues-Fri.....8:30am....St. James Weekend: Saturday.....5:00pm....St. James Sunday.....8:00am....Holy Family Sunday.....10:00am...St. James	St. James Saturday.....10:00am -10:45am Saturday.....4:00pm - 4:45pm Holy Family Sunday.....7:15am - 7:45am (or by appointment)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 23, 2018



A Message from Father David

The final installment of my three-part series on the Sacrament of Reconciliation deals this time with Penance. Penance is designed by the Church to “kick-start” an interior conversion of the heart toward God and away from our sinful inclination. Penance implies the intention to amend or change one’s life. External acts of penance may include fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

In the context of the confessional, a penance is given to the sinner by the priest, to try to achieve the aforementioned statement in the sinner’s life. The concept of “satisfaction” is the key to understanding why an act of Penance is given out in the Confession process. Please read the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph number 1459 and then 1460. These are superior paragraphs explaining precisely the “why” of giving or receiving a penance in the confessional is necessary.

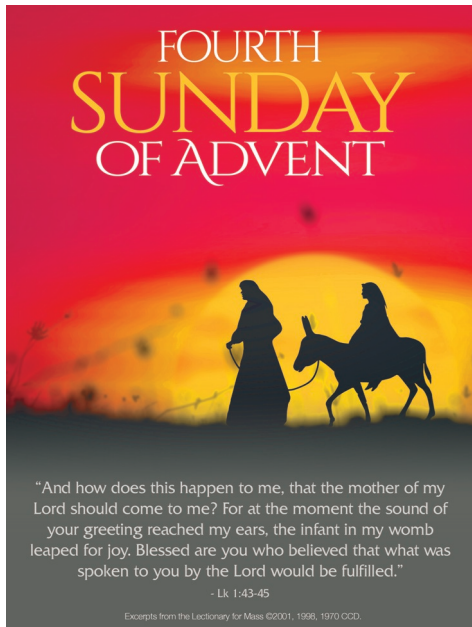
My typical penance given to a typical sinner is 5 Hail Marys ordered to a virtue (like patience or charity or purity) so that whatever their predominant fault (that is confessed to me) is satisfied or restored in some way by the grace and justice of prayer. Non-typical sinners get non-typical penances that have some practical purpose.

A long, long time ago I got in trouble with a knife. I was holding it and pointing it at someone, trying to be funny. Turns out it wasn’t funny and I was in big trouble. Actually, I told the principal in the school that my parents were sure “as I was standing there” going to kill me. Obviously I lived but had to do so without my knife. They took it away from me and were not going to give it back until I was ready. I didn’t know what that meant and I didn’t care, I never wanted to see that knife ever again. About a year later I was surprised by my Dad and reunited with that little 2 inch pocketknife made by Barlow. I had some joy then but I was different. Older, wiser, more disciplined as my parents had determined - “ready”.

We shouldn’t take lightly the power or importance of a penance. We shouldn’t just do that simple penance or prayer ascribed to us after our confession and forget it. Best practice might mean that we do it every day until our next Confession to carry that notion of making amends, reparation, conversion, satisfaction for sin in all the days following one’s Confession. Obviously, the Church doesn’t call for this officially, but having this sense of being in need of His Mercy is a profound one. Lived out daily – life changing.

You know, I have a hard time carrying a knife in my pocket, to this day. In a way I’m still living out the Penance served by Mom and Dad; I have been changed forever by this sin of childhood and its wake. Do you feel something similar? What do you carry within you? When are you going to let it go? When will you come to Confession?
God bless and have a good week everyone!

Fr. David



Readings **Week** of the ©LPI

December 23, 2018

- Sun: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-18 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
 - Mon: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
 - Tues: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
 - Wed: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
 - Thurs: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 - Fri: 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
 - Sat: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
 - Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
- Next Sunday The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
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Mass Intentions

Monday, December 24

- 4:00 pm Michael E. Leuthner (SJ)
- 6:00 pm Ronald Miller (HF)
- 12:00 Midnight Ray Johnson (SJ)

Tuesday, December 25—Christmas

- 9:00 am Julie Erickson (SJ)
- 10:00 am Bill Aniers (OL)

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- www.parishesonline.com
- www.aitkincatholic.org (SJ)
- www.mcgregoratholicchurch.org (HF)



Event Calendar

Sunday, December 23

- After 8:00 am Mass Fellowship & Treats (HF)
- After 10:00 am Mass Coffee and Treats (OL)

Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 25—Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 26 Office Closed

Thursday, December 27—*Early deadline for Jan.6 Bulletin*

- 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Adoration (SJ)
- 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Holy Hour (HF)
- 5:30 pm Legion of Mary (SJ)

Litururgical Ministers ©LPI

Monday, December 24 at 4:00 pm (SJ)

- Music..... Full Choir
- Greeters CAGE Youth
- Sacristan Deacon Mike Eisenbraun
- Servers Ella and Landon Janzen
- Lector CAGE Youth
- EOMs..... (MOB) Irmgard Boyer, Julie Carlson
- (MOC) Chris McCusker, Dolores Wickham, Tim and Kathy Ryan
- Ushers Gary Tibbitts, Scott Sherman, John Pierson, volunteer

Monday, December 24 at 6:00 pm (HF)

.....Please see the green binder in narthex.

Monday, December 24 at 12:00 Midnight (SJ)

- Music..... Full Choir
- Greeters Volunteer
- Sacristan.....Carroll Janzen
- ServersJerome Joerger, Sam LaLond
- LectorHugh Janzen
- EOMs..... (MOC) Tom Provost, Tim Anderson
- Ushers Josh Joerger, Mark Greninger
-Mark Ritter, Duane Gross

Tuesday, December 25 at 9:00 am (SJ)

- Music..... Full Choir
- Greeters Roger and Lucy Stippel
- Sacristan..... Terry Stein
- ServersLandon and Noah Janzen
- Lector Cynthia Lent
- EOMs..... (MOB) Terry Stein, Frank Zappa
-(MOC) Bernie Novak, Larry Johnson
-Gloria Paulbeck, Bonnie O'Neil
- UshersKirk Peysar, Chad Larson, Jeremy Janzen, Don Lent

Tuesday, December 25 at 10:00 am (OL)

.....Volunteers needed

(HF)-Holy Family • (SJ)-Saint James • (OL) Our Lady of Fatima