

SAMPLE PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Sunday of Lent

The season of Lent is a time to open ourselves to the grace of conversation and to be renewed in our commitment to live the gospel in fullness and fidelity. An important part of this Lenten process is the sacrament of penance, wherein we experience directly the compassion, mercy and forgiveness of the Lord.

In an effort to highlight this important step in our Lenten journey, on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 every priest in every parish will be available throughout the entire day to celebrate the sacrament of penance.

Please consult the Parish Bulletin for more information on this Day of Confessions event in our parish(es).

Second Sunday of Lent

Pope Francis has said: "Do not be afraid to ask God's forgiveness! He never tires of forgiving us, like a father who loves us." This year, once again, we will provide the opportunity for all Catholics to ask for God's forgiveness through the sacrament of penance.

The sacrament of penance will be celebrated throughout the entire day on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 in every parish in the diocese.

If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away from it for some time, or just found it difficult to get to our parish's regular weekly confession time, this is a singular opportunity to reconnect with Christ and his Church.

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Third Sunday of Lent

Pope Francis has described confession as an encounter with Jesus whose "mercy motivates us to do better." In early March, we will have the opportunity to experience this encounter with Christ in the sacrament of penance (reconciliation).

Preparation for and the celebration of confession enables us to set aside our disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, and to be reconciled with our God, who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness and mercy. Please remember that on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 the sacrament of penance (reconciliation) will be available throughout the entire day in every parish in the diocese.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

In three days, on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, all Catholics throughout the Diocese of London will have the opportunity to share in God's healing and forgiveness. We need to ask for the grace to abandon all that keeps us from living a full relationship with Christ. We need to allow the Lord to wash away our sins in his forgiving love and to make us whole once again.

Information about this Day of Confessions event is to be found in the Parish Bulletin, as well as in a specially prepared brochure on the sacrament of penance attached to this Sunday's Parish Bulletin. This brochure is designed to help every Catholic celebrate the sacrament fully and prayerfully. You are urged to review this small pamphlet and to avail yourself of the opportunity for confession this coming Wednesday.