

Third Sunday of Easter

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday May 4th 4:00 PM

Mickey Paduda, John Underwood, Nathan and Carol Bush, Sheanie C. Mitchell, Welfare of Marvin and Marty Paige, Welfare of Vita Saltaformaggio, Irma Lee Callender, Lou Ann Mayfield

Sunday April 5th 8:30 AM

Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Sheanie C. Mitchell, Irma Lee Callender, Lou Ann Mayfield, Michael Taylor, Ethan and Miriam Allen

Monday 10:30 AM

Annunciation Catholic Church Parishioners

Tuesday May 7th 8:00 AM

Sheanie C. Mitchell

Wednesday May 8th 8:00 AM

Lou Ann Mayfield

Thursday May 9th 8:00 AM

Irma Lee Callender

Friday May 10th 8:00 AM

Sheanie C. Mitchell

Saturday May 11th 4:00 PM

Mickey Paduda, John Underwood, Nathan and Carol Bush, Sheanie Mitchell, Welfare of Marty Paige, Irma Lee Callender, Michael Taylor, Welfare of Rita Anderson

Sunday May 12th 8:30 AM

Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Margaret Bush, Sheanie Mitchell, Irma Lee Callender, Lou Ann Mayfield, Michael Taylor

Last Week's Collection

April 20, 2019 - April 21, 2019

Loose-Checks and Cash

\$1,846.00

Envelopes

\$2,033.00

Total:

\$3,879.00

Funds needed to operate:

\$6,299.00

Amount under weekly budget:

\$2,420.00

Catholic Home Mission Appeal:

\$613.00

Thank you!

2nd Collection Next Week:

Priest Retirement Fund

If Confession is necessary for the forgiveness of mortal sins, what happens to Protestants who lack it?

It is often said that the Church teaches that mortal sin can only be forgiven in the context of sacramental confession. While that statement may work for Sunday school, it is a bit of a simplification. The Catechism states that Confession is the "normal" way this is accomplished. It says: "Mortal sin necessitates a new initiative of God's mercy and a conversion of heart which is normally accomplished within the setting of the sacrament of reconciliation." [CCC 1856]

There is also an extraordinary way for mortal sin to be forgiven – and this is relevant to the case of Protestants and also those who

cannot make it to Confession at a critical time. This way is called "Perfect Contrition." The Catechism has the following to say about it: "When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called 'perfect.' Such contrition obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible." [CCC 1452]

So a man will be saved if he repents with perfect contrition and intends to go to Confession. But Protestants don't intend to go to Confession. So now what? Well, God judges us in accord with what we know. If a man is genuinely ignorant of his need to go to Confession, God does not expect it of him. This means Protestants who make an act of perfect contrition will be forgiven, despite having no conscious intention to receive the sacrament. But before one is tempted to think this places them in a better situation (Yay, no need for Confession!), consider the greater certainty and more plenteous graces one receives when hearing the priest's words of absolution. This is reason Christ gave us this sacrament in the first place.

The bottom line is this: Come to Confession. It's your Easter duty!

God Bless you!

– Fr. Bru

Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns
In memory of:

Casey Lewis

