

St. Alipius' Parish

My First Reconciliation ~ March 2026



Acknowledgement of Country

Welcome

Opening hymn: Turn Back to God (Michael Mangan)

Greeting

Priest: We gather together in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit

Opening Prayer

First Reading (1Cor 13:4-7)

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and it is not proud. Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not become angry easily. Love does not remember wrongs done against it. Love takes no pleasure in evil but rejoices over the truth. Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always continues strong.

Gospel (Luke 19: 1-10)

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you O Lord.

19 He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” ⁹Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Examination of Conscience

Reader: We will now think about the choices we have made. We will have time to think about the ways we would like to show God’s love and the behaviours we want to change in our lives.

Do I remember to THANK God for the good things I have done or received?

Have I used the words “God” or “Jesus” in anger or with lack of respect?

Am I kind?

Do I show respect to my teachers and classmates?

Am I willing to help around the house?

Do I try to get along with my brothers and sisters?

Do I try to be a good example for others?

Do I say mean things, or make fun of others to hurt their feelings?

Have I taken things that were not mine?

Do I return things that I borrow?

Do I say things about other people that are not true?

Do I tell lies to protect myself from being punished?

Do I get mad when I have to share my friends?

Am I willing to share my things and my time with others?

Am I thankful to God and my parents for what they have given me?

Am I jealous or envious of the abilities others have?

Do I appreciate the good things I have in my life?

Do I think of ways to help those who have no food, clothes, shelter or money?

Do I say I'm sorry when I have been wrong?

Do I forgive when someone does something bad to me?

Individual Reconciliation

We sit quietly, thinking about the things we want to change in our lives. We say sorry to God and ask for forgiveness. Each family presents their child for individual reconciliation.



Act Of Contrition (said collectively)

All: Oh my God, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you- because you are so good; and with your help, I will try not to sin again.

Priest: Jesus told his disciples, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful ... Forgive and you will be forgiven."

Let us wish others in our family peace.

Let us join together in saying the Lord's Prayer.

All: Our Father . . .

Closing Prayer

Final Hymn This is the Time (Michael Mangan)