



# 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.*  
- Lk 4:18

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## January 23

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4PM  
 Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM  
 Weekdays 8 AM  
 Saturday Morning 9AM

### Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 12 Noon

### Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30 Am, 3:15-3:45 PM

### Anointing of the Sick & Homebound Visitation

Please call the Rectory at 856-456-0052 if anyone is homebound, in the hospital, critically ill or wishes to receive the Eucharist or the Anointing of the Sick.

### Faith Formation

Director of Christian Initiation for Adults:  
 Director of Youth Religious Education: Elizabeth Mariani  
 Directory of Music: Joe Gorman

### Queen of Ireland Gift Shop

Hours: Mon-Fri 9AM-2PM and after all Masses on Sundays.  
 Kathy Arensmeyer, Director

### Baptisms and Marriages

**Baptism:** See inside bulletin for exact detailed information.  
**Marriages:** Arrangements must be made 1 year prior to marriage date. Please call the Rectory.

**Policy for Certificates of Eligibility:** In order to receive a certificate, **You** (Not your mother or father) must be a practicing Catholic, registered in the parish. If married, you must be married in the church. You must attend Mass regularly. Use of weekly offering envelopes will tell us you are attending regularly.

**Trustees:** Elaine & John McNutt

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**Knights of Columbus:** John McNutt, Grand Knight  
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**Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians:** Maread Gallagher, President  
**Legion of Mary:** Wednesdays  
 9:15 AM  
**Adoration:** Thursdays 12 PM  
**Religious Education:** Wednesdays 3:40 PM & Thursdays 3:40 PM

## 20 Weeks - End of Month 5 "Mommy felt me kick today!"



I am 5 months old now. I'm 12 inches long and I weigh about one pound. I'm really getting big and mommy can now feel me kick and move around! Hey! Someday maybe I'll play soccer! Thank you for praying for me!

We are now mid-way through the pregnancy! Your spiritually adopted baby is growing stronger each day, and now can kick hard enough for his mother to feel.

This month, please say a special prayer to St. Joseph for the father of your spiritually adopted baby, that he the courage and strength he needs to support mom and baby.



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### Baptisms and Marriages

**Baptism:** Held the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month following the 11:30 Mass. Class is held the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7PM in the Rectory. You **CANNOT** attend class until eligibility slips are received. Parents and Godparents must attend class.

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### Attention:

#### To all prospective Godparents:

The Rectory requires a minimum of **6 weeks** notice to verify and provide certificates of eligibility. Please be mindful of the Baptismal date when asking for the certificate of eligibility.



If you would like to make an online donation, you can do so by visiting our website: [www.stmarysgloucestercity.org](http://www.stmarysgloucestercity.org) and follow the direction under the Giving Tab.

By contributing electronically, the parish will have the benefit of stable monthly contributions and achieve a significant reduction in administrative costs.

Keep in mind that you can always use your credit card to receive rewards. If you need assistance contact the Rectory.

### Collection

1/02		1/09		1/16		12/25		12/26	
Parish Offerings	3338	Parish Offering	3141	Parish Offering	3391	Christmas Eve	19492	Parish Offering	4118
Special Collection	1885	Parish Improvement	827.86	Parish Improvement	3274	Christmas Day	8593	Parish Improvement	1858
<b>Total</b>	<b>5223</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>5968.86</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>6662</b>	Additional Christmas	4076	<b>Total</b>	<b>5976</b>
						<b>Total</b>	<b>32161</b>		

Anyone who may be contributing to House of Charity via Employee Giving/Payroll Deduction thru United Way, United Way funds come in thru a bulk batch donation and if the acknowledgement is not sent to the diocese office it's not credited to any parish/individual. Please contact the Coordinator Carole Lackore at 856-583-6156 or [carole.lackore@camdendiocese.org](mailto:carole.lackore@camdendiocese.org)



**All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers:** please email Sarah Murphy @ [cupcakeeva04@yahoo.com](mailto:cupcakeeva04@yahoo.com) with your name, phone number, email address and mass preferences in order for her to make a current contact list.

**Going forward Masses will be limited to 3 recipients per Mass as per the Bishop's Office.**

We would like our sick and shut-ins to receive Holy Communion frequently. If any of our Eucharistic Ministers would like to bring the Blessed Sacrament to any of their confined neighbors or family members please call the staff at Mary's House 856-456-0052. Ask them to write down your name and phone number down to pass along to Monsignor Hodge. Also, ask the communicant if he or she would like Monsignor to come to hear their Confession and/or give them the Sacrament of the Sick. We want our elderly, our sick and our home-bound to know they are an integral member of the parish whose prayers are most powerful.

**BEGINNING AT THE VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup>** – parishioners should be encouraged to wear masks while attending Mass. If a pastor wishes, those who chose to not wear a mask may be asked to sit in particular places in the church which are so marked. Priests, deacons and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion **are required to wear a mask which covers their mouth and nose** whenever they distribute Holy Communion and to use hand sanitizer before and after distribution. Social distancing should be practiced where possible. Holy Water may be retained, but parish staff should make sure to change the water frequently.

All parish meetings/gatherings that take place indoors are **limited to the number that can be present while maintaining** all social distancing protocols. In addition, **all participants are expected to wear masks which cover their nose and mouth** for the duration of the meeting. If someone is unable to do so for health reasons – they must be reminded to keep a greater than six-foot distance from other participants.

**While there is no prohibition on offering hospitality** – best practices suggest that buffets and beverage centers should be limited.

**Frequently touched surfaces** should be sanitized on a regular basis. Parishioners should be asked to sanitize the bathroom after they use it or the parish may choose to have facilities staff available to do so.

#### **ADORATION FOR LIFE**

"If everyone prayed one hour of Adoration a week, there would be no abortion "

Mother Teresa

The Eucharist and Prayer has sustained the Pro-Life movement since the regrettable decision to legalize abortion in the United States in 1973.

We are as close as we have ever been to overturning Roe vs Wade.

Please be a voice for the unborn and sign up for an hour ( or 1/2 hour) of Adoration here at St. Mary's on THURSDAY, JANUARY 20th anytime between 12 noon and 7 pm.

We need as many parishioners as possible to ask our Lord, the Father of all Life, to end Roe and the brutal practice of abortion. We are also praying that as a Parish we can better support mom's in need.

With God All things are possible.

Sign up sheets are on all the tables in the back of church.

God Bless You,

Pro-Life Ministry

St Mary's is pleased to offer both **Masses** and **Bell Ringing**. We offer a beautiful card for the living and deceased memorializing the ringing of our magnificent Bells of St Mary. The donation for the Ringing is the same as announced Mass: **\$15**. St Mary's is pleased to now offer the ability to sponsor **Altar Flowers**. The cost is **\$50** per spray with upgrades available upon request.

**The Candles for the week of January 23, 2022 for the following Intentions**

**BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE** is burning for **Tillie Meloni** R/b Jean & Sue Meloni

**ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE** is burning for

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** is burning for

**Saint Francis of Assisi Candle** is burning for

**Saint Anthony of Padua** is burning for

**St Patrick** is burning **In Memory of**

**The Divine Child Jesus** is burning **In Memory of Deceased Nieces: Donna, Michele & Sharon** R/b Aunt Connie Detwiler

**Altar Flowers** are in Memory of

**Saturday January 22, 2022 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Children**

**9:00 AM Sharon Collins** R/b Kathleen & James Irwin, **St Mary's Spiritually Adopted Children & Their Parents** R/b St Mary's Prolife

**4:00 PM Thomas J O'Donnell Jr (D)** R/b Debbie & Tom Blake, **Donald McMichael Sr (D) (Ann Rem)** R/b Wife & Family, **Margaret Coyle (D)** R/b Debbie & Tim Blake

**Sunday January 23, 2022 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time *Bells: In Appreciation Living & Deceased Members of Saints & Singers***

**7:30 AM Int Denny/McHugh Children (L)** R/b Herbert Family, **Hugh McKillop Jr** R/b Chuck Williamson, **Anna Nocella** R/b Jim & Claire Marie Devereaux

**9:30 AM Jill Lottanzio** R/b Jennifer Jackson

**11:30 AM Anna Britton** R/b Family, **Mary Ellen White (D)** R/b Family

**Monday January 24, 2022 Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**8:00 AM Int of Denny/McHugh Children (L)**

**Tuesday January 25, 2022 Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle**

**8:00 AM Int of Denny/McHugh Children (L)**

**Wednesday January 26, 2022 Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops**

**8:00 AM Int of Denny/McHugh Children (L)**

**Thursday January 27, 2022 Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder**

**8:00 AM People of the Parish**

**Friday January 28, 2022 Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church**

**8:00 AM Charles H Grieco Jr (D) (Birth Rem)** R/b Sister Mary Ann Gorman

**Saturday January 29, 2022**

**9:00 AM Mary Dotti Bocchicchio (D)** R/b Brian Hadley

**4:00 PM Margaret Saunders (D)** R/b Patricia Kulba

**Sunday January 30, 2022 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time *Bells: In Appreciation Living & Deceased Members of Saints & Singers***

**7:30 AM Int Denny/McHugh Children (L)** R/b Herbert Family, **Marge Kahlan (D) (Birth Rem)** R/b Karl

**9:30 AM Rosemarie Cicalese (D) (Birth Rem)** R/b Joanna & Michael McSweeney

**11:30 AM Joan Staas** R/b Legion of Mary

## Please keep in Your Prayers

**Our Sick:** Annetta & Hugo Adorno, Florence Underwood, Martin Roach, Thomas Kain, Claire Dunn, Olive Driscoll, Caroline Dougherty, Justin Locker, Billy Gormley, Bob Glassman, Bob Ludwick, Eva Christ, Maryann Liebrand, John Risely, John Greene III, Denise Glassman, Grace Cooney, Barbara Burns, Eleanor Kain, Dominic Abate, Donna Musick, Charlene Riley, Carol Samsanavicius, Frank Angeloni Sr, George Springer, Grace Piscopio, Jack Heiser, James E Miller, Jillian DePoder, Cindy Dolson, Joe Flinn, John Battersby, Annette Pecina, Samantha Boulden, Johnny McDevitt, Jordan Neff, Joseph Carlino Sr, Ronnie Convey, Kelli Cline-Perrone, Marion Hakanson, Linda & Tom Ryan, Linda White Locker, Lynne Jergensen, Marie "Franny" Spencer, Marion Scalzo, Mary Lou & Bill Adams, Mike Murphy, Nicholas Mecchione, Elise Cowgill, Ed Hlopak, Mike Battersby, Rich Notis, Judy McGrath, Selma Toal, Sr Nora Foley, Lindsey Sobelewski Eller, Theresa Gorman, Carolyn Foyle, Nick Pinolini, Troy Lail, Vickie Virden, Wayne Bradlock, William Kelly, William Livengood, Winifred Settler, Richard & Pat Schwartz, Tom Pierman, Kelly Gartland, Frances Bregler, Susan Stano, Clare Kearney, Richard Dolson, Jon Sciarra, Chrissy Barron, Bill Ritchie, Marge Laarkamp, Connie Klein, Jill Mosco, Georgette Carter, Sally Ludwick, Ms Cerelle, Dolores "Ducky" Whilleson, Bob Stone, Bill Ritchie Jr, Sue Green, Nancy McKoewn, Joseph C Perry Sr, Pat Sullivan, Frank Knox, **Danielle Harkins, George Griffiths, , Michael Grello, Shirley Fox**

**Our Military:** Colin Ward, Marine; Johnathan T Brown, Navy; John (Jak) Sullivan, US Air Force; Jacqueline Myers-Barton, US Army; AJ Parent, US Coast Guard, Sean Patrick Ward, US Army, Christopher James Grieco, US Air Force

## Our Deceased:

### Our Recently Baptized:

#### *Prayer for the Spread of Perpetual Adoration*

Heavenly Father, increase our faith in the Real Presence of Your Son Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.  
We are obliged to adore Him, to give Him thanks and to make reparation for sins.  
We need your peace in our hearts and among nations.  
We need conversion from our sins and the mercy of Your forgiveness.

Dear St Mary's Parishioners,

I wish to take this opportunity to thank anyone for answering my 23 year old granddaughter, Alexa Long, 2nd Lt US Army request for Christmas Care Packages and Christmas cards for her soldiers in Lithuania 6,000 miles away from home.

Because technology today is so amazing, I was not only able to talk to Alexa but see her in person. She said, "her soldiers were so happy to receive so many Christmas Care Packages and Cards." The soldiers are busy writing thank you notes.

Also, she reminded her family that she may be coming home around March of 2022. It could change.

Let's cross our fingers and pray a lot for her safety and for her young soldiers serving our country.

May God Bless you, Happy New Year and Thanks again.

Regards,

Alexa's Grandmom

Olive M Driscoll

### New Parishioners

We warmly welcome new parishioners and visitors. Let us know how we may be of service to you. You may register at the Rectory: Monday-Friday 9AM-3PM.

**A reminder we are still cleaning the Church after each Mass due to the Covid Virus.**

**A big thank you to those who are spraying the disinfectant. We appreciate your help.**

**We also thank those wiping the pews and doors.**

**If everyone could help us by leaving kneelers down at the end of Mass that will let the cleaner know someone was in the pew.**

**If you are able to bring disinfectant wipes with you and wipe down your pew after Mass that would be great. You can then leave the kneeler up.**

***In case of a cardiac emergency in church, please keep in mind that there is an AED located behind the pillar near the St Joseph's Altar. In case of a relevant emergency, someone should call 911 while someone else who is trained should use the AED.***

# Announcements

1. THE NEW BOOK CLUB READING IS AVAILABLE IN SAINT JOSEPH'S SACRISTY. THE DONATION IS ONLY \$3.00. THE BOOK WILL BE DISCUSSED ON THE LAST THURSDAY IN JANUARY; THE 27TH.
2. PRO-LIFE MINISTRY IS ASKING YOU TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER SIGNING UP FOR ADORATION ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> FOR AN END TO ABORTION AND THAT AS A PARISH WE CAN BETTER SUPPORT MOM'S IN NEED. SIGN UP SHEETS ARE ON THE TABLES IN THE BACK OF CHURCH. PLEASE SEE BULLETIN FOR MORE INFORMATION.
3. THE 2022 SHAMROCK CELEBRATION COMMITTEE IS IN NEED OF THEMED BASKET DONATIONS OR ITEMS TO BUILD A BASKET FOR OUR IRISH AUCTION TO BE RAFFLED OFF FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>. ITEMS NEEDED ARE GIFT CARDS, SPORTING OR EVENT TICKETS, AS WELL AS THEMED BASKETS, BUT ANY DONATION IS APPRECIATED. PLEASE CONTACT FRAN POLLANDER FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

Dear Msgr Hodge,

Just a note to thank you for giving permission to St Mary's Pro-Life Group to hold the annual Baby Shower for our 1st Way Life Center.

We received beautiful baby items that arrived at just the right time of the year! The new moms will be delighted to receive these new presents for their newborns.

A special thank you to Claire Marie Deveraux for coordinating this event for us. It is a big undertaking and we are so grateful.

Gratefully for the Preborn,

Denise F Cocciolone

President

## 3 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)



## PSALM

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)



## SECOND READING

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)



## GOSPEL

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.



## LITURGICAL LIFE

# RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

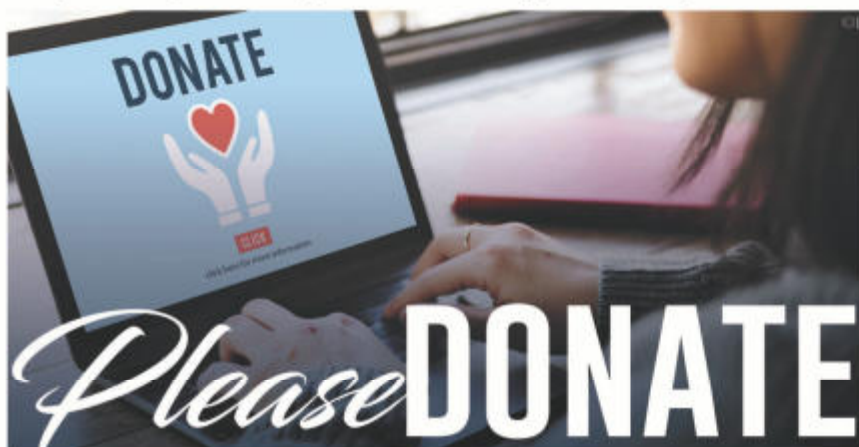
We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

##### Question:

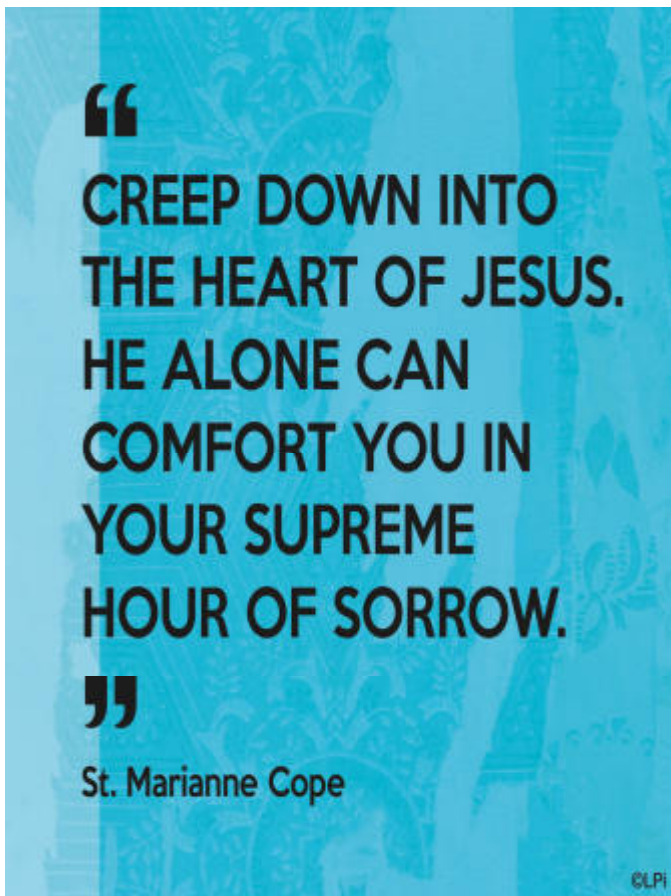
Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

##### Answer:

Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.



Lighter Side

### Divine Delivery

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new branch office. When the businessman got to the event, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription "Rest in Peace." He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain.

"It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription 'Congratulations on Your New Location!'"

### One for Every Room

One Sunday our priest announced he was passing out miniature crosses made of palm leaves. "Put this cross in the room where your family argues most," he advised. "When you look at it, the cross will remind you that God is watching."

As I was leaving church, the woman in front of me walked up to the priest, shook his hand, and said, "I'll take five."

### Confession

En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved.

"Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."



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