

LENT 2015

Let the Lord be generous with His mercy

Dear Parish Family of Assumption...

I am pleased to invite you to our Annual Lenten **Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation**. It will take place **Wednesday, March 15th at 7 PM**. In years past we called the whole experience, becoming reconciled, by one of the parts: that is...either confession or penance.

To be reconciled there are four movements: contrition (sorrow) confession (what one laments), absolution (the priest, a fellow sinner, representing the community imparts mercy) and penance (not a punishment, rather a spiritual medicine, the penitent accepts to help her/him think/say/act more Christ-like.

On this coming Wednesday, because the setting of the celebration of Reconciliation is **Communal** we shall express in unison our Contrition and pray together a Common Penance. Then opportunity will be granted for each of you to come forward to confess (share what you lament) and receive individual absolution from the priest.

During every Mass we certainly pray over and over in the Penitential Rite, the Gloria, Creed as well as the Agnus Dei: Lord, you take away the sins of the world have mercy... Wednesday evening as well as each Tues. evening in Lent 7 to 9 and every Saturday at 4 PM we can come and express our faith in God's love and mercy by letting God take away our sins.

Yes it takes faith in God's mercy as well as humility, I can promise you will, always, through Fr. Larry and myself, meet the living God, receive his mercy and restore an inner peace the Lord so much wants to share.

You are ever so welcome and lovingly encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as a great way to prepare for the upcoming Holy Days of Thursday (the Lord's Supper), Friday (the Lord's Passion and Death) and Saturday/Sunday, (the Lord's Resurrection). My Lenten prayer for every parishioner is this: "Let the Lord be generous with his mercy! Amen.

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

Father Tom, Pastor