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Fourth Sunday of Lent • April 3, 2011

# dear Padre

## Which sins are mortal?

April 3, 2011

*I know we're supposed to confess serious sins, but I'm not sure what they are. Is there a list I can check?*

Tom

Dear Tom,

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, mortal sin "destroys charity in the heart of man by a grave violation of God's law; it turns man away from God." In other words, grave sin involves violating one of the Ten Commandments. Less serious sin "allows charity to subsist, even though it offends and wounds it" (1855-1858). Venial sin is like a minor heart attack that wounds us, but we're still alive with God. Grave or serious sin is more like a massive heart attack that kills us. A decisive act is required to return us to God's presence.

The Church has tried to move us beyond simple lists of sins. We study Church teaching on the moral life, Scripture, and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* to properly form our conscience. We are then able to determine whether we have sinned by reflecting on our actions and on how they affect our relationship with God.

The *Catechism* gives three criteria for a sin to be mortal. First, the subject of the sin must be serious. Second, the person committing the act must do so with full knowledge that the offense is a mortal sin. Third, the person must commit the offense deliberately and freely (1857). While some sins are clearly grave in nature, many of our actions are more personal, and we must look at the entire picture.

The best advice is to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation on a regular basis and discuss the areas of your life you have questions about with your confessor. It's also a good idea to stay with the same confessor. That way, he can track your progress and offer advice on the areas you have difficulty with.

Tuan Anh Pham, CSsR

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### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.; also by appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

### VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

**THIS WEEK**

*April 2nd and April 3rd*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**USHERS GROUP II**

**SATURDAY, April 2:**

3:30 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary  
 4:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+JOSE R. LOPEZ**, requested by Gail Gidius and co-workers at Sodexo, E.H Middle School

After Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal

**SUNDAY, April 3:**

7:30 a.m.  
 After Mass Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
 10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+KATHARINE LEONARD** requested by Linda Armstrong  
 After Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal  
 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (K-5) at Sacred Heart  
 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours  
 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. **NO** Faith Formation Classes (6–8) and Confirmation Preparation Sessions at Sacred Heart  
 7:30 – 8:45 p.m. **NO** Youth Group at Sacred Heart

**MONDAY, April 4:**

No Mass

**TUESDAY, April 5:**

7:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+JOYCE BACHL**, request of The Care and Share Ministry  
 Recitation of the Rosary  
 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY, April 6:**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for a special intention  
 9:00 a.m. – Noon Fair Group Workshop at Parish Center  
 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

4:30 – 5:45 p.m. Faith Formation Classes (1-5) at St. Maurice  
 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Faith Formation Classes (6–8) at St. Maurice

**THURSDAY, April 7:**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+JOYCE BACHL**, request of Tony & Viola Sobol

**FRIDAY, April 8:**

4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Fish Dinner Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus  
 7:00 p.m. Mass Celebrated and Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, April 9:**

3:30 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary  
 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Readings for the Week of April 3, 2011**

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38  
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53  
 Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17,

20-27, 33b-45

**NEXT WEEK**

*April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>*

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**USHERS GROUP III**

**COFFEE SOCIAL**

**MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

**SATURDAY, April 9:**

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+GARY MARTIN** and **NICOLA MARATTA**

*Altar Servers: Amanda Baum, Stephanie Leiner*

*Minster of the Word: Charles Luchini*

*Eucharistic Minister: Ted Lloyd*

**SUNDAY, April 10:**

7:30 a.m.  
**Altar Servers:**  
*Minister of the Word: Stephen Paul*  
**Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio**

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+ARTHUR KEHL**

*Altar Servers: Ryan, Nicholas Van Dine and Nick Nemphos*

*Minister of the Word: Evelyn O'Connor*

**Eucharistic Minister: James Boylan**

**MONDAY April 11**

7:00 p.m. Property Management Meeting

**TUESDAY April 12**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for Suzanne Dower  
 Recitation of the Rosary after Mass  
 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting  
 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY April 13**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+LEVI FOURNIER**  
 Recitation of the Rosary after Mass  
 9:00-Noon: Christmas Fair Workshop  
 3:p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

4:30 – 5:45 p.m. Faith Formation Classes (1-5) at St. Maurice  
 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Faith Formation Classes (6–8) at St. Maurice

**THURSDAY April 14**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Arthur Kehl**  
 7:15 p.m. K of C Business Meeting

**FRIDAY, April 15:**

4:30-6:30 p.m. FISH DINNER sponsored by St. Maurice Knights Of Columbus

**MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

7:00 p.m.  
*Altar Servers: LeeAnn Snuffer and Ben Snuffer*

*They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now*



*Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a Sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now can see"*

**GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING**

**March 27, 2011**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Last Week's Collection was: \$3,160**

**Last Year's Collection was: \$2,501**

*Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.'" - John 4:7*

How often through our lives does Jesus ask us to give Him a drink? Remember that Jesus lives in every person who is physically hungry and thirsty and also in all those who thirst for compassion, love or care. Mother Teresa was motivated in her work in Calcutta by two of Our Lord's last words as He hung on the cross. "I thirst" - *John 19:28* Sometimes it may be difficult for us to give the drink that Jesus asks from us. Yet, can we really refuse to share our time, talent or treasure to relieve Our Lord's thirst in this world?

**SEASONAL SHARING****EASTER FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2011 – NOON – PARISH CENTER**

Join us for sorting, packing, and delivery of food and other groceries to Bolton families in need. To donate, make your check payable to "St. Maurice Church" with the memo "Thanksgiving Food," and place in the regular collection or mail. Nonperishable items may be left in either vestibule any time that the Church is open; bring perishable items the morning of April 17th. For more information, or if you can make deliveries, contact Tom Manning



at 860-647-1259.

**PILGRIMAGE TO CANADA**

**AUGUST 8-11, 2011**

Join Br. Richard Cote, OML on an exciting 4-day trip to Canada to celebrate the Birthday of St. (Brother) Andre and the Marian Festival at the Oblate Shrine of Notre Dame du Cap in Three-Rivers. Travel by deluxe motor coach to Colchester, VT for overnight. Then it's on to St. Joseph Oratory Montreal to attend the English feast day Mass honoring Canada's newest Saint. Tuesday afternoon we'll continue to Three-Rivers for a two nights stay at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Cape. On Wednesday you'll enjoy a day-long religious program in English which will include Mass, confessions, devotions and candlelight procession in the gardens of Our Lady. Return to CT. on Thursday. Cost \$398.00 pp double occupancy, 5 meals included. For a brochure contact Br. Richard at (860) 423-8484 or e-mail [brorcomi@yahoo.com](mailto:brorcomi@yahoo.com) (Immaculata Retreat House)

**Men On A Mission,**

**Free Men's Catholic Conference on April 30, 2011,**

8:30 am – 3:30 pm at St. Matthias Church,  
 317 Chesterfield Road, East Lyme, CT.

Nationally known speaker Ralph Poyo, founder of New Evangelization Ministries. Go to the Diocesan website [www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org), click on *The Office of Faith Events* for more information and registration form or call 860-848-2237 Ext 312.

**The Catholic Cemeteries Association**  
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Choosing a family cemetery lot is inevitable. Instead of leaving this decision to a loved one, a friend or perhaps even a stranger, why not make this a family decision now?

For a limited time all Catholic families have the opportunity to purchase pre-need graves with upright monument rights or shrine graves with interest-free installment payments up to 4 years at Holy Cross Cemetery in Glastonbury, St. James and St. Bridget Cemeteries in Manchester and St. Mary Cemetery in East Hartford. Mausoleum entombment space (casket & cremation) is also available at Holy Cross and St. Mary Cemeteries.

This offer will conclude on May 15, 2011. Please call the office at St. James Cemetery at 860-646-3772 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

**Needed: game tables, ping pong tables and accessories. Please Contact the Fr. Pelczarski or call the office at 860-643-4466.**

**Help Wanted: Able bodied individuals to work with the property management building and grounds committee. Salary non existent, hours vary, no union dues. Contact Lou at 860-649-6255 or Ron at 860-647-9859.**

*And from the Office of Family Life/Catholic Charities.....*

Free CHFA Homebuyers Education, Foreclosure Prevention and Financial Fitness Courses are being offered at Catholic Charities office in Norwich and New London. To register for an upcoming class or for more information please contact Victoria Gowlis at 869-889-8346, ext. 271 or e-mail Cathy McNeely at [cathymcneely@ccfsn.org](mailto:cathymcneely@ccfsn.org)

**ACA****Annual Catholic Appeal**

As you know, the Annual Catholic Appeal supports vital programs and services, which are beyond the financial scope of any one parish. Your charitable gift to the Appeal supports vital ministries and programs throughout the Diocese. We are able to care for the sick and elderly, give a helping hand to families in need, provide resources to people living in poverty, support our retired priests and much, much more—all because of your generosity. By sharing your blessings, you are making a significant impact on our Diocese in profound ways. We must continue to strive to serve the people of God and those in need according to the Gospel. The ACA enables us to do just that.

The Annual Catholic Appeal of the Diocese of Norwich is a very effective way to support ministry outside of our parish boundaries. This weekend is the culmination of our efforts to reach out to every member of our Parish family and invite them to participate in the ACA. Everyone is encouraged to take part in this endeavor, because the Annual Catholic Appeal offers every Catholic the opportunity to return to God a portion of the many gifts HE has given to us.



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