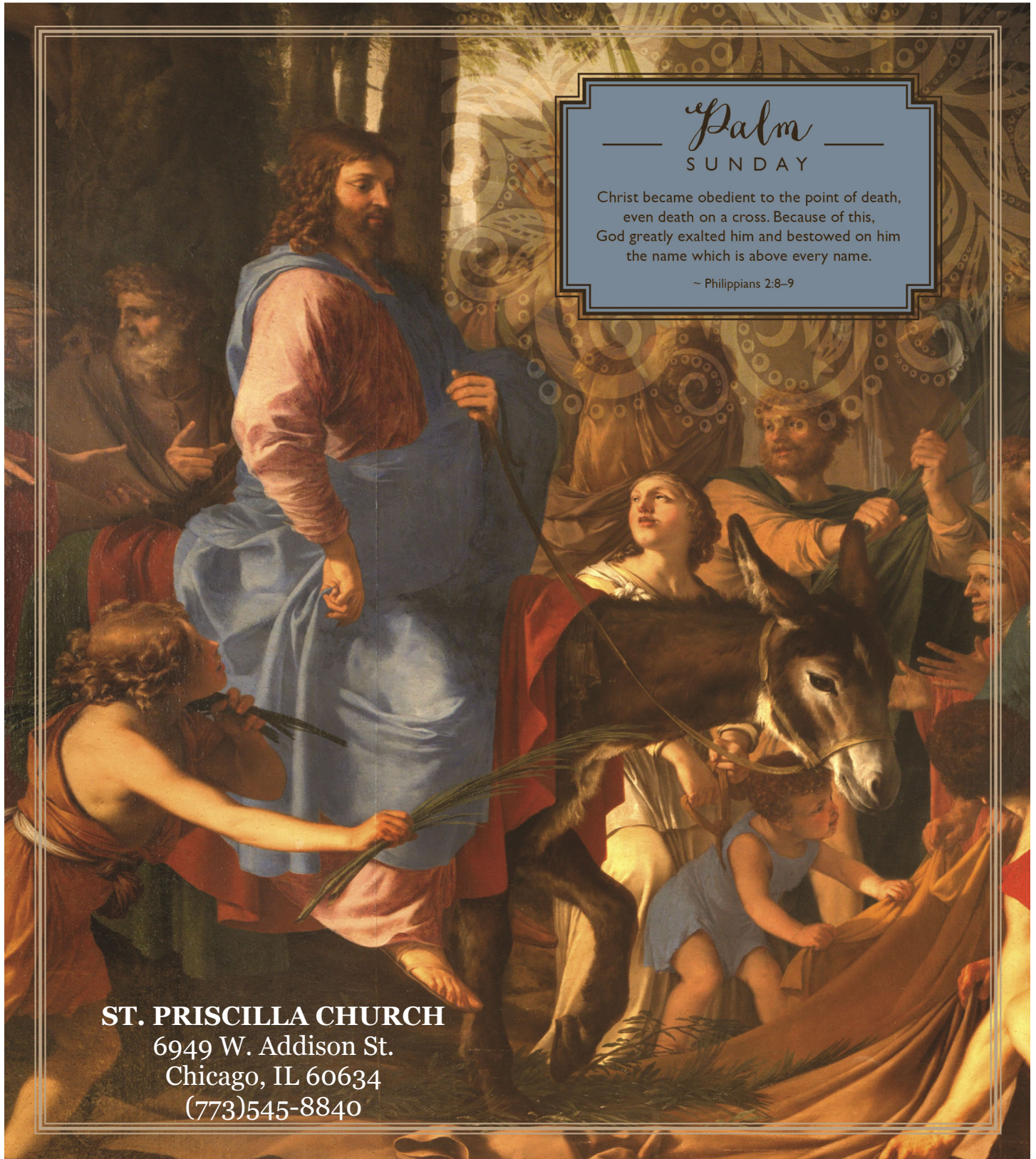


MARCH 29, 2015



Palm
SUNDAY

Christ became obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross. Because of this,
God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him
the name which is above every name.

~ Philippians 2:8-9

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Reflecting on God's Word

Someone once told me that people come to church on Palm Sunday because they get something. But I like to think that palm says something they recognize as true.

“He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness,” writes Paul, quoting the words of an early Christian hymn. “He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross,” follow soon after (Philippians 2:7, 8). Emptying and humbling are the two key words embracing the trajectory of the life of Jesus Christ, the Son of God: from incarnation to passion and death.

He poured himself out for us and for our salvation, certainly suffering physically—from the beating, the scourging, the crowning with thorns, being struck with a reed, spat upon, prodded, pushed, and stumbling up the hill to Golgotha. Then he was stretched out on a crossbeam, nailed to it, and lifted up, his body suspended between heaven and earth. Finally, he suffocated, unable to raise himself to take in more air.

There was also the inner suffering of abandonment, of seeing his disciples run off, of realizing that all those who had cried “Hosanna” a few days earlier had either been silent or had cried out, “Crucify him.” Only the women had remained with him.

Today, when we take home a piece of palm, it invites us to prepare to renew our baptismal promises on Easter. Then we can add our voices to that solitary voice almost two millennia ago, saying, “Truly, this is the Son of God!” (Mark 15:39).

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

Living God's Word

Loving God, lift up our hearts to give you thanks and praise for all you have done for us through the saving death of your Son. We sing out in our day, “Blessed is he who continues to come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.”

„OTO WSTĘPUJEMY DO JERUZALEM...”

Uroczysty wjazd do Jerozolimy, o którym mówią dzisiejsze czytania mszalne, na kilka dni przed Jego bolesną męką i śmiercią, to nic innego, jak tylko manifestacja Jego woli zbawienia całego świata. Jezus objawia światu, że jest obiecany Mesjaszem, wyczekiwany Królem Izraela i utęsknionym prorokiem. Tak ten Jego wjazd odczytały rzesze żydowskie, które jeszcze były świadkami wskrzeszenia Łazarza i objawienia się boskiej mocy Jezusa. Tak też i my to odczytujemy.

Ciekawy to król. Dobrowolnie i świadomie wjeżdża do tego miasta, które za kilka dni Go ukrzyżuje i co gorsze, umieści jakby na ironię losu nad głową napis: „Jezus Nazareński, Król Żydowski”.

Uznać dziś Jezusa za Króla, to znaczy razem z Nim być gotowym na poniżenie, wzgardę a nawet i czasem na odrzucenie. Uznać Jezusa za Króla - to znaczy sens i cel swego życia widzieć w krzyżu. Nie będzie to żadne cierpiętnictwo ale pełne przyłgnięcie do Jezusa, tego Jezusa, który choć pozwala się uroczyście prowadzić do Królewskiego miasta, to jednak nigdy nie liczy na ludzkie uznanie i ziemskie honory.

Tajemnica dzisiejszego dnia nie jest tylko wspomnieniem historycznego wydarzenia. To dziś Jezus daje nam szansę włączenia się w Jego zbawienie, w Jego życie. Sprawowane misterium jest moim, dotyczy mnie osobiście także i w tym znaczeniu, że rzeczywistość, której doświadczył Jezus Chrystus, staje się także moim udziałem.

A jaki obraz Chrystusa staje dziś przed naszymi oczami? Czy nas nie przeraża zbliżająca się ku nam szybkimi krokami wizja Wielkiego Piątku? Czy stawiamy sobie kiedykolwiek pytanie: Kim jest dla mnie Jezus Chrystus? Czy należycie rozumiem w moim życiu znaczenie Niedzieli Palmowej i znaczenie Wielkiego Piątku?

Wyznajemy dziś naszą wiarę w Jezusa Chrystusa. On przychodzi do nas, aby nam przynieść największy dar: wolność dzieci Bożych. Ten dar jest dla nas bardzo cenny. Kto chce go dać innym, musi nieraz zapłacić za niego najwyższą cenę - cenę swojego życia. Chrystus zapłacił za nas tę najwyższą cenę - bo pragnie, abyśmy dzięki niej żyli.

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (29)**

- 8:30 — +Deceased members of the Schmit Family (*Family*)
 +Orlando L. Samson (*Wife and Children*)
 +Stefan Lorenc (*Mizera Family*)
- 10:30 — O opiekę Bożą i Matki Najświętszej nad Papieżem,
 Biskupami, Kapłanami, zakonami i świeckimi
 powołanymi w służbie nowej ewangelizacji
 szczególnie wśród Polonii oraz za dusze w
 czyśćcu cierpiące
 O zdrowie, Boże Bł. i wszelkie potrzebne łaski dla
 Mieczysława Ziobro i Krystyny Niemczyk z
 racji urodzin (*Polska Grupa*)
 O Boże Bł. i potrzebne łaski dla Emilii i rodziny Tytro
O radość w wieczności dla:
 +Dominik Kalinowski (*Żona i dzieci*)
 ++Zbigniew i Marianna Bednarski (*Rodzina*)
 +Patrycja Tytro (*Rodzina*)
- 12:15 — St. Priscilla Parishioners #20
- 4:00 to 7:00 — Confession/ Spowiedź Św.**
- 5:30 — **Gorzkie Żale**
- 6:00 — +Edward Puchalski w 32 rocz. śmierci (*Wnuczka*)
 +Marianna Puchalska (*Wnuczka*)
 +Zofia Odachowska w 4-tą rocz. śmierci (*Rodzina*)

MONDAY (30) Monday of Holy Week

- 8:00 — +Martin Cullen (*Wife*)

TUESDAY (31) Tuesday of Holy Week

- 8:00 — All Souls in Purgatory #38 (Za zmarłych polecanych w
 wypominkach)

- 7:00 — Penance Service and Confession (*English*)

WEDNESDAY (1) Wednesday of Holy Week

- 8:00 — Health and Blessings for Anne Biggins on her Birthday
 (*Family*)

- 8:30 — Podziękowanie za otrzymane łaski z prośbą o Bożą
 opiekę dla rodziny

THURSDAY (2) Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

- 7:00 pm — Mass of the Lord's Supper (*English and Polish*)

FIRST FRIDAY (3) Friday of the Passion of the Lord

(*Good Friday*)

- 3:00 — Droga Krzyżowa (*Po polsku*)
 4:00 — Liturgia Wielkopiątkowa (*Po polsku*)
 6:30 — Stations of the Cross (*English*)
 7:00 — Good Friday Liturgy (*English*)

FIRST SATURDAY (4) Holy Saturday

- 11:00 — Blessing of Easter Baskets
 1:00 — Blessing of Easter Baskets
 3:00 — Blessing of Easter Baskets
 7:00 — Easter Vigil Mass in English

EASTER SUNDAY:**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (5)**

- 5:30 — Rezurekcja: Za parafian Św. Pryscylli (*St. Priscilla*
Parishioners)
- 8:30 — +Nicholas Alleva Jr. (*Family*)
 +Salvatore J. Serio (*Wife Connie and Family*)
 +Beatrice Greco (*Philomena*)
 ++Salvatore and Maria De Simone (*Michael*)
 +Pauline C. Gerber - Mother (*Children*)

- +Pauline Gerber (*Pauline C. Gerber - daughter*)
 +Zvonko (Bill) Cabo (*William*)
 +Eugene E. Warta (*Family*)
 +Richard Pacyna (*Wife and Children*)
 ++Stanley and Tekla Mizera (*Mizera Family*)
 ++Joseph and Maria Rosenbaum (*Mizera Family*)
 +Mary Aredia Birthday Remembrance (*Daughter*)
 +Czesław Potwora 7th Death Anniversary (*Family*)

- 10:30 — O opiekę Bożą i Matki Najświętszej nad Papieżem,
 Biskupami, Kapłanami, zakonami i świeckimi
 powołanymi w służbie nowej ewangelizacji
 szczególnie wśród Polonii oraz za dusze w
 czyśćcu cierpiące
 O zdrowie, Boże Bł. i wszelkie łaski dla Jakuba z
 okazji 16-tych urodzin (*Rodzice*)
 O Bł. Boże w 7-mą rocz. urodzin dla Pawełka Pyka
 (*Babcia*)
 O zdrowie i Boże Bł. w rodzinie dla Katarzyny z racji
 urodzin
 O Boże Bł. i potrzebne łaski dla Emilii i rodziny Tytro

O radość w wieczności dla:

- ++Helena i Lucjan Cackowski (*Córka*)
 +Dominik Kalinowski (*Żona i dzieci*)
 +Józef Baran w 9-tą rocz. śmierci (*Żona*)
 ++Hilary, Wiera, Edward i Krystyna Wilczewski
 (*Lucyna Wilczewski*)
 ++Victor i Adolf Burzynski (*Hanna*)
 +Tadeusz Łepkowski (*Rodzina*)
 ++Jerzy Kisło i Leszek Łepkowski (*Rodzina*)
 +Patrycja Tytro (*Rodzina*)

- 12:15 — St. Priscilla Parishioners #39

Nie ma Mszy Św. o godz. 6:00!



Our
Weekly Offering

March 15, 2015

Currency	\$ 4,153.00
Checks	\$ 2,218.00
Loose Coin	\$ 5.54
Total	\$ 6,376.54
Weekly Goal	\$ 7,500.00
Budget Year to Date	\$277,500.00
Collections Year to Date	\$227,858.41
Under Budget	\$<49,641.59 >

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish.

Pray for ...

William Balog
Joe Bargi
Lorraine Belokon
Evelyn Cademartrie
Maria Ceglarek
Jan Drożdż
Anna Grossmayer
Jean Hanisko
Dorothy Heck
Jennifer Hebda
Marian Henaghan
Andrew Jennings
Carrie Kacen
Marie Kane
Thaddeus Kapica
Janet Kaplan
Maureen Kearney
Chester Kmiec
Laverne Kmiec
Helen Kumiega
Maria Lech
Peter Leyden

Joseph LoPiccolo
Mary Lund
Mary Lynch
Michael Manczko
Barbara McDonald
Gwen Moncada
Mike Muka
Antoni Nierzejewski
Adam Niewiadomski
Carol Niewinski
Frank Niewinski
Stefan Nowik
Anna Oracz
Henry Orry
Joseph Rath
Marge Reavis
Alice Reckmann
Augusto Sandoval
Norbert Schultz
Helen Sterling
Gina Swensen
Roger Vlasos
Jola Wolfe
Katie Young
Carla and Adam
Virginia Zyburt

If you would like to have a name added or removed from our Parish "Pray For..." sick list, please call the rectory at 773-545-8840 ext. 221. Thank you!

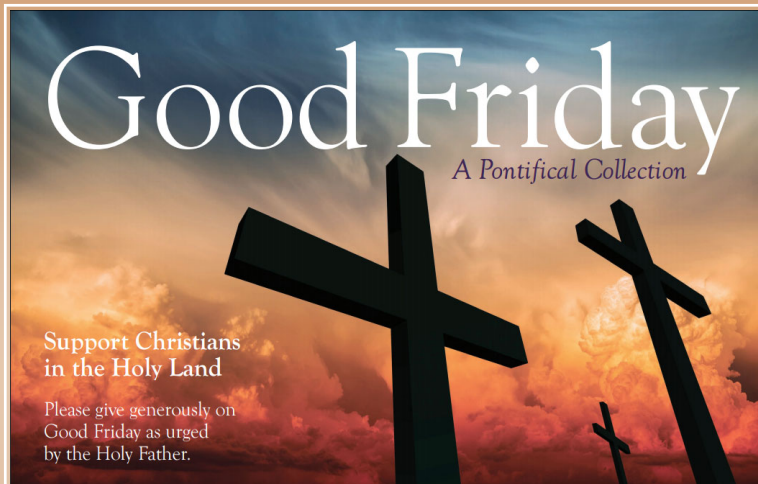


Hungering for Seeds of Home

We follow Jesus this week on our Lenten journey as he enters into Jerusalem, a community he knew well. CRS Rice Bowl asks us, too, to prayerfully enter into our own communities, to find those who are hungry and thirsty, who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we encounter in our daily lives?

The Common Good

As God's family, we are all called to look out for one another. It's not just about "me." It's about "us." How can we be sure that the decisions we make in our own community and in the world help build up and protect God's entire family? † Isaiah reminds us that God gives us a "well-trained tongue ... to answer the weary a word that will waken them." *Do we listen to God's Spirit within us? How does the Spirit motivate us and guide our words as we work for a more just world?* † Jesus "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." *How are we called, especially during Lent, to empty ourselves for the good of others?* † This week's CRS Rice Bowl Story of Hope takes us to a community in the United States, in the Diocese of Albany. *How have our Lenten reflections on global solidarity affected how we view poor and vulnerable people in our own communities?*



Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land.

Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When

you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land.

Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. For more information, visit MyFranciscan.org/good-friday.

The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy Father. Please be as generous as your abundance allows.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

**bakers
square**
RESTAURANT & PIES


Bakers Square Night
Friday, April 10th
7:00 AM to 11:00 PM

On Friday, April 10, Bakers Square located at 3600 N. Harlem, is having a benefit night for our church. We are thankful to our C.W.C. For making this event a reality! 20% of all proceeds taken in from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm will be donated to St. Priscilla, as long as each patron mentions our parish.

Please take advantage of the good food and pies, and simultaneously help out our parish!
Thanks for your support!

We hope to see you there, let's all help St. Priscilla!

Save your appetites!

SPRING LUNCHEON "Spring Fling"

Wednesday, April 29th - Doors open at 11:00 am
Elmcrest Banquets
7370 W. Grand Ave., Elmwood Park, IL

Tickets are on sale at the Rectory.

Donation: \$30.00
Entertainment by Kim Frankovelgia
Please Join Us.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

7:00 PM Bi-lingual Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
until 12:00 midnight.

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, April 3rd

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross in Polish
4:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy in Polish
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross in English
7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy in English
Adoration at the Cross and at the Grave
until 12:00 midnight.

Holy Saturday, April 4th - Easter Vigil

11:00 AM, 1:00, 3:00 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets
7:00 pm Easter Vigil Liturgy in English

**Easter Sunday:
Resurrection of the Lord, April 5th**

5:30 AM Mass of Resurrection in Polish
English Masses: 8:30 AM, 12:15 PM
Polish Mass: 10:30 AM

**Palm Sunday and World Youth Day Kick-Off
SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

This Palm Sunday is the official World Youth Day kick-off and Archbishop Blase J. Cupich will celebrate with the Young Adult Ministry at Holy Name Cathedral, beginning at 3 p.m. The Divine Mercy will be prayed in Polish, Spanish, Tagalog and English as a reflection of World Youth Day and Mass will follow at 5:15 p.m.

For more information, visit www.yamchicago.org.

**EASTER CONFESSION
SCHEDULE 2015****March 29th - Palm Sunday**

4:00 pm — 7:00 pm
Bilingual English & Polish Confession

March 31st - Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 pm Communal Penance Service
in English & Confession

**No Confessions are heard
during the Triduum.**



HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION

FIVE STEPS FOR A GOOD CONFESSION

1. Examine your conscience.
2. Be sincerely sorry for your sins.
3. Confess your sins to a priest.
4. Resolve to amend your life.
5. After your confession, do the penance the priest assigns.

PROCEDURE IN THE CONFESSIONAL

You say: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (state the length of time) since my last confession. These are my sins."

Then tell your mortal sins and the number of times committed. If you have no mortal sin to confess, then confess the venial sins you have committed since your last confession.

When you have finished telling your sins, you should say: "For these and all the sins of my past, I am truly sorry."

The priest now gives you the necessary advice, assigns your penance and asks you to say the Act of Contrition (in some form). Then wait and listen as the priest gives the absolution.

Then say "Thank you, Father", then leave the confessional and then perform the penance assigned by the priest.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

1. I am the Lord, your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

Do I give God time every day in prayer? Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart? Have I been involved with superstitious practices (horoscopes or Ouija boards) or have I been involved with the occult? Do I seek to surrender myself to God's Word as taught by the Church? Have I ever received Communion in the state of mortal sin? Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.

Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly? Have I been angry with God? Have I wished evil upon any other person? Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation? Have I not kept Sunday as a family day and a day of rest? Do I do needless work on Sunday? Do I make others work on Sunday?

4. Honor your father and your mother.

Do I honor and obey my parents? Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children? Have I given my family good religious example? Do I try to bring peace into my home life? Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives? Do I respect my elders? Do I respect my pastor, bishop and the Pope?

5. You shall not kill.

Have I had an abortion or encouraged anyone to have an abortion? Have I physically harmed anyone? Have I abused alcohol or drugs? Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading them into sin? Have I been angry or resentful? Have I harbored hatred in my heart? Have I been sterilized for reasons of birth control? Have I encouraged or condoned sterilization?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action? Have I engaged in any sexual activity before marriage or outside of marriage? Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control? Has each sexual act in my marriage been open to the transmission of new life? Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as objects? Have I been guilty of homosexual activity? Do I seek to be pure in my thoughts, words and actions? Am I careful to dress modestly, so as not to tempt others? Am I guilty of masturbation with myself?

7. You shall not steal.

Have I stolen what is not mine? Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen? Do I waste time at work, school or at home? Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs? Do I pay my debts promptly? Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?

8. You shall not bear false witness.

Have I lied? Have I gossiped? Have I harmed someone's reputation? Have I spoken behind someone else's back? Am I critical, negative, or uncharitable in my thoughts of others? Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential?

9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

Have I consented to impure thoughts? Have I caused them by impure television, movies, books, magazines or internet? Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations? Do I listen to, or engage in, impure conversation or jokes?

10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

Am I jealous of what other people have? Do I envy other people's families or possessions? Am I greedy or selfish? Are material possessions the purpose of my life? Do I trust that God will care for all of my material and spiritual needs?

The Differences in Sins

There are two kinds of actual sin: **mortal** and **venial**.

Mortal sin is a horrible offense against God, so horrible that it destroys the life of grace in the soul. Three simultaneous conditions must be fulfilled for a mortal sin: (1) the act must be something very serious; (2) the person must have sufficient understanding of what is being done; (3) the person must have sufficient freedom of the will. So I cannot commit a mortal sin if the matter is not serious (e.g. I stole a small amount of money from my employer), or if I did not know what I was doing (e.g. if I were to hurt someone accidentally or unthinkingly), or if I did not act with full freedom (e.g. I was under physical or emotional pressure.)

A Catholic should know well the difference between mortal and venial sins. Deliberately missing Sunday Mass without sufficient cause is to be considered a very serious mortal sin.