

ADVENT SCHEDULE



Reconciliation

"Create in me a clean heart, O God and put a new and right spirit within me" Psalm 51:10

Monday December 12: 5:30-7:00pm & 7:30-8:30pm

Wednesday December 14: 5:30-7:00pm confession will be available in English and Portuguese & 7:30-8:30pm only in English

Friday December 16: 5:30-7:00pm confession will be available in English and Spanish & 7:30-8:30pm only in English

Saturday December 17: 8:00-8:30am, 9:30-11am, 3:30-4:30pm

Monday December 19: 5:30-7:00pm & 7:30-8:30pm

Wednesday December 21: 5:30-7:00pm & 7:30-8:30pm

Act of Contrition: My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen

Reconciliation (Confession) By this beautiful Sacrament God gives all sinful members of His Church, "a direct, human, and personal encounter with the mercy of God" as found in the Gospel. [1] (CCC: 1446) In this encounter "God, the Father of mercies" pardons His faithful for post-baptism sins that they confessed to the bishop or his priests. (CCC: 1448-1449). In the liturgical actions of this sacrament, especially in the formula of absolution, Jesus Christ reaches out to us in the depth of our soul and mind to lift us to our feet and restores us to be more perfectly what we are: His saints, the reconciled children of God. He does so "to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship Him without fear, holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life" (Luke 1.73).[2] The essential elements of the sacrament of Reconciliation are two: the acts of the penitent who comes to repentance through the action of the Holy Spirit, and the absolution of the priest who in the name of Christ grants forgiveness and determines the ways of making satisfaction. [1] Thomas Cardinal Collins, Cornerstones of Faith. Reconciliation, Eucharist and Stewardship (Toronto, Canada: Novalis, 2013), p. 14. [2] Cf. the Canticle of Zechariah, adopted by the Liturgy of the Hours