

FATHER BEIRNE WILL HEAR CONFESSIONS

ON APRIL 14, PALM SUNDAY

Why Is Confession Necessary?

Non-Catholics, and even many Catholics, often ask whether they can confess their sins directly to God and whether God can forgive them without going through a priest. On the most basic level, of course, the answer is yes, and Catholics should make frequent acts of contrition, which are prayers in which we tell God that we are sorry for our sins and ask for His forgiveness.

But the question misses the point of the Sacrament of Confession. The sacrament, by its very nature, confers graces that help us to live a Christian life, which is why the Church requires us to receive it at least once per year. Moreover, it was instituted by Christ as the proper form for the forgiveness of our sins. Therefore, we should not only be willing to receive the sacrament but should embrace it as a gift from a loving God.

What Is Required?

Three things are required of a penitent in order to receive the sacrament worthily:

1. He must be **contrite**—or, in other words, sorry for his sins.
2. He must **confess** those sins fully, in kind and in number.
3. He must be willing to **do penance** and **make amends** for his sins.

How Often Should You Go to Confession?

While Catholics are only required to go to Confession when they are aware that they have committed a mortal sin, the Church urges the faithful to take advantage of the sacrament often. The Church strongly recommends that, in preparation for fulfilling our Easter Duty to receive Communion, we go to Confession even if we are aware of venial sin only. The Church especially urges the faithful to receive the Sacrament of Confession frequently during Lent, to help them in their spiritual preparation for Easter.

Fr. Gerald Beirne will be available for Confession on Sunday April 14th, Palm Sunday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. This is the only time during the year a visiting priest is available for Confession in our parish. A time for us to confess our sins.



Faith
AND
GOOD
WORKS

MAKE A DONATION

2019 Catholic Charity Appeal

As many as 77 parishioners who have not yet made a donation will receive by mail this coming week a letter requesting to make a donation to Catholic Charity Appeal.

GRATEFUL FOR GOD'S PROVIDENCE

We are trying hard to make our goal of \$87,495 toward the \$55 million of the diocesan campaign.

FORTY DAYS OF LENT

Fr. Beirne will be available for confession on Palm Sunday but so is your pastor any time, any day.

OUR 'LENT STONE'

Touch your stone and pray: My heart is hard."

RICE BOWL Return it to Church on Palm Sunday.

TWO NEW COMMITTEES

We would like to establish two committees to make decisions concerning the administration of the Scholarship Fund and another the Outreach Fund. Can you help? Sign-up on sheet in the hallway.

GOOD USED CLOTHING

Clothing collection after each Mass on Sunday April, 7th.

NEXT WEEK: 4-6/7

BAKING

Sat. Diane Drake, J. Pintauro

Sun. Meg Adams, Caitlin Blake

FAMILY INTENTIONS

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COLLECTION \$1,730.00

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