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As we near the end of our Lenten Journey all of us should take some time to go to Confession. Lent is a season of Penance wherein we should receive the Sacrament of Penance.

Confession is the sacrament that Our Lord gave the Apostles and the Church when He said to the Apostles, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Jesus wants us to have our sins wiped away by approaching the priests. If priests could read souls, as Our Lord could, we would not need to confess our sins, but priests ordinarily cannot read souls. Therefore, we confess our sins to the priests.

To know that one's sins are forgiven gives a tremendous peace and joy! How many psychiatrists have wished they could tell individuals, "I absolve you from your sins"! Psychologically it is good for us as human beings to tell another our sins. How many people can never ever keep offenses to themselves? It is virtually impossible. Why not go to the priest who you know can never speak about you and your sins to anybody.

In addition, the priest has received the sacrament of Holy Orders. In Confession, Our Lord works and speaks through the priest for the good of the penitent. The priest is called to be another Christ, who never got upset with a penitent sinner.

Finally, Our Lord often greeted the Apostles after the Resurrection with 'Peace be with you.' Confession is one incredible way Our Lord grants us peace. He removes what disrupts our soul; what disrupts our relationship with Him: sin. What tremendous peace we receive when we go before Jesus humbly in confession to ask for His mercy!

Please consider taking advantage of this tremendous sacrament that not only wipes away sins, but gives grace for one to avoid sin in the future. There are extra confession times listed in the bulletin.

God Bless, Father Bob