

# Message From The Pastor

**February 28, 2021**

Does This Sound Familiar?

**Mandy:** Hey Jude, I called this afternoon, but you never answered! I needed to talk to you.

**Judy:** Sorry, Mandy. What time did you call me?

**Mandy:** It was about 4:00pm.

**Judy:** Oh, at that time I was going to confession at the church. Confessions are from 4-5pm.

**Mandy:** Confession! What for? Did you kill somebody or something?

**Judy:** I wanted to get some things off my mind which I felt guilty about doing recently.

**Mandy:** You go to church every Sunday and you pray at night. Aren't that enough times to tell God you are sorry about the things you felt guilty about doing recently?

**Judy:** Yes, and no. Yes, I do tell God about those things and it makes feel a little better. But, it is only in confession, as you know; we are forgiven in a very special way. Then, God gives us a lot of grace not to do it again. It's one of the seven sacraments. Now, I can start to make it better.

**Judy:** Hey, why did you need to talk to me earlier today?

**Mandy:** Well, umm, funny you should ask. It is a long story, but to make it simple, I know I should not have done it, but I did. Last night I stole \$20 from my brother's wallet. And, I felt really, really bad about it.

**Judy:** 4-5 next week. Go to confession. I'm telling you it really helped me a lot today. I will even drive you there if you don't want to go alone. Let me bring you. Don't carry the world on your shoulders like you are right now.

**Mandy:** Well. I don't know. I don't like that priest. His sermons are long and boring. I don't know.

**Judy:** Mandy, you can do this! Forget about that priest's sermons. Confession is about Jesus really forgiving you!

**Mandy:** Maybe. If it helped you, probably I will go. Just, as long as you come with me to the church. Hey, Jude, don't let me down, you better come with me.

**Judy:** Alright. I got it. I will be there. I will pick you up at 4. Sometimes we all need a little help from our friends.

Peace

Fr. Marc