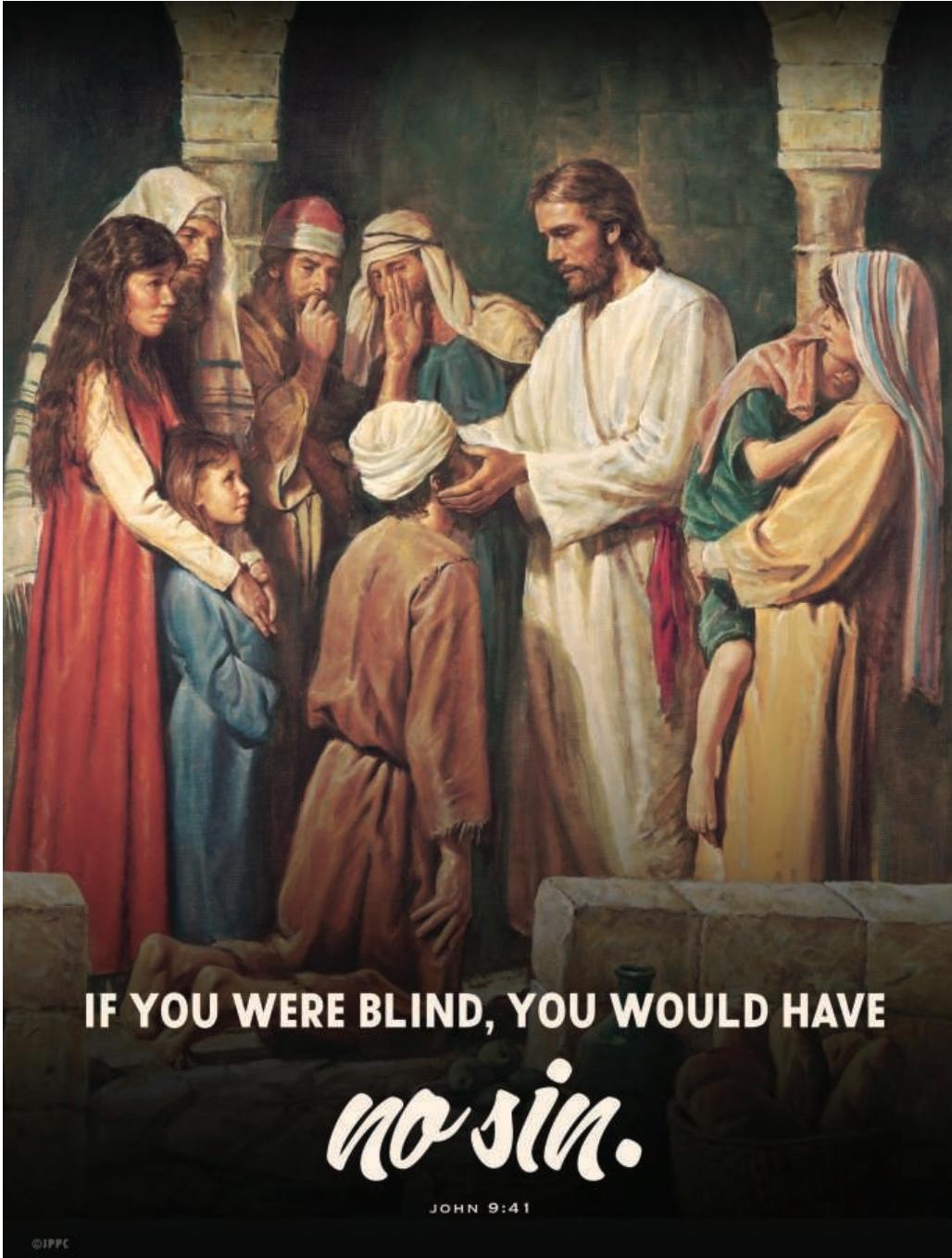


# St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, March 19, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday)



IF YOU WERE BLIND, YOU WOULD HAVE  
*no sin.*

JOHN 9:41

©IPPC

Pastor: Reverend Mark A. Kreder  
Weekend Associate: Rev. Robert Laferrera

Deacons: James Campbell; James Gillespie  
Frederick C. Ebenau, Sr.;  
Pastoral Associate: Deacon James Gillespie  
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Trustees: Jean Glynn, William Anderson  
Director of Sacred Music: Angela Petti  
Sacristan: Carol Lewandowski

## Readings for the Week of March 19, 2023

**Monday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## Lenten Evening Mass & Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule:

Each Monday evening during Lent until 3/20  
Confessions: 6:15  
Mass 7:00pm  
(no regular Confessions held on Saturdays during Lent until after Easter)

Parish Confessions:  
Friday, March 31 from 5:30-7:00pm. Several priests will be available to hear confession

**PARISH OFFICE: 732-270-3980**  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 732-270-3797**

**REGISTRATION:** All are welcome! Sponsorship letters for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or Matrimony will only be issued to registered parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office to register and please also notify the Parish Office of a change of address or if you plan to move from the parish so that we may keep our records updated.



**SUNDAY, March 19**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT; Laetare Sunday**

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| 8:00am  | Pasquale & Adelina Cosentino<br>Dominic Richard Mannato                         |
| 9:30am  | Joseph Sr. & Joseph Jr. Paparazzo<br>Joseph Paparazzo (living)<br>Jason Arbenny |
| 11:30am | William Morocco<br>Antoinette DiLissio<br>Peter Dich Nguyen                     |

**MONDAY, March 20**

**ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

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| 8:00am | Rev. Mark A. Kreder (living)<br>Carolyn & Carmen Marano<br>Mary & Carmine Granato |
| 7:00pm | Teri Taylor (living)<br>Terri DeFillio (living)<br>Rev. Mark A. Kreder (living)   |

**TUESDAY, March 21**

**Lenten Weekday**

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| 8:00am | Frank Nersita<br>Tisha Bradley<br>Marc Ulewicz |
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**WEDNESDAY, March 22**

**Lenten Weekday**

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| 8:00am | Deacon James Campbell (living)<br>Brent Family (living)<br>Patricia Schuler |
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**THURSDAY, March 23**

**Lenten Weekday; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**

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| 8:00am | Rose Rosace<br>Mary, Terry and Rose<br>Judith Mannato |
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**Saturday, March 25**

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

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| 5:00pm | Sue & Matt Finley<br>Rosemary Pirrera (living)<br>Antoinette A. DiLissio |
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**SUNDAY, March 26**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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|---------|------------------------------------|
| 8:00am  | Benjamin Ledesma                   |
| 9:30am  | Steven Chegus                      |
| 11:30am | Salvatore Floria<br>James Gilsenan |

## *The Altar Bread,*

*which will become the Body of Christ at the Masses celebrated during the week is In Loving Memory of*

**Vincent Kreder**

*requested by Keogh & Sullivan families*



## *The Sanctuary Candle*

*which burns near the Tabernacle in Church, the reminder of the Lord's Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, is offered In Loving Memory of*

**Salvatore Pirrera**

*requested by wife & children*



**St. Vincent dePaul Society Food Collection 3rd Sunday of the month. Food Collection basket is located in the narthex by the parish hall.**

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**ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY: 732-929-1119**

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## **MASS SCHEDULE:**

**WEEKEND: Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00PM  
Sunday: 8:00AM; 9:30AM; 11:30am**

**WEEKDAY: Monday-Thursday: 8:00AM  
Holy Days: Announced**

**BAPTISM:** Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Godparents/Sponsors are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. Please call the Parish Office as early as possible to make arrangements.

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

**During Lent:** Confession will not be heard on Saturdays. Confessions will be heard on Monday evenings (2/27, 3/6, 13 & 20) at 6:15pm followed by Mass at 7pm.

**Adult R.C.I.A. program:** Contact Parish Office

**Children R.C.I.A. program:** Contact Religious Education

**MARRIAGE:** The Sacrament of Marriage requires a time of spiritual preparation. According to the Common Policy adopted by the Bishops of New Jersey, this preparation requires attendance at a marriage preparation program (Pre-Cana) as well as sessions with the parish deacon or priest. Therefore, couples should make arrangements at the Parish Office one year before the planned wedding date and before finalizing any social plans.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The goal of Saint Justin the Martyr Parish is that each member grow in the Grace through Jesus Christ, and in so doing cooperate with the Holy Spirit in giving glory to God, in experiencing the salvation of their soul, and in building up the Body of Christ.



## **PALM CROSS SALE**

**St. Vincent dePaul Society will be selling Palm Crosses this weekend March 18/19th and March 25/26 Please support this worthy cause**



From the Pastor  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - A  
March 19, 2023  
Laetare [Rejoice] Sunday

**REVISED ORDER OF PENANCE.** Part 4 of our miniseries on the revised 'Order of Penance' details how we usually celebrate the **'RITE FOR THE RECONCILIATION OF INDIVIDUAL PENITENTS.'** With so

many variables at play: the number of Priests and Penitents; the setting and situation; local custom; the age of the Penitents; etc., the key word in following the rubrics is: **adaptation**.

Our Parish customarily offers Saturday and, during Lent, Monday Confession times and a seasonal 'Penance Service' in Advent and Lent. Since many Penitents attend these two 'Services,' much of the Rite is done privately, through a series of Examinations of Conscience provided in our bulletin, on our website, and on a printed flyer which each Penitent receives upon arrival. What follows is the 'ideal' form:

**Preparation of Priest and Penitent.** Priests should call upon the Holy Spirit so that they may receive enlightenment and charity; Penitents should compare their life with the example and commandments of Christ and then pray to God for the forgiveness of their sins.

**Welcoming the Penitent.** First, the Priest may warmly welcome the Penitent, who makes the Sign of the Cross, saying: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen" which the Priest may also do. After the Priest briefly urges the Penitent to have confidence in God, he/she should, if unknown to the Priest, indicate his/her state in life, time of his/her last Confession, difficulties in leading the Christian life, and anything else which may help the Confessor in exercising his ministry.

**Reading the Word of God.** The Priest or Penitent may read a text of sacred Scripture, or this may be done beforehand. For through God's word, we receive light to recognize our sins, are called to conversion and to confidence in God's mercy.

**Confession of Sins/Act of Penance.** The *Penitent* then confesses all serious, grave, mortal sins by number and kind, and/or making a general admission of lesser sins, beginning, where customary, with "*I confess to almighty God...*" The *Priest*

may help him/her make a good Confession, encourage sorrow for all sin, trust in God's mercy, and offer suitable counsel to help him/her live as a more faithful Christian. He may also lead the Penitent to make appropriate restitution. Then he imposes an act of penance or satisfaction: a prayer, act of self-denial or of service to others, etc., which corresponds with the sins confessed, helps the Penitent start anew, and which stresses the social nature of sin.

**Prayer of the Penitent/Absolution by the Priest.** Then the Penitent expresses contrition and the resolve to begin anew with a prayer, ideally based on Scripture. [Our custom is to ask that the **Act of Contrition**, of which there are many, be prayed privately before or after Confession.] Then, with hands, or at least his right hand, raised over the Penitent, the Priest pronounces the formula of **Absolution**, in which the essential words are: "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." As he says these words, which are all that is required in imminent danger of death or for a valid absolution, he makes the **Sign of the Cross** over the Penitent, for as the rubrics note:

"The form of absolution indicates that the reconciliation of the Penitent comes from the mercy of the Father; it shows the connection between the reconciliation of the sinner and the paschal mystery of Christ; it stresses the role of the Holy Spirit in the forgiveness of sins; finally, it underlines the ecclesial aspect of the sacrament because reconciliation with God is asked for and given through the ministry of the Church."

**Proclamation of Praise/Dismissal of the Penitent.** Having been pardoned of all sins, the Penitent may praise the mercy of God and give thanks in a short invocation taken from Scripture. Then the Priest dismisses the Penitent, telling him/her to go in peace. Recalling that "love covers a multitude of sins" [1 Peter 4:8], the reconciled person go forth to live more fully his/her new life in Christ. The Priest may, when necessary, omit or shorten some parts of the Rite, always retaining in their entirety the confession of sins, acceptance of the act of penance, invitation to contrition, the form of absolution, and the dismissal. Confessions will be on **Friday, March 31, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.**

In Christ,

*Father Mark*

Rev. Mark A. Kreder, Pastor

**To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven** (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

"...a time to be born..."

"...a time to love..."

..."and a time to be born to *Eternal Life...*"

James Gilsenan, Maria Martinez

*Those who have died in the Service of our Country.*

"...and a time for peace in all the world..."

*pray for our servicemen and women at home and abroad,*

Cody Fisher, Jason Howie, Daniel Robert Costello,

Mark Caruso, Rick DiSanti, A.J. Elbert, Ryan Buckley,

Eric P. Fenske, Michael Griffing, Audrey Hughes,

Alexandria Del'Romero Hughes, Walter Reed,

Antoni Jedra, Charles Jones, Ian Krong, Tyler Brandon

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Kevin Kreder, Christopher Wright, Gage Maguire,

Brett Turners; Mikey Fanelli, Sean Doherty

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*And for our President and elected Leaders of our Country.*



### Share the Warmth Blanket/ Toiletries

The St. Vincent DePaul Society is sponsoring a Blanket (twin, full, queen)/sleeping bags as well as toiletries drive this weekend after all the Masses. Please bring new or gently used Blankets/sleeping bags to the Parish conference room. Items will be distributed locally. Thank you for your support.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023 DIOCESE of TRENTON

That we may take time this week to reflect, pray, and decide how we will share our blessings with our Catholic family. We pray to the Lord.



### BUS TRIP TO Atlantic City, Resorts Casino

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Tickets, \$32.00 each \$15.00 slot back

Bus Leaves St. Justin's Parking Lot at 11 am returns by 7:30 pm. For info/questions call Maryann: 908-578-4664/732-270-3404 or Kim: 732-664-2311

### Save the Date! Family Bingo Night

Friday, April 21, 2023 6:00 pm

Check upcoming bulletins for further info

# Religious Education

## MARCH REMINDERS

Immediate Prep for the Sacrament of First Eucharist will take place as follows:

Tuesday, March 21

Tuesday, March 28

All students preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist will meet at 4:30pm in the Education Building.



### Lenten Special Event Series

#### What is Conscience?

Father Mark will present a talk on Conscience on Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00pm.

As we are witnessing increased violence in our cities and even our schools, and are finding out many of the things we have been told by authorities are not true, we often ask do many of the people doing these things have a conscience.

Among the topics to be discussed:

What is conscience?

Must we always follow our conscience?

How do we form our conscience?

Can people acting in good faith, come to a different conclusion while following their conscience?

Some examples of moral dilemmas will be presented.

All are welcome to attend. The presentation will be no longer than one hour.

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Our Ministries will be presenting  
**The Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm**  
on the following Wednesdays:

**March 22, Altar Rosary Society**

**March 29th, Our Deacons**

**April 7th, Good Friday, Living Stations  
(presented by our Youth Group)**



**Holy Saturday, April 8 at 10:30am**

**We need Volunteers to help decorate**

We will start decorating the church and narthex at 10:30am. We need volunteers of all skills and levels of expertise. If you would like to decorate you can sign up on the parish website; or call the Parish Office.

## MINISTRY MEETINGS

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** The Altar-Rosary Society is a group of women dedicated to Blessed Mother and to helping our Parish. Praying the Rosary, loving Jesus thru Mary is an important part of our lives. Info contact Pat 732-608-0745 or Barbara 732-232-3733. **Next meeting Wed. March 22nd, 6:30pm-Altar Rosary will be presenting Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm**

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** will be meeting on **Monday, April 17, 2023 7:00 pm in St. Justin's Conference Room.** Anyone who has lost a loved one please come join us in prayer & sharing. For further information contact: Laurie: 732-929-9094

### **SENIORS CLUB**

*Enjoy coffee, pastry, Good conversation, games, and friendship For further info please contact Barbara: : 732-232-3733*

**Next meeting date: Tuesday, March 21, 2023**  
doors open 11:00am in the parish hall.



### **Shawl Ministry**

**Do you like to knit or crochet? Come join our group!** We are in need of some talented hands to make lap blankets and more! For more info contact: JoAnne at 732-270-9258—**Next meeting date: April 13th 7:00pm (note time change) St. Justins Conference Room.** New Members Always Welcome.



**BAPTISMAL WORKSHOPS**  
*in the Religious Ed Building.*  
**Next Baptismal Workshop**  
**Wednesday, April 12th**

**Pre-registration required call the parish office at 732-270-3980**

### **MEN'S FAITH GROUP**

Join other Men from the Parish for prayer, discussions and brotherhood as we live out, learn and share our Catholic Faith.

**Next Meeting Date: Monday May 1st**  
**St. Justin's Conference Room (April meeting cancelled)**



**St. Justin's Adult Choir** —Do you feel God is calling you to this ministry? Lend us your voice and become a part of the choir. Practice is on Tuesday Evenings—5:45-7:00pm, no experience necessary, just a love of singing for the Lord. Call Angela 201-681-4219 for info.

**St. Justin Seniors are sponsoring**  
**A Trip to Smithville Inn for a buffet lunch**  
**and then on to Resorts Casino**  
**May 2 , 2023 9:00 am to 8:00 pm.**

**Includes shopping & a few hours in Atlantic City (\$18 back from casino) Cost \$ 100.00. payment due by April 14th 2023. For information call Barbara 732-232-3733.**



**IS GOD CALLING YOU?** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul monthly meeting is **Monday March, 27th, 7:00pm in**

**St. Justin's Conference Room** All are welcome who are interested in joining us and helping to fulfill God's plan that we pray together, and assist our poor neighbors in need. Please consider donating to this charitable cause. The green offering envelopes are available on the narthex walls for this purpose. If you have any questions, kindly leave a message on our Help-Line at 732-929-1119.

Thank you.

*Mi 6:8 "What does the Lord require of you but to act justly, love mercy & walk humbly with your God"*

### **YOUTH GROUP**

**Come! Be A Part of the Living Stations of the Cross!**

**You don't have to be in the Youth Group to be part of the cast**



St. Justin Youth Group Ministry invites anyone in **Grade 4 through 12** to be part of the **LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS**, that will be presented on Good Friday, April 7th at 7:00pm. To volunteer for this wonderful, fun and spiritual opportunity, come to one of our meetings! We will be practicing each week. For further info, contact Deacon Fred at (732) 270-3980 ext. 331 **Next Youth Group Meetings: Sundays March 19th & 26th, April 2nd . 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Conference Room**



### **RCIA NEWS—**

Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) classes have begun. We meet at 9:00am on Sunday mornings in St. Justin's Conference Room

For further information Contact the Parish Office  
**Catholics Can Always Come Home**

**THE DIOCESE OF TRENTO**  
is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

**PROMISE TO PROTECT**  
  
**PLEDGE TO HEAL**

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan

**ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965**  
or via e-mail at [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org).

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

Before coming to Confession on **FRIDAY, MARCH 31** between 5:30 - 7:00 PM, examine your conscience; each week a different 'Examen' will be provided. To celebrate the Sacrament, start with your state in life [i.e., I'm married, single, parent, etc.] and approximate time since your last Confession; then list all grave, serious, major [mortal] sins by number and kind; a general admission of sinfulness suffices for less serious [venial] sins: i.e., impatience, intolerance, stinginess, lack of charity, forgiveness, etc. After the Priest offers a penance, listen to the *Prayer of Absolution*; please pray one of the nine official *Acts of Contrition* PRIVATELY BEFORE or AFTER.

#### Act of Contrition #9 - from the revised Order of Penance

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your merciful love; turn your face from my sins and blot out all my guilt; create a pure heart in me, O God, renew an upright spirit deep within me.

### EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE BASED ON CATHOLIC DOCTRINES

These questions express specific Catholic doctrines - but remember three things: 1] These questions get at what good Catholics should try their best to do; good Catholics cannot be perfect, otherwise only God could be a good Catholic; fidelity to doctrine is a life-long challenge, for which God has provided the Sacrament of Confession. 2] To one extent or another, everyone finds Catholic doctrine challenging; the problem is not the doctrine but our fallen human nature. 3] It is never too late to start becoming faithful to a doctrine.

1. Do I seek the objective truth about all things?
2. Do I recognize and appreciate objective truth, goodness, and beauty outside the Catholic Church as revelations or reflections of the one true God?
3. Do I live to be in union with the one, true God who is three Divine Persons of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and to share in Their perfect love?
4. Do I accept that the one, true God has most fully revealed Himself in Jesus Christ, who is God the Son?
5. Do I accept that Jesus Christ has most fully revealed Himself in His Death and Resurrection?
6. Do I accept that Jesus Christ is best known or revealed in the Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition of the Catholic Church, which Christ Himself founded?
7. Do I accept that only the Magisterium has the God-given authority to interpret Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition and thus to define the Catholic Faith in doctrines that are always and everywhere true?

8. Do I accept the doctrine and discipline taught by the Magisterium while knowing that I do not have to agree with their social analysis and prudential judgments?
9. Do I respect the office of the Magisterium even when it is held by sinful men?
10. Do I accept Catholic doctrine about salvation: Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, and Judgment?
11. Do I accept that the Catholic Faith alone has the fullness of the means of salvation - the most complete creed, worship, morality, and prayer?
12. Do I try to act according to Catholic moral doctrine, which is based on the New Testament's two Great Commandments to love God and love neighbor, and the Old Testament's Ten Commandments? Do I love God more than anything else? Do I love others by treating them as I would want to be treated? Do I obey all of God's Commandments?
13. Do I worship according to Catholic liturgical teachings, especially by participating in Mass every week on the Lord's Day and on Holy Days of Obligation (or their vigils) and by going to Confession regularly?
14. Do I pray daily and try to discover the many forms of prayer in the Catholic Faith?
15. Am I developing a unique personal relationship with God that never contradicts Catholic doctrine?
16. Do I support the Church, especially a Parish, to the degree my time, talent, and treasure allow?
17. Am I a Catholic 24/7? Is my Catholic identity what most defines me - more than race/ethnicity, economic class, gender, sexual orientation, culture, family, personality, physical appearance, job, or anything else?
18. Do I try to convert/invite non-Catholics to the Catholic Church, while respecting the religious freedom of others, by proposing and not imposing what can only be known by Faith?



Collections are vital to our existence as a Parish. If your circumstances permit, please consider donating to the parish at this time. I am thankful and grateful for your continued financial support to help us meet our weekly and monthly expenses. Many mail their contributions in and continue to do so. Here are some ways for you to help your parish:  Place your offering in the receptacles at the doors as you enter or leave church.  Mail in your envelopes weekly/monthly.  Have your bank send us weekly/monthly check automatically from your checking account made out to Saint Justin Church with your envelope number on the check to get proper credit. Thank you for giving the above some consideration to help support your parish financially, and know it is greatly appreciated! Fr. Mark

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