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March 18, 2018 Fifth Sunday of Lent



From Your Pastor



TIS THE SEASON TO SEEK MERCY. This coming Wednesday the whole Diocese will host a Day of Confession. Materials will be available at the entrances of the church for you to take home to prepare for your confession before Easter. You may remember the directive of the church to do your 'Easter Duty'. The Easter Duty was to receive communion <u>at least</u> once a year, and to prepare for this one must go to confession. It did not mean you only needed to go to church once a year. People did not receive

every week at that time.

We must change our hearts about confession. It is a time of trusting in God's love and mercy, as opposed to facing His judgement. As priests, we try to express His mercy and encouraging love to everyone coming to confession. Confession is a great way to show God your love. God desires so much to bring you to peace. Confession is better than psychological counseling for no psychologist can forgive you. Neither can you forgive yourself. Only God can bestow this gift. May you find your peace with God and each other this holy season.

I have received this note from Fr. John Comiskey, Moderator of the Curia of the Diocese and the Bishop's Delegate regarding Fr. Moe Charbonneau. Because Fr. Moe was stationed at Sacred Heart Parish as an associate we are asked to put the following announcement in the bulletin. Please direct any concerns to the contact people noted below, and please keep all involved in your prayers.

From the Office of the Bishop's Delegate - 12 March 2018

It was announced on Thanksgiving weekend that allegations had been made against Fr. Moe Charbonneau. He was subsequently removed from the parishes in which he was serving. No criminal charges have been laid against him, and the allegation involved an inappropriate adult relationship. It has been discovered through an investigation that the incident first reported to the diocese was not an isolated incident of misconduct; rather, there have been several incidents over the years.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents is asked to contact Ms. Sharon Wright-Evans, Director of Safe Environment Services and the Bishop's Deputy Delegate, at 519-433-0658, x271, or Father John Comiskey, Bishop's Delegate, at 519-433-0658, x275.

Our hope in placing this notice in the bulletins where Fr. Moe served is two-fold: we need to reach out to see if there are any other persons involved, and we need to let others know that we take these situations seriously.

Day of Confession – Wednesday, March 21

All Priests - All Parishes - All Day

This year's diocesan Day of Confessions will take place on Wednesday, March 21, enabling us to set aside our old ways, to be renewed in heart and soul, and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. As Pope Frances reminds us, confession is where we encounter Jesus. Please see the Confession times listed below for our parishes and other parishes in Sarnia.

9am-12:30pm - St. Michael Church

2-8pm – Sacred Heart Church
8am-7pm – Our Lady of Mercy
9am-7pm – Queen of Peace
10am–12pm and 2-5pm – St. Thomas Aquinas
10am–12pm, 1-3pm and 5-7:30pm – St. Joseph, Corunna
Please contact other parishes for their times.



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