

Dear Padre,

How does a priest keep the confession of a grievous sin by someone he knows from affecting their personal relationship?

One of a priest's most sacred responsibilities is the confidentiality of the confessional. This confidentiality encompasses everyone—even the priest and penitent outside the confessional. A priest is not allowed to discuss the confessed sin with the person outside the confessional unless permission is granted for further counseling.

The confessor is also forbidden to use any knowledge gained through the sacrament of reconciliation to restrict the penitent. For instance, if a pastor's bookkeeper confessed he was embezzling money, the pastor could not use the knowledge acquired in the confessional to fire the person.

Priests generally try to forget the specific sins parishioners confess to us, and it really isn't that difficult. Contrary to what many think, a parishioner's sins do not rush into my mind when I speak to him or her.

We have all sinned, done things we are ashamed of, things we wouldn't want anyone to know about, things we wouldn't want others to define us by. This knowledge and the grace of the sacrament help us look past the mistakes of others and recognize Christ within them.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Reconciliation itself is a benefit that the wisdom of the Church has always safeguarded with all her moral and legal might, with the sacramental seal....It is indispensable for the sanctity of the sacrament and for the freedom of conscience of the penitent...that the sacramental conversation will remain within the secrecy of the confessional.

ADDRESS TO APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 29, 2019

Calendar

Monday

MAY 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11-15

Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday

MAY 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34

Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

MAY 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1

Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

MAY 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:1-8

Jn 16:16-20

Friday

MAY 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Jn 15:9-17

Saturday

MAY 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23-28

Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday

MAY 16

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Eph 1:17-23

or Eph 4:1-13

or 4:1-7, 11-13

Mk 16:15-20

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 9, 2021



St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

May 8th Sat 5 pm Int donor

May 9th Sun 9 am All mothers

May 9th 6pm Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both before Mass and by Appointment

Mon 8am All mothers

Wednesday 6pm All mothers

Thurs 8am All mothers

Fri 8am All mothers

May 15th Sat 5 pm All mothers

May 16th Sun 9 am Parish

May 19th 6pm Int donor

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.

Sun 7:30 am all mothers

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

God's Call

The story about Cornelius shows that God's call is not restricted by our likes and dislikes. Cornelius was a Roman, a citizen of the nation that was occupying Israel. More than that, he served in a military that exercised harsh control over the inhabitants of the land. A man like this would not have been loved by the Jews of the day. However, Cornelius recognized Peter as a representative of God, and his fundamental faith opened him to the gift of the Holy Spirit. All those who were listening to Peter's words were then baptized. They were then one with the community of believers.

Faith, baptism, and incorporation into the community of believers are offered to Jew and Roman alike. They are offered today to those who are members of our own religious, racial, or ethnic groups and those who are not; those who are socially or politically vulnerable, and those with power. The issue is not who does God favor, but who favors God.

The Gospel story reinforces this point. It insists that God's love for us is the foundation of everything. We are told: "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). God's love is all-inclusive. So should our love be all-inclusive. If God's love is for all, it follows that we are all favored by God—all chosen and cared for by him. This includes even those who might be our political adversaries, or who might exercise exacting authority over us, or who cherish different religious ideas. Imitating God's love requires that we will goodness to others—even those with whom we disagree or who have caused us harm.

[Jesus said,] "Love one another as I love you. No one has greater

love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." JOHN 15:12–13

For Reflection

★ *Pray that you might be able to accept the goodness of people with whom you disagree socially, politically, even religiously.*

★ *You belong to a believing community. Think of how this has strengthened your faith.*

WITH PRAYERS

FR. DAVID

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: 52, Identifiable \$ 2,626; loose: \$176.00; **Total: \$2,802.00;**

Children: \$10.77; Ach: \$ 5.00

OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable \$600.00; loose: \$80; Total: \$. 680.00

Mother's day Masses: Boots Moran in honor of Betty Pierce, Ruth Dozonnia and Josephine Pierce. Sandra Ammons in honor of Phyllis Ammons. Lenell & WC King in honor of Lee Delia Ladner and Geneva King. Emma Ladner in honor of Etta Dubuisson. Susan Peleaz in honor of Florence Favre. In honor of Mytis Deshamp. In honor of Edna V. Moran. Daniel Squillante in honor of Kathy Squillante and Eleanor Squillante. Garland, Gayle, Glinda, Sherry & Perry, Barbara in honor of Edna V. Moran and Glinda Gartman. Doris Snowden in honor of Myris Deshamp, Vianne Dearman, Barbara Saucier, Doris Snowden, Susie Erkkart, Julie Weldon and Gayle Cochran. Northrop in honor of Northrop's mothers. Kendra in honor of Lenell king.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat May 8 th 5pm	Mike West		
Sun May 9 th OLC 7:30am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun May 9 th 9am	Kim wood		
Sun May 9 th 6pm	Mathew Marchand		
Sat May 15 th 5pm	Mike West		
Sun May 16 th OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun May 16 th 9am	Eddie Duran		
Sun May 16 th 6pm	Patricia Garrett		

Congratulations to Audrey Grace Allen and Bailey Peleaz on the occasion of their First Communion, May 2nd. Thanks to the teachers for preparing the children and thanks to the Altar Society for arranging the reception.

Thank you. To the 2021 Confirmation Class for the lovely reversible Altar Cloth for Easter (white) and Palm Sunday (red.) The Altar Society has purchased another reversible Altar Cloth, green for Ordinary Times and purple for Lent. Thank you for such a great idea!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE

Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive preparation for marriage. One's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

House Blessing: During the Easter Season Father would like to visit your home and bless your home with Holy Water. Please call the office to set it up. 228-832-2560 or 228-346-3578 (Father's cell phone)

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Dube) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaie, John &, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner and Matt Dubission; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Cuevas Emmie Tubbs, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran, Robin Shamplo.