The Sacrament of Penance (VI of VII): the Part called Satisfaction

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The last Part of the Sacrament of Penance is "satisfaction," more commonly known as the "penance" given after the confession of one's sins.

First, however, we recall the Church's precept that Catholics confess their sins at least once a year, a precept demanding the bear minimum regarding our duty to save our immortal souls. To be clear, this precept concerns those aware of grave sin on their soul and, thereby, prohibited from fulfilling the precept to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. If one has only venial sins, they need not go to Confession as they are in the state of grace & remain worthy of the Bread of Life. Nonetheless, it is praiseworthy, & of great advantage, to bring even venial sins to Confession, not a grocery list of them but the more stubborn ones.

"Satisfaction" is the compensation owed God for sin. Supremely, satisfaction belongs to Christ: "the propitiation for our sins & those of the whole world" (1 Jn 2:2); another degree is canonical, or that imposed upon a repenting sinner by the Church; a last degree are suffrages freely embraced as a punishment for sin. Canonical satisfaction is our topic which, the Roman Catechism stresses, "must be accompanied by a deliberate & firm purpose" to carefully avoid future sin & "to cut off all" its occasions.

The Necessity of Satisfaction

Sin obtains two effects: stain & punishment. As every sin is a crime, and as every crime may be forgiven but not without penalty e.g., fine, imprisonment, so every stain of sin may be removed, but a due penalty remains. After King David sinned with Bathsheba, God dismissed his sin, but not his penalty e.g., the child of adultery died, his beloved son Absalom rebelled & evils from his household never left him. (II Kgs 12). Again, during the Exodus, Moses prayed and God forgave the idolatry of the Israelites but not their punishment, even to the 3rd & 4th generations. (Ex 32)

Again, God's justice & mercy require satisfaction. Divine justice lauds virtue & condemns vice & rewards accordingly. To receive God's friendship in baptism, and all its gifts, then spurn these by sin, demands an act of reparation. It is due to God's mercy that we may now to repair the harm rather than later when it is too late.

Conditions for Satisfaction.

Works of satisfaction, in themselves, should be, in some way, disagreeable - after all, they are punishments! They may not be painfully endured, however, as habit or love may make them easy, more or less. Being "easy," however, does not make them unsatisfactory. Some, deeply moved by their sin, may insensibly endure most cruel torments due the love they have for the one they offended. Indeed, they may account it a joy to suffer to make reparation to their beloved.

Works of Satisfaction

"All kinds of satisfaction are reducible to three heads: prayer, fasting & alms-deeds." These correspond to the three kinds of goods we have received from God: those of the soul, those of the body & those called "external goods."

To end, while we cannot provide sorrow for another's sin, we may provide the satisfaction another owes God for his sin, as St. Paul said, "bear each other's burdens." (Ga 6:2) Again, as the members of the body do not work for themselves but for the good of the body, so works of satisfaction are common to all. Never doubt this; but know too, although God's wrath is appeased by those making satisfaction for others, if they do not atone themselves for their sin, they remain stained & guilty.



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5th Resumed Sunday after Epiphany

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Daily Mass Times
Mon. & Wed.: 6:30 am & 9 am.
Tues. & Thurs.: 6:30 am & 12 noon.
Fri.: 6:30 am & 7 pm (followed by Holy Hour).
Sat.: 7 am & 9 am.

Sunday Mass Times
7 am low Mass
8:30 am low Mass
10:30 am high Mass
1 pm low Mass
Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before each Mass.

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Fri.: 6 am - 9 pm

Sat.: 6:30 am -5 pm

Sun.: 7 am - 5 pm

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Closed on Holy Days

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 11-08	Resumed 5th Sunday after Epiphany	2/G	
Mon 11-09	Ded. of AB of the Most Holy Savior	2/W	St Theodore
Tues 11-10	St Andrew Avellino, *Confessor*	3/W	Ss Tryphonis, Respicius & Nympha
Wed 11-11	St Martin of Tours, *Bishop & Confessor*	3/W	St Mennas
Thu 11-12	St Martin I, *Pope & Martyr*	3/R	
Fri 11-13	St Frances Xavier Cabrini, *Virgin*	3/W	St Didacus
Sat 11-14	St Josaphat, *Bishop & Martyr*	3/R	
Sun 11-15	Resumed 6th Sunday after Epiphany	2/G	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

Sun 11-08	(7 am) *Pro-populo* (fh)	
	(8:30 am) James Viney + (fh)	rb R Serredell Jr.
	(10:30 am) Florence Boyzo + (ff)	rb R Rosas
	(1 pm) Deceased FssP priests (ff)	
Mon 11-09	(6:30 am) Holy Souls in Purgatory	rb M G Felix
	(9 am) David Robb + (fh)	rb S Robb
Tues 11-10	(6:30 am) Martina Bojic	rb L Chancey
	(12 pm) Lisa Hagerty (fh)	rb M & M Hagerty
Wed 11-11	(6:30 am) Holy Souls in Purgatory	rb R Camarena
	(9 am) Joseph Zigui (fh)	rb M-T Zigui
Thu 11-12	(6:30 am) Boyzo Montez de OCA family	rb R Rosas
	(12 pm) St Gerard Ministry (fh)	rb same
Fri 11-13	(6:30 am) Susan Whitehead	rb Tate family
	(7 pm) Robbie Dudzisz (fh)	rb S Robb
Sat 11-14	(7 am) Fr Joseph Fishwick	rb S&C Calta
	(9 am) Emily Halverson (fh)	rb F LaPlante
Sun 11-15	(7 am) *Pro-populo* (ff)	
	(8:30 am) Chris Kidd (fa)	rb J-A Kidd
	(10:30 am) Holy Souls in Purgatory (fh)	rb M G Giancarlo Felix
	(1 pm) Emma Rasnick (ff)	rb Anonymous

Today, CCD (9:30-10:15 am). Next Sunday, Parish Potluck!

This week, Monday, staff meeting (1 pm); Wednesday, **Finance Council (6 pm),** no Inquiry Class; Friday, Co-Op (9:30 am-1:30 pm); normal 7 pm Mass & Holy Hour; Saturday FNE (9 am-1:30 pm), Children Choir (10 am).

Last week's collection: cash $15,464.00; online $5,597.00; total: $21,061.00.
Attendance: 7 am-90; 8:30 am-130; 10:30 am-401; 1 pm-117; 738 total souls.

Heads-up: KoC will be selling Monastery of the Holy Spirit bakery items, including biscotti, cookies, honey, fruit cakes, and coffee after all Masses on November 22.

October Parish Council Meeting Highlights. SFdS will begin the Archdiocese's "Rooted in Christ" capital campaign this Spring. Deacon Leonard will offer Gregorian Chant classes over the next year. Pews in the gym are planned for removal so that we can use the gym. Purchase of adjacent property is being considered. Next meeting: 12/2/26. If questions, contact jgraebner@gmail.com.

Please see your Parish registration information on Parishsoft and edit, if needed.

Please pray for: Tommy Kinsella (11/8), Philip Fender, Anna Fender, & Lenord Ray Ables (10/25).

SFdS Annual Fiscal Year Report July 2025-June 2026 *Anno Domni*

Income:
Offertory $700,382
Donations $5,174
Interest D&L $44,185
Votive Candles $8,534
Other Income $13,825
Altar Flowers $100
Building Fund $170,538
Gain/Loss Endowment $22,768
Endowment Contributions $4,275
Total Revenue $983,292

Expenses:
Liturgy
Priests' (2) Salary $72,000
Priests' (3) Food & Table $30,970
Liturgical Supplies $71,842
Total $143,842
Administrative & General
Lay Salary & Benefits $84,632
Legal & Accounting $27,999
Online Giving Fees $13,456
Software/Website/IT service $20,971
Property Insurance $15,869
Other $8428
Total $171,355
Special Ministries
CCD etc. $924 (total)
Facilities
Building & Grounds $36,769
Maintenance Contracts $47,633
Utilities $18,443
Asset Replacement $70,487
Other $11,149
Total $184,481
Rectory & Residence
Maintenance $11,754
Utilities $6,021
Asset Replacement $30,447
Other $2,668
Total 50,890
AoA Support
Parish Assessment $82,978
Financial Assistance Assessment $11,496
Georgia Bulletin $2,138
Total $96,611

Total Expenses $646,255

Total Assets $3,349,357
Total Labilities $9,763
Net Assets $3,339,594

Thank you for your support of SFdS!

Maxim of St Francis de Sales
What we are about to commence will be better than what we have done, and when we shall have accomplished that, we will recommence something else which shall be still better, and then something else, until we leave this world to begin another life, which will have no end, for nothing, nothing better can come to us.