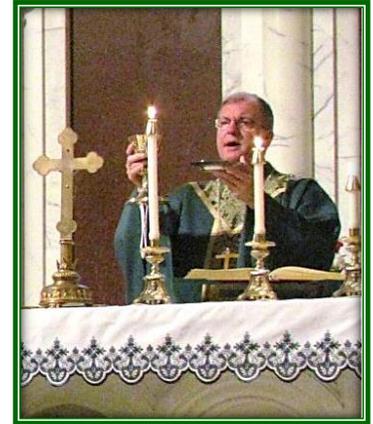




WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN ...

“ ... you miss Holy Mass on Sunday?” More than likely, if the reason for your absence was something other than health or weather-related, you make your way to the Sacrament of **Confession/Penance/Reconciliation (CPR)** to confess your sin(s), so that the next time you attend Holy Mass you may present yourself in a *state of grace* for the reception of Holy Communion.

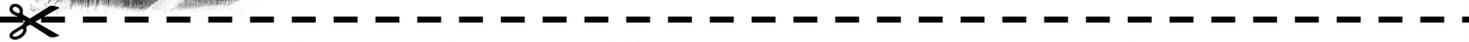


Beyond that good confession of your sin(s) (a practice that the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** addresses this way: "after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year." Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition, without having first received sacramental absolution, unless he has a grave reason for receiving Communion and there is no possibility of going to confession. Children must go to the sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion for the first time. #1457), I would like to suggest the following additional practices:

- ✠ Attend a Weekday Mass as an expression of true contrition for missing Sunday Mass.
- ✠ When at Holy Mass on the Sunday following your absence, place “two” offerings (last week’s and this week’s) in the Offertory Basket. The Church relies on our weekly financial offering to help offset the variety of costs associated with “keeping house” in the 21st Century in Freeport, New York.
- ✠ Read the Scripture Readings for the particular Sunday Mass from which you absented yourself.



As you can see from the **2018/2019 CMA-comparison** on the following Faith and Finances Page: we have a lot of catching up to do. And while I am confident (especially in the aftermath of Bishop Barres’ “you gotta believe” homily at last Sunday’s 11:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. Masses) that we will reach and surpass our CMA goal for the 11th consecutive year, I am encouraging those of you who have not yet made your pledge to please do so today! Once we achieve our goal in paid pledges (\$78,800.00), the Diocese will return to us 80% of every dollar paid over goal. That 80% will be used to help offset the “still-to-be-determined” cost of our Bell Tower Restoration Project.



Please consider what you can do to make a difference! Make your check payable to: *Catholic Ministries Appeal*

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