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ST. JOSEPH HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday, March 23rd at 8:00 AM *People of St. Joseph & St. Mary*

Tuesday, March 25th at 6:00 PM *Richard Koenig*

Sunday, March 30th at 8:00 AM *Ruth Piotrowski*

Confessions:

St. Joseph – Tuesday: 5:15 to 5:45 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM

St. Mary – Saturdays: 4:00 to 5:15 PM

St. Mary, Glasgow, Holy Mass Schedule:

Saturday (vigil): 5:30 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM
Wednesday: 8:00 AM
Thursday: 8:00 AM
Friday: 8:00 AM

PARISH COUNCILS:

PASTORAL COUNCIL
Beth Lammers, Chair

FINANCE COUNCIL
Father Duncan, Chair

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
Roger Dorson, Chair

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

St. Joseph – Wednesdays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
St. Mary – Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Adoration:

St. Joseph – First Tuesday-2:00 PM to 5:45 PM
St. Mary – First Friday after AM Mass to 11 PM

Holy Rosary:

St. Joseph – Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7:00 AM
St. Joseph – Sunday morning at 7:40 AM, before Mass
St. Mary – Saturdays 5:05 PM

Mission Statement – St. Joseph Catholic Church seeks to be an actively visible faith community that works to make disciples of Jesus Christ through our hospitality, education, sacraments, & service.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: If you know of anyone needing the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or Last Rites, please let Father know. If it is an emergency, please call the office phone or send Father an email. If a family member is in a neighboring hospital (Columbia, etc.) and it is an emergency, please let your doctor or nurse know to contact a Priest – they have priests on-call every day of the week at the larger hospitals. If it is not an emergency but you'd like Father to visit in the hospital, please talk to him to arrange a time for a visit.

Sacraments of Baptism or Marriage: a preparation process is required before either of these Sacraments is celebrated. Please contact Father or Parish Secretary at least 6 months before a wedding is planned or as soon as the pregnancy is known so that proper arrangements may be made for the spiritual preparations.

Bishop McKnight's **March prayer intention** for our Local Church: For a spirit of humility and repentance, that we may confess our sins and seek reconciliation in preparation for the Easter feasts. May our hearts be purified and opened to the grace of God. We pray to the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Marjorie Koenig*	Mike Vroman
Linda Wallace*	Eula Kempf*
Amy Shook (cancer)	Terrie Young
Tom Boss	Tess Hayes (healing)*
Adrienne Thies (healing)*	Steve Kempf (cancer)*
Steven John (cancer)	Wilma Liley
Mark Monnig	Carolyn Polson*
Becky Streff (cancer)	Lou Thompson (healing)*
Blake Wies (healing)	Thad Prinster
Jennifer Jex	Ryan
Johnny Sulltrop	Jane Weiland (healing)*
John Heitz (healing)	Cecile Young
Joe Bonnema (B. Sullivan's uncle)	
Dallas & Erma Wasson (B. Witte parents)	
Repose of the Soul of Sherry O'Connell	

* = Parishioner of St. Joseph

Keep St. Joseph kids that are preparing for First Communion and/or Confirmation in your prayers: Finley Asher, Cayle Ballew, Abigail Crowley, Cayden De La Torre, Karolyn De La Torre, Elliot Parker, Raylee Stockhorst, and Talon Stockhorst.

Pray for our Seminarians –2024-2025 school year

We currently have nine seminarians studying in our Diocese. Please pray for an increase in Holy Vocations to the Priesthood so that the Sacraments & Holy Mass may continue in our parishes.

Jacob Hartman	Gage Neisen
Shane Kliethermes	Gabriel Eckstein
Bryce Smith	David Cahill
John Paul McGuire	Samuel Cramer
Luke Dalton	

Birthdays

Zach Niemeier	March 23
Sally Coats	March 26
Jerry Coats	March 27
John Geha	March 29
Jackson Dorson	March 31
Larry Fuemmeler	April 3
Finley Asher	April 4
George Shook	April 5
Tess Hayes	April 6
Mathias Cole	April 7
Gracelyn Flaspohler	April 8
Quincy Dorson	April 9

Items for the March 30th bulletin need to be turned in by Tuesday, March 25th. If you have items for the bulletin, send to secretary email: secretary-sjf@outlook.com.

The Knights of Columbus are seeking desserts for their fish fries. Fish Frys are on Friday, March 28th and Friday, April 11th. Contact Chuck Thompson at chuckthompson75@gmail.com if you can help.

St. Joseph Parish Tithing Stewardship

March 2, 2025	\$ 1,739.00
March 9, 2025	\$ 3,016.25
March 16, 2025	\$ 2,313.52
March 23, 2025	\$
March 30, 2025	\$
<i>(below – accrued totals for the month)</i>	
ACH Deposits / Blackbaud	\$ 2,469.51
Total for month	\$ 9,538.28

Weekly Goal / March 2025 \$3,100.00
('24-25 Budget Goal) / March \$15,500.00

Offertory <u>Goal</u> YTD	\$114,700.00
Offertory YTD Actuals	\$101,796.85
Surplus/ (Shortage) YTD	\$(12,903.15)

Calendar of events

Today	PSR after Mass
Today	Blessing of Seeds (St. Mary, Glasgow – after 10 AM Mass)
Fri. March 28	6:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Fri. March 28	5:00 – 7:00 PM Fish Fry
Sun. March 30	Fellowship
Sun. March 30	PSR after Mass
Tues. April 1	2:00 PM Adoration

SAVE THE DATE(S) – COMING UP!

- **FULL LENTEN SCHEDULE MAY BE FOUND IN THE BACK OF CHURCH!** *Please pick one up to see all the different Lenten opportunities that are happening around our Parish and community!*
- **Lenten Stations of the Cross** – Fridays at 2:30pm during Lent at St. Mary & 6:00pm at St. Joseph, Fayette. **There won't be 2:30pm stations during 1st Friday Adoration (Apr 4).*
- **KofC Fish Fry's** – Fridays during Lent (March 7 – April 11)
 - St. Joseph = Mar. 28th & April 11th
 - St. Mary = April 4th
- **Adoration** – **April 1st** at St. Joseph, Fayette from 2 – 5:45 pm. **April 4th** at St. Mary, Glasgow, beginning after Mass and conclude at 6pm.
- **Chrism Mass** - All are invited to the Diocesan Chrism Mass on April 15th at 3 p.m., at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City, MO. A light meal will be available in Cana Hall after the Mass. RSVP online at diojeffcity.org/Chrism-Mass-RSVP

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament is Tuesday,

April 1st from 2:00 – 5:45 PM. Benediction and Mass will follow. We would like at least two people in the church with the Blessed Sacrament at all times. There are sign-up sheets at each church entrance. Times are broken down in hour increments but please know that you may come and spend any time with the Blessed Sacrament.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALEX & KAYLYNN

HILDERBRAND! - *On the birth of your new baby boy, Knox!* Kaylynn is our Parish bookkeeper and will be out of the office on Maternity leave until the early part of May. If you have any bookkeeping questions, please use the Glasgow Parish Office email (listed on the front of the bulletin) and we will do our best to answer as quickly as possible.

Parish Stewardship – Liturgical Ministries

March Eucharistic Ministers: Brittany Sullivan, Frank Flaspohler, Joe Geist

Sunday, March 23 –

Lectors: Beth & Harold Lammers;

Gift Bearers: C. Araiza Family;

Servers: Quincy & Ryder Dorson;

Music: Frank and Laura Flaspohler;

Sacristan: Roger Dorson;

Greeters: Larry & Wanda Fuemmeler;

Ushers: Gerald H., Jerry E., Ron A., Tim C., Bill S., Casey B.

Sunday, March 30 –

Lectors: Carrie Araza, Gracie Flaspohler;

Gift Bearers: K. Asher Family;

Servers: Charlie Niemeier, Anne Crowley;

Music: Sheila Wallace, Becky Kurtz, Elaine Smith, Becky Nolke;

Sacristan: Mary Hrdina;

Greeters: Bob Cessac, Cris Roberts;

Ushers: Charlie F., Jerry E., Benji D., Ryder D., Steve W., Brian S.

Ministers taking Communion to shut ins: Week of March 23 (Susan F.) Week of March 30 (Beth L.)

Church cleaning: March 23 to March 29 (Mary H.) March 30 to April 5 (Cris R.)

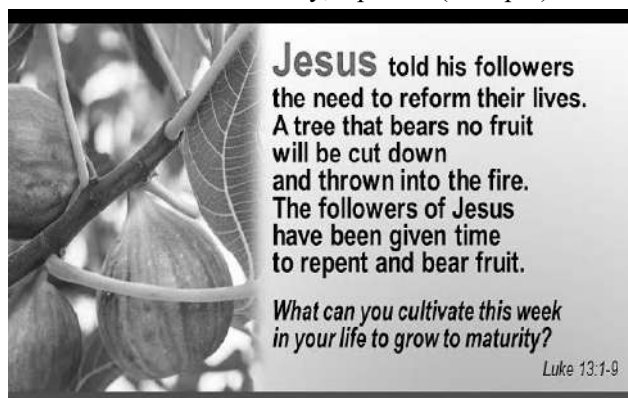
LENT STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

God of mercy, You have given us this special time to reflect on our lives, believe in the Good News and draw closer to You. May this season of Lent help us be good stewards of this time: to fast and pray, be more generous and show others how to live in Christ. Let us see each day of this season as a new opportunity to renew our lives and gain a deeper appreciation of Your active presence in us and our community of faith. Give us the grace to see Your face in others, especially the poor and those who suffer. And through your Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of Your love so that we may be better stewards of Your redeeming work throughout the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

LENT PENANCE SERVICES – area dates:

Penance services are coming up, some this week (bold) – Check out the Lenten Calendar in the back of Church for more info --

- o **Marshall = Thursday, March 27th (6:30 pm)**
- o Glasgow = Wednesday, April 2nd (6:30 pm)
- o Fayette = Thursday, April 3rd (6:30 pm)
- o Boonville = Sunday April 6th (4:00 pm)
- o Salisbury = Tuesday, April 8th (6:30 pm)
- o Pilot Grove = Wednesday, April 9th (7:00 pm)



2025 LENTEN RESOURCES AVAILABLE - Pick up a copy of one of the many Lenten resources located at the back of the church: *The Word Among Us* (a book of daily Mass readings and daily meditations), *The Magnificent Lenten Companion*, and *Finding Forgiveness in Lent – Reflections on the Power of Reconciliation*.

BLESSING OF SEEDS 2025 – TODAY, March 23, after the 10:00 AM Glasgow Mass - You're invited to begin the 2025 growing season with the traditional Catholic blessing of seeds. Bring your bag, Probox, packet, cup, or handful of seeds to have them blessed by Father Duncan. Whether you are a farmer or gardener, come join us to start your growing season off right!

IT'S CURSILLO HIGHLIGHT WEEKEND! – What is Cursillo? It is a Catholic Lay movement that originated in Spain and has spread throughout the world and in our Diocese. On a Cursillo Weekend, the Holy Spirit guides, inspires, and draws us closer to Christ through Sacraments, friends, knowledge, and tools to support us on our personal faith journey. It begins with a Men's or Women's weekend experience. Upcoming weekends are scheduled for:

Men: June 5-8, 2025 in Columbia, MO at Fr. Tolton High school or Oct. 2-5, 2025 in Eldon, MO at Sacred Heart Parish.

Women: June 12-15, 2025 in Columbia, MO at Fr. Tolton High school or Oct. 16-19, 2025 in Eldon, MO at Sacred Heart Parish.

Please pray for guidance in considering making a Cursillo. Fellow Cursillo parishioners are willing to share more with you. You can also contact Debbie Brucks (660-728-9788), Debra Johnson (760-728-5187), or Becky Sander (573-808-3758 / jeffcity.diocese.cursillo@gmail.com) for more information. Applications are available from a sponsor or in the parish office.

DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS – All are invited to the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 15th, at The Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City. Mass will begin at 3pm.

ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS

+ **Holy Mass and Stations of the Cross** Mass this week was on Wed., March 19th, and Fri., March 21st. The students participated in the Stations of the Cross. Mass next week will be on Wed., March 26th, with the 4th graders as ministers. Mass on Fri., March 28th, will have the 3rd graders as ministers. *We love to have parents, grandparents, and parishioners join us for student Mass and help to model the faith for our students.*

+ **OPEN TEACHING POSITIONS**

* St. Mary has a **third-grade** teaching position open. We want to thank Allie Schulte for teaching this semester. She will be greatly missed!

* St. Mary also has a **preschool aide** position open. Thank you to Morgan Kaylor for her years of service with our preschoolers! ---Please forward inquiries to Father Duncan, Mary Ann Hudson, or Callie Westhues (for preschool aide).

+ **Kindergarten Round Up** Kindergarten Round-Up will be held this week on Wednesday, March 26 at 6:00 PM. All prospective families should have met with Mrs. Hudson prior to this night. There will be a brief parent meeting, and the incoming kindergarteners will be able to see the classroom, make a craft, and have a treat!

+ **Diocesan Speech Meet** The following students will participate in the Diocesan Speech Meet on March 29th in Jefferson City. Duet-Ryleigh Barringhaus & Isabella Polich; Serious-Finley Olendorff; Humorous-Kamryn Kottman.

+ **THANK YOU! – 5th/6th Gr. Basketball tournament** A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the 5th/6th grade basketball tournament. It was a great success, and we were able to make a little over \$3000 to help with purchasing new basketball uniforms for the 7th and 8th grades.

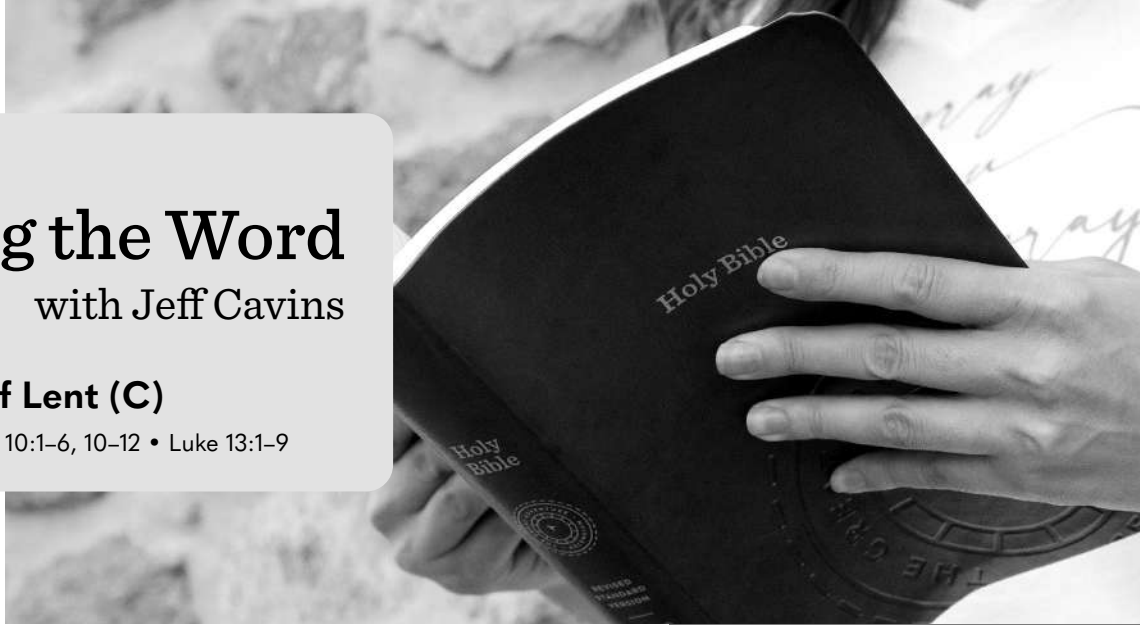
				 <p>Phone (660)248-2800 Sunday 11:00 am to 9:00 pm Monday - Wednesday 11:00 am to 9:30 pm Thursday - Saturday 11:00 am to 10:00 pm</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">GEHA REALTY</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">John Geha and Joe Geha 573.424.3300 573.289.8902 john@johngeha.com www.geharealty.com</p>			
	<p>2531 Main Street Boonville, MO 660-882-2055 Open Daily 6am – 2pm All you can eat: Breakfast Bar – Saturdays Lunch Buffet – Sundays Come join us!</p>	<p>SPONSOR A SPACE IN OUR BULLETIN! Support St. Joseph Parish! Contact the Parish Office 660-248-2439</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Banking Made for You!</p> 	
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Encountering the Word

with Jeff Cavins

Third Sunday of Lent (C)

Exodus 3:1–8a, 13–15 • 1 Corinthians 10:1–6, 10–12 • Luke 13:1–9



Feeling Barren? It's Time to Cultivate



As we journey through these forty days of Lent, we're diving into a personal wilderness experience. It's a time to confront ourselves and tackle those vices head-on. This week's readings are fascinating—they take us on a trip back to Israel's wilderness adventure in the Old Testament, then fast-forward to the fig tree parable in the New Testament. It's like God is giving us a road map for cultivating our life in Christ, even when we're feeling down and out.

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul throws us a warning by revisiting Israel's desert journey. He reminds us that they had it all—a sea crossing (think Baptism) and spiritual food and drink (sounds like the Eucharist). But despite these blessings, they stumbled. Paul is saying, "Hey, watch out! Don't fall into the same trap."

Now, let's be honest. Sometimes we're just like those Israelites. We have all these incredible advantages—the Eucharist, Church teachings, you name it. But we end up feeling barren. That's where Luke's parable of the fig tree comes in. It's about a tree that wasn't bearing fruit, but instead of chopping it down, someone said, "Let's nurture it, cultivate it, fertilize it." That, my friends, is mercy and grace in action.

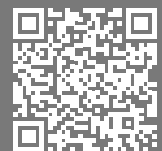
So, if you're feeling fruitless this Lent, keep turning to the Lord. Cultivate your life in Christ through prayer, Mass, Confession, and some good old self-examination. Remember, we all have these amazing gifts from the Church—the Eucharist, our Baptism, those theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity. We are equipped for this journey. So let's keep pressing in during this Lenten season. You've got this!

Live the Gospel

Jeff Cavins says, "This week, choose one area of your spiritual life that feels barren. Commit to nurturing it daily through a specific action—maybe it's fifteen minutes of Scripture reading, some extra prayers, a few acts of kindness, or going to Confession and spending time examining your own heart and turning to the Lord. During this Lent, let's make a little time and give that fig tree another chance to bloom!"

Dive Deeper

Scan this code to watch:



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<https://media.ascensionpress.com/video/third-sunday-of-lent-c/>

Ponder and Pray

» How am I using the “spiritual food and drink” available to me to bear fruit in my life?

» In what areas of my life do I need God’s mercy and grace to cultivate growth?

» How can I better equip myself with the gifts of the Church during Lent?

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Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in mercy.

”

-Psalm 103:8

Make It Your Own

You and others in your household may use this space to write anything about today’s Mass. Your view of Jeff Cavins’s reflection, your priest’s homily, your answers to the questions on this page—anything to help you and your household get the most out of today’s Mass.

Encountering THE SEASON

Lent for the Family

Third Sunday of Lent (C)

Exodus 3:1–8a, 13–15
1 Corinthians 10:1–6, 10–12
Luke 13:1–9

Dear Family:

This week, reflect on the theme of *noticing* as we continue our journey with Jesus and Mary. Take time to explore the reflection questions in the “Ponder and Pray” section, engage with the challenges in the “Live It” section, spend time with your family through the activity provided, and dive into *visio divina* as we explore how Mary notices and intercedes for us.

She Sees the Hearts of Her Son and Us

As we enter the third week of Lent, we find ourselves once again walking with Jesus as he teaches. In Luke 15, Jesus shares the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son. Jesus emphasizes God’s desire to find those who are lost. Mary, watching Jesus teach, notices the outcasts and sinners in the crowd. She sees their pain, their shame, and their longing to be restored. Her motherly gaze is filled with compassion, noticing more than the surface—she sees the hearts of those around her.

Now imagine sitting beside Mary as she observes the crowd. She sees not just the sinners but also the Pharisees, the apostles, and the disciples. Mary’s ability to notice the interior life of each person reflects how she notices us today.

“ Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ”

—Psalm 103:1



Witness in the Crowd by Mike Moyers

Like a mother, she sees beyond our mistakes and our fears. She notices our potential, our longing for holiness, and our desire for God’s mercy. In the same way, Jesus sees us fully, with love and compassion, always ready to welcome us back into his embrace.

This Lent, let us ask for the grace to be seen by Mary—to allow her to notice what we often hide from others and

from ourselves. Through her motherly love, she gently leads us back to her son, where we find healing and restoration. Jesus calls us to notice those who are lost, and Mary helps us see with compassionate hearts.

To read more about how Mary sees us with love and compassion, see *The Ascension Lenten Companion: Walking with Mary to Jerusalem*.

Ponder and Pray

- When you think about Mary truly seeing you, what emotions arise? Can you invite her into the parts of your life that you may struggle to reveal?
- Do you resist letting others notice your pain or vulnerability? Can you ask for the grace to be open to God’s healing love?
- In reflecting on the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son, does your perspective of God change, knowing that he notices and pursues you?

Live It

This week, take time to “notice” the people in your life, particularly those who may feel lost or marginalized. Like Mary, pay attention to their needs, their hurts, or their longing for love. Through your Lenten practices, offer compassion, a listening ear, or a kind gesture. Ask Mary to help you notice the goodness in others, even when it’s hidden beneath the surface.

Visio Divina

Spend time reflecting on the image of Jesus preaching to the crowds. In this scene, imagine yourself among the crowd, watching Jesus teach with authority and compassion. Feel the anticipation as he shares words of truth and love, speaking to the hearts of all who listen.

Question 1:

As you reflect on the image, what emotions arise as you see Jesus preaching to the crowds? How do you feel being part of the crowd?

Question 2:

What message do you imagine Jesus is speaking to you personally as he teaches?

Question 3:

How does this scene inspire you to listen more attentively to Jesus’ words as they apply to you?

Fun for the Family

Create a family activity focused on “noticing” each other’s strengths and gifts. Have all family members write down something they appreciate or notice about another member of the family. Share these observations as a way to encourage one another and grow in gratitude and love.

For free videos and downloadable resources featuring *Lenten Companion: Walking with Mary to Jerusalem* with Fr. Mark Toups, scan this code with your camera. This bulletin’s reflection by Fr. Toups and “Family Fun” were adapted from *Lenten Companion*.



Sunday Q&A

Your Faith in Focus



THE DECISION OF CONTRITION

What do we need to do to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Be Sorry, Be Resolved

First, we need to approach Reconciliation with the right attitude. The essential attitude for a good Confession is straightforward: sorrow for our sins and an unyielding resolution to change (also known as a "firm purpose of amendment"). But what if you find yourself confessing the same sins every time? What if your Confession today is exactly the same as the last Confession? Does this mean you are not really sorry for your sins? Does it mean you are not really trying to change?

Reject Sin, Choose God

These questions are natural and helpful, but they also sometimes mislead our expectations regarding contrition (sorrow for sin). Sincere contrition is not determined by our emotions or our passions. Contrition is a decision to reject sin and choose God, even if we have to do so over and over again. Due to the power of habit and personal weakness, we may find ourselves regularly committing the same sins. Reconciliation requires only that we make an act of the will—a choice—to reject sin and resolve to avoid sin going forward. We make this choice concrete by giving some thought to the situations that lead us into sin and plan to avoid those situations.

God Never Tires of Forgiving Us

We should never tire of returning to God for the forgiveness and freedom he never tires of offering us in this sacrament.

Ponder and Pray

- How are you rejecting sin and choosing God in your life right now?
- What are the near occasions of sin that you need to root out of your life right now?
- How is the Holy Spirit leading you to deeper contrition right now?



Make It Your Own

Write down and pray an Act of Contrition. It can be the standard Act of Contrition or one that flows from your heart as you pray. Use this as a way to prepare for your next visit to the sacrament of Reconciliation.

My Act of Contrition

Tip of the Week

Many saints recommend making an examination of conscience at the end of every day. Since most of our sins creep up in ordinary life, the habit of reviewing our daily choices can help pinpoint areas that need change.

Dive Deeper

Scan this code to listen more:



Or go to: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/video/catholic-guilt-feat-br-lawrence/>