

Mass Intentions

Saturday	March 17, 2018
5:00 P.M.	Barbara Bryant – RIP
Sunday	March 18, 2018
8:00 A.M.	Mazi Brossard - RIP
9:30 A.M.	Lisa Caballero – RIP, 3 rd Anniversary Polly Meckel – RIP, 1 st Anniversary
11:00 A.M.	Intentions of the Parishioners
11:30 A.M.	Colleen Turner – RIP
Monday	March 19, 2018
8:00 A.M.	Irma and Rafael Villarreal – RIP Joseph Alfred Ellison – RIP
Tuesday	March 20, 2018
8:00 A.M.	Pam Turner – Birthday Blessings
Wednesday	March 21, 2018
8:00 A.M.	Avelino and Carmen Cunanan – RIP
Thursday	March 22, 2018
8:00 AM	Terri Garcia – Birthday Blessings
Friday	March 23, 2018
8:00 A.M.	Salud and Eusebio Cambare – RIP

How do Penance and Mortification Differ?

This is a very interesting question. The exterior action (fasting, for example, or taking a cold shower on a cold morning) can be exactly the same, but depending on the reason why I am doing the action (my intention), the spiritual nature of the act can be either mortification or penance.

The intentionality of an act of mortification is to “punish [i.e., discipline] my body [i.e., self-seeking tendencies] and bring it under control, to avoid any risk that, having acted as herald for others, I myself may be disqualified” (1 Corinthians 9:27). I freely deny the satisfaction of a normal and healthy desire in order to grow in my spiritual maturity, to learn to govern the self-seeking tendencies built into my fallen nature. For example, I purposefully mortify my perfectly legitimate desire for dessert on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent, so that I am better able to control an illegitimate desire to get drunk whenever that desire happens to surface. Mortification is spiritual training, tempering of the willpower in order to be able to better govern our passions and instincts, starving the bad plants in the garden (vices and selfish tendencies) so the good plants (virtues) can flourish.

The intentionality of an act of penance is to “make up in my own body what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ” (Colossians 1:24). I am doing penance for sin, making up for an evil, destructive deed, just as Christ did by dying on the cross. He offered his obedience as “payment” (or atonement) for our disobedience. This is how he repaired (made “reparation” for) the breach between God and man created by original sin. He sacrificed himself (made himself into an offering to God) on our behalf. Penance, therefore, is done as a way to tell God we are sorry for our sins, or for the sins of others, and to make up for them. Give more than the gifts. A good dad would do something similar if his son broke a neighbor’s window by throwing a rock; he would make up for it himself if his son refused to do so. When we do penance, we are repairing for

sin, reversing the self-indulgent act of sin by replacing it with a self-giving act of mortification.

Since the distinction between mortification and penance is in the spiritual intention, not the physical action, the same physical action can serve simultaneously as both an act of mortification and of penance. We can do one action with multiple intentions. So don’t worry too much about whether your Lenten sacrifice is for mortification or for penance – make it for both!

¿Qué es la diferencia?

Esta es una pregunta muy interesante. La acción exterior (ayuno, por ejemplo, o bañarse con agua fría en una mañana fría) puede ser exactamente lo mismo, pero dependiendo de las razones del porque estoy haciendo esa acción (mi intención), la naturaleza espiritual de la acción puede ser ya sea mortificación o penitencia. La intención de un acto de mortificación es para “castigar {por ejemplo, disciplinar} mi cuerpo (como por ejemplo, tendencias de buscarse a uno mismo) y ponerlo bajo control, para evitar algún riesgo que, habiendo actuado como heraldo para otros, yo mismo pueda ser descalificado” (1era de Corintios 9:27). Yo libremente me niego la satisfacción de un deseo normal y saludable para poder crecer en madurez espiritual, para aprender a gobernar las tendencias de agradarme a mí mismo debido a mi naturaleza caída. Por ejemplo, yo a propósito mortifico mi deseo en no comer un postre los miércoles y los viernes durante la Cuaresma, para ser mejor en controlar un deseo ilegítimo de emborracharme cuando siento ese deseo sale a la superficie. La mortificación es un entrenamiento espiritual templando la auto voluntad para poder ser capaz de mejor gobernar nuestras pasiones e instintos, haciendo que las plantas en el jardín se mueran (los vicios y las tendencias egoístas), para que las buenas plantas (las virtudes) puedan florecer.

La intención de un acto de penitencia es “hacer que mi cuerpo sufra lo que le falta a Cristo de sufrir” (Colosenses 1:24). Yo hago penitencia por los pecados, reparando una obra mala y destructiva, justamente como Cristo lo hizo al morir en la cruz. Él ofreció su obediencia como “pago: (o castigo) por nuestra desobediencia. Es así como el reparo (hizo “reparación”) entre la brecha que hay entre Dios y el hombre creado por el pecado original. Él se sacrificó (se hizo una ofrenda para Dios) por nuestra causa. La penitencia, por lo tanto, se hace como una manera de decirle a Dios que estamos arrepentidos de nuestros pecados, o por los pecados de los demás, y que queremos repararlos. Dar más que los dones. Un buen padre haría algo similar si su hijo quiebra la ventana de un vecino al arrojar una piedra; él repararía en lugar de su hijo si es que su hijo se negara a hacerlo el mismo. Cuando hacemos penitencia, estamos haciendo reparación por el pecado, haciendo lo contrario de lo que es un acto de auto indulgencia del pecado y lo reemplazamos con el acto de la mortificación propia. Puesto que la distinción entre la mortificación y la penitencia está en la intención espiritual, no en la acción física, la misma acción física puede servir simultáneamente tanto como un acto de mortificación y de penitencia. Podemos hacer una acción con múltiples intenciones. Por lo tanto, no se preocupen mucho acerca de si el sacrificio de la Cuaresma es de mortificación o de penitencia-háganlo por las dos cosas.



Dulce Manning, Cellie Arroyo, Dora Lopez, Rosie Arivzu, Johnny Martin, Sean McGinny. Michael Norris, Heidi Pazinske, Jill Anderson, James Ruiz, Rolfe Scofield, Bob Franklin, Colleen Wilson, Sherry Schollenberger, Gail Mulford, Richard Brazil, Cindy, Judith Withers Paquin, Stella Hnatiuk, Magie and Carol Reed, Ed Reed, Frank Guinto, Mark Norris, Lenet Inglett, Joe Carey, Cheryl Bryant, Mary Jo Reed, Jesus Ayala, Beverly Lugo, Blaze Anthony, Georgiana Viveros, Aswut Toscano, Virgil Yazzie, John David Admire, Emily Mazzetti, Kathleen and John Admire. **Also, please remember those who have died: Colleen Turner, Herminio Gestelum, Mario Garcia, Ramona Pelayo, Michael Raney, Michael Pavlovich, Mayela Muñoz, Julia Cruz, Claire Kiempisty, Marcellus Lopez, and James Brittan**

Do you know anyone who would like to be listed for prayer? Please Call the Office at 760-742-3317 or Mike Kerrigan at 951-805-3872

Around the Mission – March

Baptism – Theodore Francis Klimas, Michael John Nejo and Faith Sage Griffith

Funeral – Nikki Freeman – Rosary, Friday, March 16, 2018, 7:00PM, Pala Chapel; Mass, Saturday, March 17, 2018, 10:00AM, Pala; Interment following.

Colleen Turner – Rosary, 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 6, 2018, Rincon; Mass, 10:00AM, Wednesday, March 7, 2018, Rincon

Wedding Anniversary: Socorro and Juan Muñoz Shirley and John Weinberger – 63rd Anniversary

What does the Catechism say about...

Who is the minister of this sacrament (Reconciliation)?

Christ has entrusted the ministry of Reconciliation to his apostles, to the bishops who are their successors and to the priests who are the collaborators of the bishops, all of whom become thereby instruments of the mercy and justice of God. They exercise their power of forgiving sins *in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

308. To whom is the absolution of some sins reserved?

The absolution of certain particularly grave sins (like those punished by excommunication) is reserved to the Apostolic See or to the local bishop or to priests who are authorized by them. Any priest, however, can absolve a person who is in danger of death from any sin and excommunication.

Is a confessor bound to secrecy?

Given the delicacy and greatness of this ministry and the respect due to people every confessor, without any exception and under very severe penalties, is bound to maintain "the sacramental seal" which means absolute secrecy about the sins revealed to him in confession.

(Mission Penance Service)

Mark your calendars. Our Lenten Penance Service will be held March 23 at 7:00PM In the San Juan Diego Center. Please come and support this event and fulfill your yearly obligation. Thank you!

If I have any worth, it is to live my life for God so as to teach these peoples; even though some of them still look down on me. – Saint Patrick (March 17)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Mark your calendars for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent **at 7:00pm** in the **San Juan Diego Center.**

Stations of the Cross are scheduled in Rincon on Wednesdays at 6:00pm.

Everyone is invited to participate as we pray and remember Jesus' suffering, and associate His suffering with our lives today.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed!

There is a desperate need for Eucharistic Ministers of the Eucharist at the 11:30AM Mass on Sundays. As it is said, 'Many hands make light work!' There are a few devoted ministers who do the readings and Eucharistic Ministry every Sunday. They are greatly appreciated! But, we need more helpers to give these loyal ministers a break. Please give this mayday some thought. It is not time consuming and it is a grace to serve at the altar. You can get more information from Pat Campbell at 760-728-1716 or speak with Elsa at 760-742-3317.

YOUTH GROUP – MARCH

Friday, March 16 – Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM, SJDC

Sunday, March 19 – Youth Gathering, 9:15AM-10:45AM

Friday, March 23 – Mandatory Lenten Penance Service, 7:00PM, SJDC

Sunday, March 25 – Classes, 9:15AM to 10:45AM

Thursday, March 29 – Holy Thursday, Obligatory Mass attendance

Friday, March 30 – Good Friday

Saturday, March 31 – Easter Vigil Mass in the Center at 6:30PM

GRUPO DE JÓVENES - MARZO

El viernes 16 de marzo, vía crucis, 7:00, SJDC

El domingo, 19 de marzo – Junta de jóvenes, 9:15-10:45AM

El viernes, 23 de marzo – Servicio de Penitencia Cuaresmal obligatorio, 7:00PM, SJDC

El domingo, 25 de marzo – clases, 9:15AM a 10:45AM

El jueves, 29 de marzo, Jueves Santo, asistencia a Misa obligatoria

El viernes, 30 de marzo – Viernes Santo

El sábado, 31 de marzo-Misa de la vigilia de Pascua en el centro a las 6:30PM

CCD Corner

March 25 – A reminder for all parents" There will be no class on Sunday, April 1, which is Easter. Please be sure to attend mass with your children and have a blessed Easter.

Second Collection today for Annual Lenten Collection