



Minute of Mercy

CONFESSION

Spring is rapidly approaching. It's that time of year to do our spring cleaning. Time to rake all the leaves, pressure wash the house of mold and algae that collects over the winter, cultivate our gardens and prepare them for returning flowers, and plant new ones. And for the inside of our homes, a fresh coat of paint, and getting rid of things that clutter our homes.

Easter is coming! We want to get that fresh hair cut and new attire for this special day! We have taken care of all of the external things and earthly things. We are ready! But are we?

We've not taken care of the most important and that which will never pass away, our immortal souls. For this reason, this must be the first step in our mode of purifying and cleaning in order to move forward toward holiness and closer unity with Jesus. We begin this process by imploring the Lord to grant us the grace to awaken our souls for a sincere desire for conversion. This will lead us to a closer reflection of our innermost selves and initiate a truer knowledge of all those things we are guilty of that most offends our Lord. In turn this will precipitate true and sincere sorrow for our sins.

*And so **now** is the time. Why wait? Commit to frequenting the Sacrament of Confession, also known by several other titles, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Penance, Conversion and Forgiveness. [CCC 1423, 1424] "Thus says the Lord; be converted to Me with all your heart, in fasting and in weeping and in mourning. And rend your heart, and not your garments." (Joel 2:12)*

Allow yourself to know in this Holy Year of Mercy, the infinite Mercy of God and experience the lightness of heart and spirit and the true peace that only God can give. He seeks you and He is always knocking at the door of your heart. All you have to do is to open the door and invite Him in.

Mercy in Action

*This week's **Mercy in Action** is for all of St. Peter Parish to invite someone back to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and assist as needed. Dates and times can be found in the bulletin and also on the Year of Mercy table in the back of church.*