

# Dear Padre,

**How does a priest keep the confession of a grievous sin by someone he knows from affecting their personal relationship?**

One of a priest's most sacred responsibilities is the confidentiality of the confessional. This confidentiality encompasses everyone—even the priest and penitent outside the confessional. A priest is not allowed to discuss the confessed sin with the person outside the confessional unless permission is granted for further counseling.

The confessor is also forbidden to use any knowledge gained through the sacrament of reconciliation to restrict the penitent. For instance, if a pastor's bookkeeper confessed he was embezzling money, the pastor could not use the knowledge acquired in the confessional to fire the person.

Priests generally try to forget the specific sins parishioners confess to us, and it really isn't that difficult. Contrary to what many think, a parishioner's sins do not rush into my mind when I speak to him or her.

We have all sinned, done things we are ashamed of, things we wouldn't want anyone to know about, things we wouldn't want others to define us by. This knowledge and the grace of the sacrament help us look past the mistakes of others and recognize Christ within them.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE/SEAN CALAGHER, THE CRIBERON

## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*Reconciliation itself is a benefit that the wisdom of the Church has always safeguarded with all her moral and legal might, with the sacramental seal....It is indispensable for the sanctity of the sacrament and for the freedom of conscience of the penitent...that the sacramental conversation will remain within the secrecy of the confessional.*

ADDRESS TO APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 29, 2019



## Calendar

- Monday**  
MAY 10  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 16:11-15  
Jn 15:26-16:4
- Tuesday**  
MAY 11  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 16:22-34  
Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday**  
MAY 12  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1  
Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday**  
MAY 13  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 18:1-8  
Jn 16:16-20
- Friday**  
MAY 14  
St. Matthias, Apostle  
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26  
Jn 15:9-17
- Saturday**  
MAY 15  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 18:23-28  
Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday**  
MAY 16  
Ascension of the Lord  
Acts 1:1-11  
Eph 1:17-23  
or Eph 4:1-13  
or 4:1-7, 11-13  
Mk 16:15-20

**Timely topics viewed with a Catholic perspective**  
 Catholic Update explores contemporary issues through the lens of Catholic teaching and traditions. Print and digital subscriptions! For more information, visit [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org) or call 800-325-9521.



# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter

May 9, 2021



*Holy Spirit Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Mission*

*Reverend Peter Kmiecik, Pastor*

*Deacon John E. Jennings † Deacon Norbert Lloyd, Jr.*

Parish Office 283-5252 – Fr. Peter's Office 233-0947 - Fax 283-5255

[holyspiritcc@bellsouth.net](mailto:holyspiritcc@bellsouth.net) – [www.holyspiritcc.com](http://www.holyspiritcc.com)

Office Hours: Mon-Thur-8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Fr. Peter is off on Monday



### Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Week of May 8 - May 14*

- Sat 6:00 pm †All Souls in Purgatory
- Sun 11:00 am Parishioners Living & Deceased
- Sun 6:00 pm †Robert Robbins
- Mon 8:00 am NO MASS
- Tue 8:00 am NO MASS
- Wed 8:00 am NO MASS
- Thr 8:00 am NO MASS
- Fri 8:00 am NO MASS

### Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Week of May 8 - May 14*

- Sat 4:00 pm †Jared Radich & Elaine Letort
- Sun 9:15 am Falcone & Johnson Family
- Tue 6:00 pm †Souls in Purgatory, esp. Falcone And Johnson Family

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment

1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm

at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel

Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 5:30pm-6pm