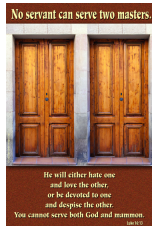


SEPTEMBER 17 & 18, 2022
TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PRIORITIES

Make a choice. God or money, material things, earthly pleasure. This is what Jesus asks us to do in today's Gospel. The Pharisees and Scribes, and many people, want it both ways. God and wealth. But Jesus knows that *"no servant can serve two masters."* It is not that wealth is inherently bad, but the pursuit of it to the exclusion of what is good and righteous is. Our faith is meant to guide and shape the way we live. If we are followers of Jesus Christ, we will treat others, especially the poor and vulnerable, fairly and justly. We will live with devotion to God and let our lives speak the truth of God's love for all. We will put first things first, or more precisely, put God and God's ways first, assured that when we do, everything else will fall into place.



Why do I need the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance?

The Sacrament of Penance must be seen within the context of conversion from sin and a turn to God. Peter wept bitterly over his triple denial of Christ but received the grace of conversion and expressed it with a three-fold confession of love for Jesus (cf. Lk 22:54-62; Jn 21:15-19). Paul was converted from persecuting Christians to becoming one of the greatest disciples of Christ who ever lived (cf. Acts 9:1-31). These moments of conversion were only the beginning of their lifelong commitment to living in fidelity to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sin harms our relationship with God and damages our communion with the Church. Conversion of heart is the beginning of our journey back to God. Liturgically this happens in the Sacrament of Penance. In the history of the Church, this Sacrament has been celebrated in different ways. Beneath the changes, there have always been two essentials: the acts of the penitent and the acts of Christ through the ministry of the Church. Both go hand in hand. Conversion must involve a change of heart as well as a change of actions. Neither is possible without God's grace.

The Sacrament of Penance reconciles us with God. *"The whole power of the Sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship"* (CCC, no. 1468).

This Sacrament also reconciles us with the Church. Sin should never be understood as a private or personal matter, because it harms our relationship with others and may even break our loving communion with the Church. The Sacrament of Penance repairs this break and has a renewing effect on the vitality of the Church itself.

In this Sacrament, the penitent receives the merciful judgment of God and is engaged on the journey of conversion that leads to future life with God. The Church also recommends that a person go regularly to confession, even if

only for venial sins. This is because *"the regular confession of our venial sins helps us form our consciences, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit"* (CCC, no. 1458).

The Sacrament of Penance is an experience of the gift of God's boundless mercy. Not only does it free us from our sins but it also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. We are liberated to be forgivers. We obtain new insight into the words of the Prayer of St. Francis: *"It is in pardoning that we are pardoned."*

By the help of God's grace, our call to holiness will be clearer when we recover an awareness of the reality of sin and evil in the world and in our own souls. Scripture will be enormously helpful in this since it reveals sin and evil clearly and fearlessly. Scriptural realism does not hesitate to pronounce judgment on the good and evil that affects our lives. The New Testament is filled with calls to conversion and repentance, which need to be heard in our culture today.

In our churches, we behold Jesus nailed to the Cross, an image that reminds us of his painful sacrifice to bring about the forgiveness of all our sins and guilt. If there were no sin, Jesus would not have suffered for our redemption. Each time we see the crucifix, we can reflect on the infinite mercy of God, who saves us through the reconciling act of Jesus.

Despite society's efforts to downplay the reality of sin, there is an instinctive recognition of its existence. Children generally know, even when not told, when they have done something morally wrong. Adults readily admit the evil of terrorism, unjust war, lies, unfair treatment of people, and similar matters. Society as a whole must also learn to admit the evil of abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and obtaining stem cells from embryos, which results in the death of embryonic human life. Denying evil corrupts us spiritually and psychologically. Rationalizing our own evil is even more destructive.

Jesus laid the foundation for the Sacrament of Penance during his ministry and confirmed it after his Resurrection. When Peter asked the number of times a person should forgive, Jesus told him that there should be no limit to forgiving. Jesus forgave Peter his triple denial, showed mercy to the woman taken in adultery, forgave the thief on the cross, and continually witnessed the mercy of God.

Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the Church. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us, so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. In confession, we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in his presence and honestly acknowledge our sins, especially mortal sins. With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church. The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God. *"In him we live and move and have our being"* (Acts 17:28). *While all the Sacraments bring us an experience of the mercy that comes from Christ's dying and rising, it is the Sacrament of Reconciliation that is the unique Sacrament of mercy.*

**JUST A REMINDER THAT WE HAVE
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY AT 4PM OR BY APPOINTMENT.**

ATTENTION

THERE WILL BE
NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST.
FATHER PACHECO WILL BE ATTENDING THE DEANERY MEETING.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE HAVING A TRI-TIP ROAST SALE

BBQ/OPEN FLAME OR SMOKE/BARREL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST FROM 12PM - 4PM

PRICE: \$35 EACH

PRESALE ORDERS ONLY.

DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2022.

TO PLACE ORDERS OR FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 707-964-0229, SEND AN EMAIL TO olgcnfb@gmail.com, OR CALL ONE OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AT 707-480-4614 OR 707-489-3028.



Looking for a Website Manager

We are looking for someone to help us with website management for our OLGC website. 3-4 hours per month. For more information, please contact Kathleen Kasperson at 707-513-5672.



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE. ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH.

FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

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MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 17 - 23, 2022

Saturday (17)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Loretta McNair (healing)
	6:30pm	Mauricio Escobedo † Joaquín Sánchez † Otilio Espinoza † José María Jara † Alexis Osorio † Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (18)	8:00am	Christine Sills †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (19)	----	NO MASS
Tuesday (20)	12:05pm	José María Jara †
Wednesday (21)	12:05pm	NO MASS
Thursday (22)	12:05pm	Nery Sel †
Friday (23)	12:05pm	Jena Baron †

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Dulce María Osorio, Sandra Buenrostro, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 2022...\$2,559.00
MAINTENANCE FUND...\$665.00

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:
DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS
NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:
ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL (AMA)

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!



ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law
upon love of you and of our neighbor,
grant that, by keeping your precepts,
we may merit to attain eternal life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Eucharistic



Adoration

EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:30AM WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND
BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY
MASS AT 12:05PM.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34,
35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;
Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;
Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16;
Lk 16:19-31