

Dear sisters and brothers,

We began the Season of Lent with God inviting us to come back to him with all our heart. This returning to the Lord with all our heart is facilitated and affirmed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, once known as Confession, is a reminder to us that our God is a God of the second chance who, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, sets us free from our sins and from the burden of guilt that comes along with our sin.

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God gives us a fresh start - a new beginning. God knows that we are weak and vulnerable, and he dispenses his forgiving mercy as we need it. "To each one according to her/his need" seems to be God's way.

Isaiah 43 reads: "You have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities. I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins." (Is 43:24b- 25). The sun only shines and God only loves and forgives!

Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings us back unto himself. Our sins separate and damage our relationship with the Lord and our communion with one another, and it is through this most powerful sacrament that this relationship is repaired and strengthened.

Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation we can walk more closely with the Lord once again, without the burden of our sins weighing us down and distancing our relationship with God.

It is our hope that you will come as individuals, couples and families to avail yourselves of the opportunity to be reconciled to the Lord, to one another and yourselves. There will be at least 10 priests from our neighborhood with us to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 20, at 7pm.

Come, let us return to the Lord with all our hearts!

With prayerful wishes and blessings,

Fr. William Rosario