

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

113 CHIEGO PLACE
ROSELLE PARK, NEW JERSEY 07204

To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship;
to all who are discouraged and need hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will,
THIS CHURCH OPENS WIDE ITS DOOR IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS!



**Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021**

SERVED BY:

Very Rev. Father James F. Spera, V.F., Pastor
Dean, Union County North

Rev. Father Carmine Rizzi, Priest-in-Residence

Rev. Deacon David J. Farrell, Deacon and
Director of Religious Education

John Ballantyne, Trustee

Elizabeth Santora, Trustee

Donna Schmatz, Organist and Music Coordinator

Virginia Jediny, Parish Secretary

Karen Colucci, Religious Education Coordinator

New members of the Parish are welcome and invited to **REGISTER** by calling the Rectory Office. Please notify the Office when moving away from the Parish. Sponsor certificates for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation will be signed and sealed for Registered parishioners only. You must be registered for 6 months prior to your request.

EUCCHARIST:

Saturday Evenings: 5:30 pm

Sundays: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon

Weekdays: Monday - Saturday, 8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation:

8:00 am and 7:30 pm

Novenas:

St. Jude after the Saturday 8:00 am Mass

St. Anthony, prayers with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Tuesday, 7:30 pm, September thru June

Confession:

Saturday afternoon from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Weekdays (Monday-Saturday) at 7:30 am before the 8:00 am Mass, or anytime by appointment

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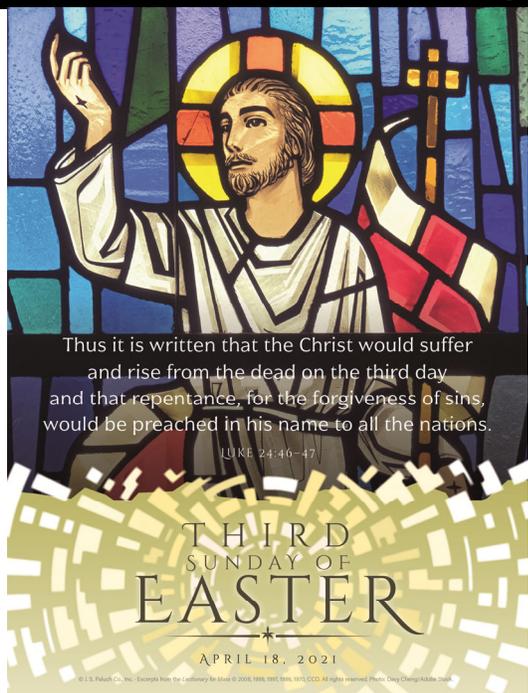
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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THE MINISTRIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Prayer List: (In alphabetical order) To have someone placed on or removed from the sick list please call the Rectory. We invite you to clip out this section each Sunday. Perhaps you could put it near a prayer book, in your Bible, or in your pocket or purse. It is a good thing when we pray with and for one another. Thank you and God bless you!

Altagracia Alvarez, Kathy Barz, John Black, Al Bober, Fred Boyne, Florence Carosella, Christine Conrad, James Desiderio, Naomi Desiderio, Ronald Fellner, Nicholas Fusco, Fran Getchies, Bonnie Greer, Joseph Gregory, Cynthia and Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Elizabeth Knych, Zchantell McDonald, Eleanor Morehouse, Tanina Naccarato, Carol Fellner Nasta, Monica Quigley O'Brien, Margie Ortizio, Lily Rita Procopio, Roseann Santanna, Ann Sisalli, Anthony Spadora, Antonio Spano, Gabrielle Spano, Lynn Tumblety, Joanne Vallone, D.L.W., Tony Wargacki

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, April 17

8:00 AM **Frances R. DeMarco,**
1st Anniversary

5:30 PM **Nandor and David Landis**
(From: Janet Eve Landis)

SUNDAY, April 18: Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM **For the Parishioners**

10:30 AM **Erminio DiNardo**
(From: Wife, Josephina)

12:00 Noon **Ann Marie Bonassisa**
(From: Jennifer & "Here We Grow" Staff)

MONDAY, April 19

8:00 AM **Vincenzo Macolino**
(From: Rita Macolino)

TUESDAY, April 20

8:00 AM **James McCormack**
1st Anniversary

7:30 PM **Saint Anthony and Saint Kolbe Novena**
(8th Week)

WEDNESDAY, April 21: St. Anseim, Bishop and Doctor of the Church;

Administrative Professionals' Day

8:00 AM **John Antonucci**
(Love, Mom)

THURSDAY, April 22: Earth Day

8:00 AM **Elizabeth "Betty" Wojcik**
(From: Husband, Bob)

FRIDAY, April 23: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 AM **Lilia Melliza Jueco**
(From: Letty Carroll)

SATURDAY, April 24: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

8:00 AM **Francesco Picarelli**
(Love, Wife, Iole Picarelli)

11:00 AM **Jennie Bavaro, Memorial Mass**
(From: Family)

5:30 PM **Alfonso DiLorenzo and Erminia DiLorenzo**
(From: Grandsons, Frank and Ronald Wood)

SUNDAY, April 25: Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00 AM **For the Parishioners**

10:30 AM **Maria Fontina**
(Love, Mom and Dad)

12:00 Noon **Tadeus Kachnowski**
(From: The Bavosa Family)



"Having witnessed the Resurrection of Christ, let us adore our Holy Lord Jesus, who alone is sinless. We venerate Your Cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify Your Holy Resurrection, for You are our God, and apart from You we have no other, therefore we call upon Your Name. Come all you faithful, let us venerate the Holy Resurrection of Christ, since through His Cross joy has come into the entire world. Ever blessing the Lord, let us extol His Resurrection, for having suffered crucifixion, by His death He destroyed death!"

This ancient prayer of the Church express the profound joy that believers find in the Resurrection of Christ. The passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord gives us a new perspective as we walk through our own sufferings and experience the death of our loved ones. On Easter day we again professed our believe "in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." We draw comfort from this faith in the resurrection which compels us to "walk in the light of the Gospel" to the destination prepared for us..... life on high in Christ Jesus Our Lord.

I was deeply moved and encouraged in my faith by the participation of so many during Holy Week and on Easter Day. I hope you were equally encouraged. The numbers in attendance were within the capacity guidelines issued by the State during these troubled times. This stands in contrast to last year when Fr. Carmine and myself were alone in the Church for the Paschal Triduum. Scripture tells us that "hope will not leave us disappointed". (Romans 5:5)

I am grateful to those who served our Parish Family in preparing the Church for Holy Week and Easter. Our Choir has not been able to meet during this pandemic yet Donna Schmatz, Donna Lee and Hannah Lee truly inspired our worship Thank you! The flowers are not mere decorations but an offering to God. Thank you to all who made these offerings possible in memory of loved ones. Linda and Deacon David Farrell with the help of Josephine and Nick Florio prepared the tomb for our devotion..... thank you! I am grateful to our own Zofia Kusz and Bogda Lyszczyk for all the behind the scenes work that prepared our Church for these Festive Days. Thank you Mary Stewart once again for planting spring flowers to greet us on Easter morn and preparing our Tree of Challenge. The St. Vincent De Paul Society food pantry crew under the direction of Annette and Martin Venturo are very grateful for the overwhelming generosity of our Parish in providing food for the needy. God bless your care for those in need! I am especially grateful this year to our Knights of Columbus Council #3240 who assisted this year in veiling and unveiling the statues, preparing and removing the Repository, and preparing the Altar for Easter Day. The many members who made light the work by their presence thank you!

I am personally grateful for your cards and Easter gifts. I always appreciate how you share your table with Fr. Carmine and myself and we enjoyed the many Easter foods which you so generously brought to the rectory. Thank you!

Lastly to all the members of our Parish Family who welcomed our guests and greeted one another with Paschal joy, your hospitality is an expression of our faith in the Risen Lord. Christ is the one who brings us together and we cannot be cold nor distant from one another. Even in these days of "social distancing", it is imperative that we find ways to connect to one another. We are one in His Name. May we continue to show hospitality to each other let no one who enters our Church be a stranger. Let our Paschal joy extend throughout these forty days of Easter for Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Fr. Jim



*From Death
to New Life*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of the recently deceased:

**+Joan Corres
(March 31, 2020)**

Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord!

FULFILLMENT

It is interesting that during the Easter season, when we do not hear a reading from the Old Testament, it becomes so important. This is particularly true today. Peter's speech begins with a prayer formula familiar to Jews: "The God of Abraham . . ." (Acts 3:13). It likewise contains the potent phrases "Holy and Righteous One" and "mouth of all the prophets" (3:14, 18). Peter was stating in no uncertain terms that the law, psalms, and prophets had been fulfilled in Christ. This is reinforced by Jesus himself in the Gospel passage, when he states that everything in the scriptures (to the early Christians "the scriptures" were what we call the Old Testament) had to be fulfilled. Above all, Jesus and Peter both emphasize that we are witnesses to all of this, and are sent forth to bear witness to it in the world. The Latin *Missa*, from which our word "Mass" comes, means "sent" (as in "mission"). As we leave Mass today, let us remember to be witnesses to all that has been fulfilled in the risen Christ.

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MARY'S GROTTTO

Until further notice, Mary's Grotto will be opened by appointment only. Please call the rectory 245-1107 and someone will be able to meet you to find holiday religious gifts and cards.

Ladies of the Rosary Society
Church of the Assumption

SPECIAL DONATIONS

To make a Special Donation for Hosts, Wine, Candles, Sanctuary Candle or Tabernacle Flowers, please use the Special Donation Envelope found at the doors of the Church.

In Loving Memory of Minnie Sena (Happy Birthday!)
Requested by Sister, Helen and Niece, Maria
Donation of Candles

"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!...For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."

-Romans 11:33 and

Thank you for your generosity!

COLLECTION APRIL 3/4 - EASTER	\$30,345.61
EASTER FLOWERS	\$ 4,547.00
TOTAL EASTER DONATION	\$34,892.61

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection for April 10/11 \$5,494.00

Archdiocese Assessment

Bill for the Month of April \$7,009.00

Assessment Collection for April 10/11 **\$1,362.00**

Amount short of Monthly Bill \$5,647.00

which must be paid from the
Weekly Collection to the Archdiocese.

Thank you for your generosity!

**Knights of Columbus Msgr. Joseph F. Loreti
Council 3240 will be awarding two High School
Scholarships for \$750.00 each.**

The Scholarship is for a student that is either entering a Catholic High School or continuing their education at a Catholic High School.

The student's immediate family must be Parishioners of the Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park, NJ. The student would need to write an essay of at least 500 words on:

- how they incorporate their Catholic faith in their daily life,
- what type of volunteering they have done and continue to do for the Church and/or the Community, and
- what they would like to do or is currently doing in High School.

**Applications may be obtained by emailing
vbonassisa@aol.com**

Applications and Essays must be completed and returned by June 30, 2021.

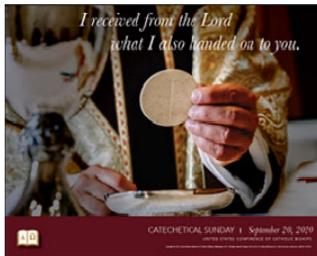


St. George, Martyr

Interesting Facts

- Saint George stands out among other saints and legends because he is known and revered by both Muslims and Christians.
- It is said Saint George killed the dragon near the sea in Beirut, thus Saint George bay was named in his honor.
- Saint George's feast day is celebrated on April 23, but if it falls before Easter, it is celebrated Easter Monday.
- The Russian Orthodox Church celebrates three St. George feast days each year -April 23 as is expected, November 3, to commemorate the consecration of a cathedral dedicated to him in Lydda, and on November 26, for when a church in Kiev was dedicated to him.
- In Bulgaria, his feast day is celebrated May 6 with the slaughter and roasting of a lamb.
- In Egypt, the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria calls St. George the "Prince of Martyrs" and celebrates on May 1. There is a second celebration November 17, in honor of the first church dedicated to him.
- Saint George is the patron saint of England and Catalonia and his cross can be found throughout England.
- In older works, Saint George is depicted wearing armor and holding a lance or fighting a dragon, which represents Christ's enemies

BELIEVE AND PRAY

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REMEMBRANCE OF FEASTS PASTDo you have fond memories of the Feast of St. Anthony?
Due to the continued restrictions on assembling, we will not be having our in person Feast this year.However, we will be having a “virtual” presence.

We would love to share some of your photos of the Feast from previous years.

We will be having a performance of a “montage” of these photos on our Facebook page on the days of the Feast!

If you would like your memories included,
send the photos to:Anthony Giordano (giordanoanthony@hotmail.com).

Include the YEAR of the Feast shown! We probably won't be able to include names, but it will be fun for you to see how many fellow parishioners you can recognize!

This is for present and past parishioners so pass along this notice to those you know who might have moved from the parish!

I wonder who will have the oldest photos????

**Knight's Corner (Council #3240)**

The Knights of Columbus (Council #3240) of the Church of the Assumption would like to invite any interested Parish men, that wish to learn more about the Knights of Columbus to fill out one of the cards located in the front of the Church and place it in the collection basket. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus is currently conducting a membership drive. Please be sure to “like” our Facebook page: Knights of Columbus - Msgr. Loreti Council #3240

**What: Car Wash****Where: Church of the Assumption
113 Chiego Pl. Roselle Park NJ****When: Sunday, April 18, 2021, TODAY
8 am - 1 pm****Hosted by: Knights of Columbus # 3240**

This year Several Sources Shelters is celebrating 40 years of service. Our pro-life organization serves women who seek to give God's blessed gift of life to their babies. In lieu of our annual visit to your church we are seeking your continued financial support.

Through God's Grace, we save babies' lives and shelter their young mothers, while providing education and ongoing compassionate support services, including our Pregnancy Sonogram Center. We further educate young people to make healthy life choices. We also support some inner city Special Families with care packages for Easter, Back-to-School, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Your financial gift will help save the life of a child and help us to continue our ministry. Can you be a child's earthly Guardian Angel?

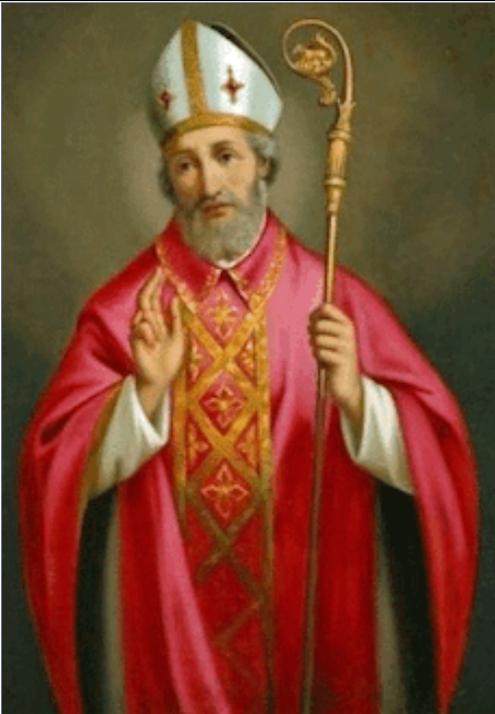
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St. Theresa Lil' Stallions Daycare Program in Kenilworth is in need of part time caregivers for the 2021-2022 school year.

If you are interested in providing a loving and nurturing environment for children from 6 weeks of age, please contact Sr. Isabel Garza, FMA Director at 908-276-7220.



St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

St. Anselm was born of noble parentage in Piedmont about the year 1033. At the age of twenty-seven, St. Anselm adopted the monastic state in the monastery of Bec, studied under Lanfranc, and was made Prior in 1063 and Abbot in 1078.

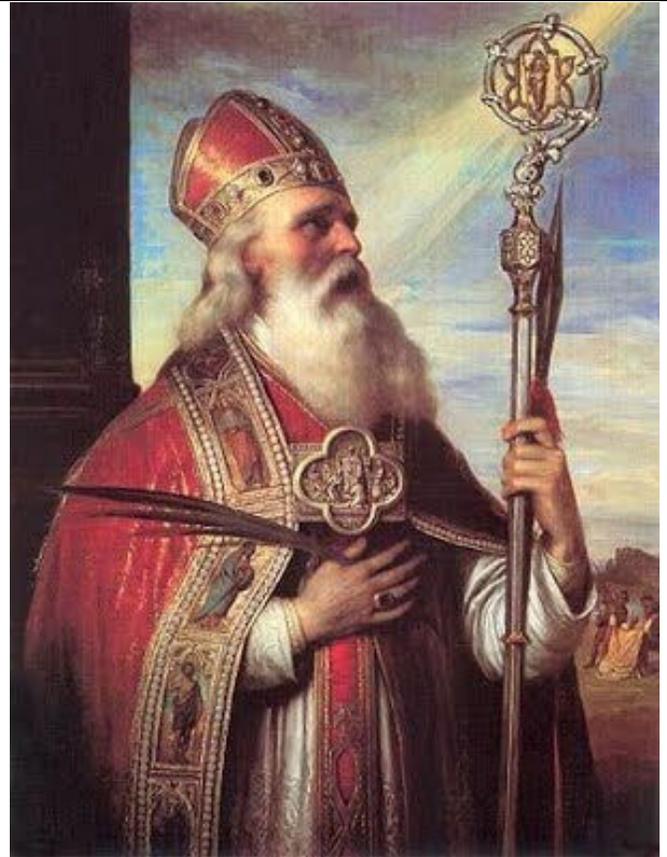
Various voyages to England in the interest of his Abbey made St. Anselm known in that country, and in 1093 he succeeded his old master, Lanfranc, as Archbishop of Canterbury. His resistance to the unjust measures of King William Rufus drew upon him the anger of that monarch. In 1097-98, he made a voyage to Rome, and spent some time in a monastery of Calabria, where he composed a work on the Incarnation. In the same year he assisted at the Council of Bari, and by his prayers prevented the Pope from excommunicating the King of England.

During his travels the Saint composed several of his metaphysical works, and did not return to his See until after the death of King William Rufus in 1100. Differences with the new King caused him to undertake a second journey to Rome in 1103, and Pascal II upheld the authority of the Archbishop as his predecessor, Urban II, had done. He returned to England in 1106 and died in 1109.

St. Anselm was characterized by his spirit of recollection, which he preserved even in the most distracting occupations and by the metaphysical bent of his mind. His written works have deeply influenced Catholic Philosophy and Theology. In this field he is best known for his "Ontological Argument" for the existence of God. He was also a strenuous defender of the rights of the Church against the usurpation of kings.

MARTYRDOM

It is not the suffering but the cause that makes the martyr.
—English proverb



Saint Adalbert of Prague's Story

Opposition to the Good News of Jesus did not discourage Adalbert, who is now remembered with great honor in the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, and Germany.

Born to a noble family in Bohemia, he received part of his education from Saint Adalbert of Magdeburg. At the age of 27, he was chosen as bishop of Prague. Those who resisted his program of clerical reform forced him into exile eight years later.

In time, the people of Prague requested his return as their bishop. Within a short time, however, he was exiled again after excommunicating those who violated the right of sanctuary by dragging a woman accused of adultery from a church and murdering her.

After a short ministry in Hungary, he went to preach the Good News to people living near the Baltic Sea. He and two companions were martyred by pagan priests in that region. Adalbert's body was immediately ransomed and buried in the Gniezno, Poland, cathedral. In the mid-11th century his relics were moved to Saint Vitus Cathedral in Prague. His liturgical feast is celebrated on April 23.

NATURE'S LESSONS

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.
—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Do you Remember?

Baltimore Catechism Revised Edition 1941 (Continued...)

415. When is our confession entire?

Our confession is entire when we confess at least all our mortal sins, telling their kind, the number of times we have committed each sin, and any circumstances changing their nature.

When a man or woman shall have committed any of all the sins that men are wont to commit, and by negligence shall have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and offended: they shall confess their sin. (Numbers 5:6-7)

416. What are we to do if without our fault we forget to confess a mortal sin?

If without our fault we forget to confess a mortal sin, we may receive Holy Communion, because we have made a good confession and the sin is forgiven; but we must tell the sin in confession if it again comes to our mind.

417. What happens if we knowingly conceal a mortal sin in confession?

If we knowingly conceal a mortal sin in confession, the sins we confess are not forgiven; moreover, we commit a mortal sin of sacrilege.

418. What must a person do who has knowingly concealed a mortal sin in confession?

A person who has knowingly concealed a mortal sin in confession must confess that he has made a bad confession, tell the sin he has concealed, mention the sacraments he has received since that time, and confess all the mortal sins he has committed since his last good confession.

419. Why should a sense of shame and fear of telling our sins to the priest never lead us to conceal a mortal sin in confession?

A sense of shame and fear of telling our sins to the priest should never lead us to conceal a mortal sin in confession because this is a grave sacrilege, and also because the priest, who represents Christ Himself, is bound by the seal of the sacrament of Penance never to reveal anything that has been confessed to him.

Be not ashamed to confess thy sins. (Ecclesiasticus 4:31)

420. Why does the priest give us a penance after confession?

The priest gives us a penance after confession that we may make some atonement to God for our sins, receive help to avoid them in the future, and make some satisfaction for the temporal punishment due to them.

421. What kinds of punishment are due to sin?

Two kinds of punishment are due to sin: the eternal punishment of hell, due to unforgiven mortal sins, and temporal punishment, lasting only for a time, due to venial sins and also to mortal sins after they have been forgiven.

If anyone does not abide in me, he shall be cast outside as the branch and wither; and they shall gather them up and cast them into the fire, and they shall burn. (John 15:6)

422. Does the sacrament of Penance, worthily received, always take away all punishment?

The sacrament of Penance, worthily received, always takes away all eternal punishment; but it does not always take away all temporal punishment.

Receive the Holy Ghost; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained. (John 20:22-23)

423. Why does God require temporal punishment for sin?

God requires temporal punishment for sin to satisfy His justice, to teach us the great evil of sin, and to warn us not to sin again.

424. Where do we pay the debt of our temporal punishment?

We pay the debt of our temporal punishment either in this life or in purgatory.

The fire will assay the quality of everyone's work; if his work abides which he has built thereon, he will receive reward; if his work burns he will lose his reward, but himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. (I Corinthians 3:13-15)

425. What are the chief means of satisfying the debt of our temporal punishment, besides the penance imposed after confession?

Besides the penance imposed after confession, the chief means of satisfying the debt of our temporal punishment are: prayer, attending Mass, fasting, almsgiving, the works of mercy, the patient endurance of sufferings, and indulgences.

Prayer is good with fasting and alms; more than to lay up treasures of gold. (Tobias 12:8)

426. Before entering the confessional, how should we prepare ourselves for a good confession?

Before entering the confessional, we should prepare ourselves for a good confession by taking sufficient time not only to examine our conscience but, especially, to excite in our hearts sincere sorrow for our sins and a firm purpose not to commit them again.

427. How should we begin our confession?

We should begin our confession in this manner: Entering the confessional, we kneel, and making the sign of the cross we say to the priest: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned"; and then we tell how long it has been since our last confession.

428. After telling the time of our last confession, what do we confess?

After telling the time of our last confession, if we have committed any mortal sins since that time we must confess them, and also any that we have forgotten in previous confessions, telling the nature and number of each; we may also confess any venial sins we wish to mention.