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HOW IS SIN FORGIVEN?

Now that we are at the doorstep of Lent, it's a good time to think about our personal Lenten conversions, which means overcoming our personal vices and augmenting our personal virtues. Let's take a look at the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* to see several ways that sin is forgiven.

First and foremost, sin is forgiven in **Baptism**. Both original sin and personal sins are wiped away as we become children of God. (See CCC 1213)

For those who are already baptized, sin is forgiven through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, also known as Confession or the Sacrament of Penance. This is the way that most of us usually think about receiving God's forgiveness. As the Catechism states, the sacrament forgives all sins mortal and venial, but all mortal sins (serious or grave sins) require confession and absolution. (CCC 1456)

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CCC 1452

When a person receives the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**, his or her sins are forgiven, in the event they could not receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (CCC 1532)



When a person receives the **Eucharist**, his or her venial sins are forgiven. As we saw earlier, mortal, grave, or serious sins are reserved to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (CCC 1416)

The final way is by making a **perfect act of contrition**. For example, what does one do in a pandemic situation when one does not feel safe in going to church or cannot find a priest for an individual confession of sin? Pope Francis addressed this concern back in March of 2020. The Holy Father says:

"But many people today would tell me, 'Father, where can I find a priest, a confessor, because I can't leave the house? And I want to make peace with the Lord, I want him to embrace me, I want the Father's embrace.'"



The Pope said his response would be, "Do what the Catechism (of the Catholic Church) says. It is very clear: If you cannot find a priest to confess to, speak directly with God, your Father, and tell him the truth. Say, 'Lord, I did this, this, this. Forgive me,' and ask for pardon with all your heart."

Make an act of contrition, the Pope said, and promise God, "I will go to confession afterward, but forgive me now.' And immediately you will return to a state of grace with God."

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Paragraph 1452, says: "When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called 'perfect' — contrition of charity. Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible."

Pope Francis added, "As the Catechism teaches, you can draw near to God's forgiveness without having a priest at hand. Think about it. This is the moment."

Lenten Peace,
Fr. Mike Woroniewicz
Vicar

THE DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH 2021 ISSUE IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND
Please email information to: [CrystiEsper at communications@monroevicariate.com](mailto:CrystiEsper@monroevicariate.com). Thank you!



St. John the Baptist

St. John Food Pantry needs volunteers

The food pantry needs help on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Teenagers that need community service hours, Young adults anyone that can walk up and down stairs and help carry groceries bags to individual cars. If interested in helping once a month contact **Lillian Williamson @ 734-770-7046 or email: lillianwilliamson@att.net**

IHM Riverhouse

Retreat March 3 - 7, 2021

This Lenten retreat explores the Triduum as a way to see that the time of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday is about the Lord coming to meet us. We will also be spending some time with Pope Francis' letter, *Gaudete et Exultate* – the universal call to holiness. The facilitator, Rev. Roger H. Keeler is a presbyter of the Archdiocese of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. **Registration Deadline: Feb. 24, 2021**

Suggested Offering: \$250, with a \$50 deposit. To register, contact River House – IHM Spirituality Center at riverhouse@ihmsisters.org, 734-240-5494 or online at ihmsisters.org/calendar. Instructions to access the webinar will be provided at registration.

IHM WEBINAR Lenten Prayer Series: Healing

February 17 - March 10, 7:00 p.m.

As part of the season of Lent, we see the need for healing and we turn to the One whose heart is always for us, calling us, wanting us to return "home" and to trust enough that we may see ourselves as God sees us. Please have a candle or other form of light beside you during our prayer together. **Facilitators: Lynne Moldenhauer, IHM, serves as the coordinator for the Maxis IHM Spirituality Center in Riverview. Julie Vieira, IHM, MA, is a writer, presenter, and spiritual guide. Prayer Themes: Feb. 17: Opening to God's Loving Forgiveness; Feb. 24: Healing the Heart and Mind; March 3: Reaching Over the Divide: Love's Command; March 10: Seeing as Jesus See. Facilitators: Lynne Moldenhauer, IHM, serves as the coordinator for the Maxis IHM Spirituality Center in Riverview. Julie Vieira, IHM, MA, is a writer, presenter, and spiritual guide.**

Peace & Justice

Disability Etiquette: Emergency Evacuation Procedures for People With Disabilities

The following procedures should be considered for people with disabilities in a Church's evacuation plan:

- Compile a voluntary list of parishioners with disabilities or those who have special needs. Let the parishioners know that a list is being compiled so they can inform you if they have temporary disabilities, short- or long-term illnesses, or are pregnant.
- Interview each individual on the list to plan the most effective way to assist them in case of an emergency.
- Develop a voluntary sign-in list for people with disabilities who attend Church less frequently.
- Ensure adequate devices are available for your facility should the need arise, which could include extra wheelchairs, stair lifts, or chairs depending on the size and configuration of your facility.

The following information should be available for Church leaders, staff, and volunteers:

- Printed materials and training on recognition and response for types of seizures
- Printed materials and training on CPR procedures and use of CPR equipment
- Printed materials listing the order of command for emergency evacuations and the location of the triage and safe gathering areas
- Location of medical supplies, which should include a large portable first aid bag

In addition to the above information, a crisis escort should be provided for each person with a special need even if family members are with them since family members often become separated from each other.

If your parish provides specific resources for people with disabilities or if you have knowledge that could be added to the basic procedures and information listed above, please contact Valerie Tyldesley, valerie.tyldesley@gmail.com, so the information can be published in the Monroe Vicariate.

Catholic Schools

Information Night and Open Houses

St. Patrick School Open House (in person)

March 1, 2021 | 6:00-8:00 PM
2970 Labo Rd., Carleton MI 48117

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Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools Open House

For NEW and Prospective families ONLY
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March 4, 2021 | 6:00-8:30 PM

- Face masks and social distancing required
- Brief COVID health screening upon entrance
- To sign up, visit www.mcesmonroe.com or call Julie White, Enrollment Manager at 734-241-3923

SMCC Information Night and Open House

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 | 6:00 PM
(VIRTUAL) **Information Night for 8th Grade & Transfer Families**

- Staff members will be present to answer questions regarding student life, transportation, scholarships and financial aid, curriculum, and campus ministry.
- **Please contact Director of Enrollment, Brittney Calender, at bcalender@smccmonroe.com or at 734.241.7622 ext 121 to register for each of these Virtual Information Nights and receive the link to the Zoom meeting.**

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Priest Profiles

**FR. KISHORE BATTU, ADMINISTRATOR
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, MONROE**

Priest Profiles are brought to you by the Monroe Vicariate Vocations Committee.

Fr. Kishore Babu Battu, SAC (Society of Catholic Apostolate),

speaks with his mother, brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces and his uncle, who is 89. Every year he goes home to India for a one-month holiday with his mother and family.

Fr. Kishore loves being a priest, celebrating mass, administering the sacraments, especially the sacrament of Reconciliation, and adoring the Lord with the faithful. The greatest challenge and hardest part of being a priest for Father is not being able to see his mother often as she is not in good health.

was born in Andhra Pradesh, India and grew up in the beautiful state of Andhra Pradesh, Guntur region of India that is known for education and the cultivation of rice, chilli and cotton. The fifth of seven children born to Mary Battu and Sebastian Battu, Fr. Kishore grew up in a traditional Catholic community that had a mission run by the Pallottines priests. His education from grade 1 -5 was at home and then continued in a boarding school run by the Pallottine priests. Following the death of his father, Fr. Kishore entered the seminary at age 15 and thirteen years later, was ordained a priest for the Society of the Catholic Apostolate on April 17, 2008.

Fr. Kishore's first assignment as a priest was as an associate pastor and also was in charge of a boarding school in India. There he had the opportunity to take care of the spiritual needs of the children in residence and also taught 7th and 8th grade. In 2012, he arrived in Michigan and was assigned as associate pastor at St. Michael in Livonia with Msgr. William Tyndall for three years, followed by an assignment at St. Joseph in Lake Orion with Fr. Michael Verschaeve. Both Msgr. Tyndall and Fr. Verschaeve are priests who have served in the Monroe Vicariate. His last assignment before coming to St. Michael the Archangel was as associate pastor of St. Valentine and Our Lady of Loretto parishes in Redford.

Several priests have been mentors to Fr. Kishore including his parish priest in India. The others are a cousin who is a priest, a parish priest in Fort Worth, TX and Fr. Vershaeve, who has been a wonderful father figure to him.

Growing up seeing priests and religious sisters and being an altar boy starting in third grade, his family was not surprised and very happy when he told them he wanted to study for the priesthood. They encouraged him enter the seminary.

On his day off, Fr. Kishore does his weekly shopping, visits priests friends and gets little more sleep. Fr. Kishore loves sports and growing up played many different sports. He enjoys watching basketball, tennis and football and in the summer playing tennis. He also likes to watch movies in his native language when they are available in this country.

Fr. Kishore's advice to those interested in or discerning a vocation to the priesthood:

To quote Fr. Kishore, "My mum is the love of my life." He is very much in touch with his family and every Sunday he

"My advice is, it is worth following Christ and really an honor to be part of the ministerial priesthood. Spend more time in prayer to discern and do not have any doubt about your qualifications. Jesus does not call those who are qualified; He qualifies those He has called. Surrender yourself to Christ. He will do everything for you. Cultivate a special devotion to Mother Mary and she will accompany you throughout your life. Participate in the Holy Eucharist daily."

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2970 W Labo Rd, Carleton
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February 19, 26
March 5, 12, 19, 26
4:00-6:30 PM**

- Drive-Thru ONLY
- **\$13 Each or 2 for \$25**
- Fried Perch or Cod Dinners
- Dinners include: Jumbo Shrimp, Potatoes, Green Beans, Mac and Cheese, Cole Slaw

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8295 Van Aiken St., Ida

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February 19-April 2
Dine In OR Carry Out
3:00 PM (until SOLD OUT)**

- Drive thru only
- **\$10.00 small combo dinner
\$15.00 large combo dinner
\$20.00 (only fish, no sides)**
- No substitutes
- All plates include: fish/shrimp, scalloped potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, and dessert





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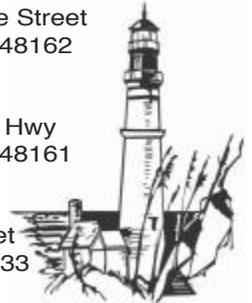
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