



Special Mass for Easter Flower Donations

Thank you to those who donated to help us buy Easter flowers! The church is beautiful and a fitting tribute to the joy and solemnity of the Risen Christ. There will be a special Mass offered for all of those named In Memory/Honor by which they may receive the graces from that infinite sacrifice. The Mass will be April 3 at 10:30am. Consider attending it as well! *Alleluia! He is risen!*

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The entire staff of Old St. Patrick wish you a blessed and holy Pascal tide!

Nota bene:
The office will close early during Easter week.
We will be open from 9 to 12:30pm Monday through Friday.

NOTES FROM FATHER GERALD

For Folks Who *Don't* Go to Church and Also for Those Who Do

IF THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU have been to Church in a while, I wish you a happy Easter in the name of all the people of God! I, of course, invite you to come to Church every Sunday *but allow me to tell you why!* A variety of studies have shown that going to Church *every Sunday* improves marriages, family life and even the performance of kids in school. In the past, I have published several studies right here in the bulletin to confirm that. You can find more information about that in a book called “Coming Apart” by Charles Murray as well as the National Marriage Project online and many other places.

The decline of Church attendance in our whole nation, and the corresponding dominance of secular attitudes has many consequences. (“Secularism” is the rejection of religion and the exclusive concern for worldly things. It is a way of viewing life only as political, economic and empirical, without the spiritual and only minimal moral

considerations.)

Just in 2014, a study correlated the increased use of the internet with decline in religious practice! The study by Allen

Downey showed that the more time people spent online, the less religious affiliation they declare.

Our nation really *is* at a turning point. Even without thinking about it, people feel it. Even young people, who are characteristically idealistic, statistics show have been overtaken by anxiety and depression.

It is popular to say that we can be “spiritual” without being “religious”. However, we must love God the way *He* wants to be loved. As a person — the Divine Person — *God* gets to determine how He is loved. *In that sense, God is no different from every other person.*

God has decided how He is to be loved; it is by the rituals He sets out. He taught us this in the Scriptures.

The whole world is better when we love God together. Imagine if our society was characterized again, as a people who feared and loved God (Psalm 111: 10). I am aware, of course, of those who say that people who claim to love God are those responsible for most of the violence

in the world and that these things are done in the name of God. But that is a superficial understanding. Everyone knows that the atheistic regimes in our past are the bloodiest in human history. The Nazis — Socialists — are the most notorious, but regimes like Communist China have killed more than the Nazis.

As for those of us who already are trying to love God and to give ourselves over to His will; we need to consider how we can offer God’s truth and mercy more readily to everyone around us. Jesus attests to the joy of a simple life and the priority of Christians to care for the poor and weak. **Simplicity and love for the vulnerable are natural products of prayer and study, of our interior union with God.**

When we manifest the true fruit of our spiritual life — the fruit of God’s love — we are making the biggest difference we can make in the quality of life our children will have when we are gone.

We purified our lives for Forty Days in prayer and sacrifice. The liveliest joy of Easter comes from continuing to be a more faithful disciple of Christ who became poor for our sake! *God bless you all and happy Easter!* — Fr. Gerald

THE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

2041 The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the **very necessary minimum** in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor:

2042 The first precept (“You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor”) requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by

participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The second precept (“You shall confess your sins at least once a year”) ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism’s work of conversion and forgiveness.

The third precept (“You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season”) guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord’s Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

2043 The fourth precept (“You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church”) ensures the times of asceticism and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart.

The fifth precept (“You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church”) means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability.

The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his own abilities.

— from **The Catechism of the Catholic Church**