



Minute of Mercy

CONFESSION REVISITED

This past Spring, we spoke of painting, cultivating our gardens, cutting the grass and sprucing up our homes inside and out to prepare for Easter. We also discussed the cleansing of our souls by going to confession. As with our lawns, we don't just cut it one time, but rather it is an ongoing process for proper upkeep. So it is with our souls. Fallen creatures that we are, sin continues to plague us on a daily basis. The best remedy is to examine our consciences frequently, if not nightly. In this practice, through prayer, we can slowly identify our weaknesses that we must work to eliminate. Frequent confessions offer us unimaginable graces of courage, strength, and wisdom to overcome our sins. Making a concerted effort to frequent confession provides wondrous benefits. In prayer, the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, and the One who convicts us of our sins will reveal to us in the most loving way, those things we have done or not done. He does so in such a loving manner, which encourages us to work to put aside our sinful ways to please Our Lord. This in turn compels us to practice more frequently the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Lord Himself gave us this gift in His infinite Love and Mercy as only He knows the conditions and hearts of man and what will always and truly satisfy the longings of all men's' souls. The rewards of a true and good confession are a light and joyful heart.

With this in mind, let us take full advantage of all of the graces and blessings Mother Church has to offer Her children. St. Peter Parish, along with all parishes in the archdiocese, is providing an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Wednesday, September 14th. Details are in the bulletin.

Mercy in Action

This week's Mercy in Action is for all of St. Peter Parish to pray an Act of Contrition daily for personal conversion. Copies are available on the Year of Mercy table and on the St. Peter Parish App.