



OCTOBER
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2022

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

*I lift up my eyes toward the
mountains; whence shall help
come to me?*

*My help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.*

— Psalm 121:1-2

**ST. THOMAS THE
APOSTLE CATHOLIC
CHURCH MISSION
STATEMENT**

*Led by the Holy Spirit, rooted
in the Eucharist, St. Thomas
the Apostle strives to be an
inclusive servant community
— to be Christ in the World.*

*We bear the Good News
of God's unconditional love
to all generations through
worship, faith formation,
witness and service.*



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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Liturgy Schedule

Daily

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday–Saturday

Wednesdays

Communion Service: 6:30 am

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am

The Saturday 4:30 pm Mass will be livestreamed
with an outdoor communion option.



Fr. Peter shares insights from a variety of voices on the Sunday readings.

Keep at It

We ask something of God because we recognize that we are needy and unable to meet the need for which we plead. This itself is a good prayer because it acknowledges our human limitation, an acknowledgment that might be very difficult for us to voice. Such prayer is also an admission of our dependence on God and our trust in God's loving care. A prayer of petition can be profound. However, what is one to do when the request is not realized? Do you ask again? And if so, how many times? If it is never realized, do you stop asking? This is precisely the issue in today's readings.

Moses held his hands up in prayer, and he grew tired. His prayer addressed a community need — victory over the Amalekites — and so two leaders of the community assisted him so that the plea for help could continue until victory was won. The Gospel passage tells a story about a woman whose need of justice made her bold. As a widow in a patriarchal society, she had no husband to speak on her behalf. She had to plead her own case again and again until a just decision was delivered. The moral of these stories is clear: Keep at it!

What happens when our prayer does not seem to be answered? It is still a good prayer, acknowledging our fundamental need and God's loving care of us. The moral of our story is the same: Trust and keep at it!

~Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- Make your needs known to God and trust that God will provide what you really need. You might be surprised.
- Be patient. God knows what you need.

Reflection on the Readings

Although our first reading depicts a violent battle, the point is clearly made that continual prayer brings results. Not only that, but we can help each other to pray. Listening to this reading and the others, what else can we learn about persistence and prayer today?

Readings for Today

First Reading — As long as Moses' hands were kept uplifted, Joshua and his men had the better part of the battle with Amalek (Exodus 17:8-13).

Psalm — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121).

Second Reading — Remain faithful; proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or not (2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2).

Gospel — God will secure the rights of the chosen who call out day and night (Luke 18:1-8).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Presider Schedule October 22-23

Saturday, October 22

4:30 pm: Fr. Peter Infanger

Sunday, October 23

8:00 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi

9:30 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

11:15 am: Fr. Peter Infanger with Deacon Jim Breen

Presider schedule is subject to change.

Welcome Guests and Visitors!

We're so glad you're here and invite you to walk the path of faith with us. St. Thomas strives to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God is shared by all. Join us!

New Parishioners

Vivian and Prianka Emmanuel and Family

Jim and Elaine Moloney

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.



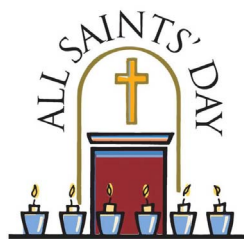
I can feel the suffering of millions

I can feel the suffering of millions and yet, if I look up into the heavens, I think it will all come right, and that this cruelty too will end, and that peace and tranquility will return again. In the meantime, I must uphold my ideals, for perhaps the time will come when I shall be able to carry them out.

From *The Diary of Anne Frank*

All Saints

Tuesday, November 1 is the Solemnity of All Saints – A Holy Day of Obligation (opportunity!). We will have Masses at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm in the Church. On this day the Church honors all the saints of heaven, God's holy ones – known and unknown to us. We celebrate all the holy men and women who, throughout the ages, exemplified the faith; whose lives, in some way or another, mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ in profound ways. This solemnity honors all the saints; in particular those who are not individually recognized throughout the year. This day, coupled with the November 2 commemoration of all the faithful departed (All Souls), stands at the beginning of the month of November – a month in which we remember and pray for the dead.



All Souls Day

Our annual All Souls Day Liturgy will be held at St. Thomas on Wednesday, November 2 at a special 7:00 pm Mass. Those who have died this past year will be remembered in a special way. You are invited to participate by bringing a candle forward during the Prayer of the Faithful when your loved one's name is called (candles provided). You may also bring a picture or memento to place on the tables in the Narthex in memory of your loved one. The liturgy will be followed by a reception in the Gathering Area. For more information, contact Samantha Delke, Associate Director of Liturgy and Music, at sdelke@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x120.



Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, October 16, 2022

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Manuel and Maria Alvarado, by Juan and Adrienne Alvarado
†David Milam, by Juan and Adrienne Alvarado
- 8:00 am For the People of St. Thomas
- 9:30 am †Mary J. Nagel, by Voices of Faith
†Tony Razzetto, by Francisco Pulger
- 11:15 am Dennis Doll, by Barbara Doll

Intentions for this week

Monday, October 17, 2022

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

- 8:30 am †Jenni Anderson, by Mom, Dad and Kerri

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

St. Luke, Evangelist

- 8:30 am †James Maul, by Maul Family

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Sts. John de Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues, Priests, Companions and Martyrs

- 8:30 am †Anne Battisto, by Battisto Family

Thursday, October 20, 2022

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

- 8:30 am †Rodrigo Sultan, by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

Friday, October 21, 2022

Weekday

- 8:30 am †William Raef, by Battisto Family

Saturday, October 22, 2022

St. John Paul II, BVM

- 8:30 am †Jeffrey Wojda, by Parrilli Family
- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Rick DeAngelo by Mary Ann and Dennis Mlynski
†Marilyn Pallot, by James Pallot

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am †Cynthia Babiarz, by Mary Ann and Michael O'Brien
- 9:30 am †Genevieve and Mitchell Zoladz, by Joe and Gloria Caruso
†Tony Zapata, by Francisco Pulgar
- 11:15 am †Mary Eckerson, by Kathy Singer and Family



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Upcoming Events

For more information about the events listed below, please visit the St. Thomas website at stapostle.org. Simply enter the event name or keyword in the search box to locate the article.

The Creeds – Our Faith, the Faith of the Church

We recite them regularly, but not routinely. When have you looked closely at the Apostles and Nicene Creeds, our fundamental beliefs? How, when and by whom were they formed? Why do we hold them so dear? Let's talk about them and pray them together from 7:00–9:00 pm in the Senior Center on Monday, October 17.

To participate, please contact Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at crosales@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x138.



Teens with Character

Middle school students ... Teens with Character will meet Sunday, November 13 from 4:30–6:00 pm, at St. Thomas. Games, faith sharing, checking in with each other and pizza are all part of the Teens with Character experience. We would love to see you!

High School News

Please check the website for a complete list of upcoming events.

C.A.R.E CORNER

St. Isaac Jogues was born in France in 1607. He eventually entered the Jesuits and was ordained in 1636. He was then sent to Canada as a missionary to the Huron Indians who lived on the St. Lawrence River near Quebec.

Progress was slow among the native Americans but the Jesuits did manage to baptize some of the natives. Though they were allowed to live among the Indians and share their faith, they knew they were always in danger. So what compelled them to remain there? They were motivated to share what was near and dear to them, which was their faith in God's love.

In 1642, Jogues was captured north of present day Albany, New York, cruelly tortured and held in slavery for more than a year. He managed to escape and sailed back to France. But he returned to Canada in 1644 and made peace with his former captors. On a later mission trip to the Iroquois, who lived south of the Great Lakes and who were enemies of the Huron, he was blamed for illness in the tribe and for crop failure. The Iroquois tortured and killed Isaac along with other missionaries. Isaac Jogues was canonized in 1930, along with seven other North American martyrs and is one of the better known patron saints of North America.

Be a Part of Harvest Sunday

Week of October 30: Flyer distribution, food collection at Casey's

November 6: Food collection in neighborhoods, drive-by food drop off, food sorting and packing



Volunteers are needed to make Harvest Sunday a success. Here are ways that you can help:

- Sign up to deliver flyers and collect donations from Harvest Sunday neighborhood routes. These routes will be in some of the Naperville and Aurora subdivisions closest to St. Thomas (Brookdale, Cress Creek, Longwood, Stonebridge and more).
- If you are not in one of those subdivisions, consider building your own route for flyer delivery and donation pickup. For example, cover your street or a few blocks in your neighborhood. Flyers will be provided.
- Help solicit donations at Casey's Foods on October 30 during a 2-hour shift.
- Drop off your family's donation during the drive-thru food collection on November 5 and 6.
- Volunteer to help with the drive-thru food donation on November 5 and 6, carrying donations from cars into the ministry center.
- Help sort and pack the food collected. The number of people in the gym at one time will be limited. This activity will take place on November 6.

To volunteer, sign up at stapostle.org/harvest-sunday. Volunteers of all ages are needed. This is an excellent family service project.



Question of the week

How does your prayers connect you with others?



Fourth and Fifth Grade Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:30 am Mass is here! Children's Liturgy of the Word will include age 4 through grade 5 on October 23. Children's Liturgy of the Word for fourth and fifth graders meets five times a year – October 23, December 18, January 8, February 26 and April 16.



First Eucharist Preparation Information Packets

First Eucharist information packets have been mailed to parents of First Communicants, who are in their second year of formation, whether in Religious Education or attending All Saints Catholic Academy, St. Thomas' Regional school. If you didn't receive the registration form and information concerning the parent enrichment session and family prayer services, please contact Jenni or GERALYN in the Faith Formation Office at REAdmin@stapostle.org or 630.350.6318 or contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109.

First Eucharist Parent Enrichment Session

The Parent Enrichment Session for First Eucharist is Saturday, October 22 from 1:00–2:30 pm in the St. Thomas Lighthouse. A make-up session is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26 from 7:00–8:30 pm in the Lighthouse. Only one parent, who desires to have their child receive First Communion in the spring of 2023 and is in their second year of faith formation, needs to attend. The session will cover Theology of the Eucharist by Fr. Peter Infanger and Preparation for Eucharist by Lorraine Katz. Please RSVP to the Faith Formation Office at REAdmin@stapostle.org or 630.350.6318. Contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109 with questions.

Eagle Scout Project at St. Thomas – Coming Soon

Martin Howley, a 17-year-old parishioner, is beginning work on his Boy Scout Eagle Project of restoring the Outdoor Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas. The original artist's work by Don Castro will be used and the stations will be remade with new materials. A limited number of engraved name plates will be sold to aide in the cost of this project. The name plates will be placed on a donation post before the first station. Martin and other scouts will be selling name plates after Masses the next couple of weekends in the Gathering Area. The cost of each nameplate is \$60 on a first-come, first-served basis. Financial donations will also be accepted. Thank you in advance for your support.

Popcorn

Did you miss buying popcorn from the Cub Scouts? Come see the variety of popcorn that is for sale. Support Cub Scout Pack 125 by buying popcorn this weekend, October 15–16. Scout popcorn tables will be in the Gathering Area after all Masses.



St. Thomas the Apostle
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Dates

Elementary

- **October 22, 29:** Saturday Elementary RE sessions at All Saints Catholic Academy
- **October 18, 25:** Tuesday Elementary RE sessions at Brookdale Elementary School

Grade 4 is in the Church October 18

Middle School

- **October 17, 24, November 7:** Monday Middle School RE classes meet
- **October 22, 29, November 5:** Saturday Middle School RE classes meet

The November 5 and 7 middle school RE classes meet at St. Thomas.

High School

- **October 23:** Year 1 Journey Confirmation groups NET retreat, 2:00–5:00 pm



Donut Sunday

You are invited to be part of Donut Sunday in the St. Thomas gym after all Sunday Masses next Sunday, October 23. Meet other parishioners and enjoy a donut and coffee.



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Pax Christi Illinois Anti-Racism Workshop

Pax Christi USA has a long commitment to become an anti-racist, multi-racial movement for peace with justice. Pax Christi Illinois is hosting an anti-racism workshop for all who are interested in learning more about how to dismantle racism in Church and society. This workshop identifies ways in which the history, structures, policies and practices of racism impair our ability to build a world of peace with justice ... and thwart our dream of forming the “more perfect union” aspired to in our constitution. St. Thomas is a co-sponsor of the workshop.

The workshop will be led by the Joliet Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate Anti-Racism Committee. The committee is multicultural. It includes three sisters and seven laypersons. The workshop has been presented to a variety of organizations and received high praise. The Anti-Racism committee has also collaborated extensively with the Office of Institutional Diversity at the University of St. Francis in Joliet.

Registration for the workshop is \$15 to provide for a box lunch (Turkey and cheese, vegetarian or gluten free).

To RSVP for this workshop, provide your name, email address, phone number to Nancy Oetter at nloetter@comcast.net or 630.904.3859. Payment can be made at the door. (Scholarships available on request.) Please register by October 28.

Hesed House PADS November Food Donation Sign-Up

St. Thomas Hesed House PADS Ministry serves the homeless at Hesed House in Aurora the first Thursday of every month throughout the year. The ministry prepares and serves dinner and breakfast ... and provides a bag lunch.

We are asking parishioners to donate the food items needed each month. Thanks to all those who helped with October donations. We are now asking for donations for Thursday, November 3.

How to donate food for Hesed House

If you are willing and able to provide food for November, you can sign up on the St. Thomas website home page at stapostle.org for specific items. If you enjoy cooking, you can sign up to prepare the entrée or the dessert. Recipes and pans are provided. If cooking is not your greatest gift, there are many other items needed. Please deliver all items to the St. Thomas Gathering Area on Thursday, November 3, before 4:00 pm. Thanks to all who are able to help.



To the Men of St. Thomas Prayer Breakfast October 29

Please plan to join us for the Men’s Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, October 29. The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the event. We will begin by joining together at the 8:30 am Mass and then move to the Lighthouse for breakfast. Following breakfast, Fr. Peter will speak to our group on vocations in our Church. The Deacons will be available afterwards for questions and answers.

Sign-up for the prayer breakfast is highly encouraged so that we can properly plan. Online sign-up is available on the St. Thomas home page at stapostle.org. Please email Deacon Joe Cuzzone at deaconjoecuzzone@gmail.com with any questions.



Retired Flag Collection This Weekend and Next

Did you know there is a proper procedure for disposing of old, tattered, torn, soiled and worn American flags? The Knights of Columbus are collecting American flags that are in need of proper disposal. Collection containers will be in the Gathering Area through Sunday, October 23. The Knights will respectfully dispose of them in the proper manner.



2022 Coat and Blanket Collection Thank you, St. Thomas!

Once again, St. Thomas parishioners provided a wonderful response to the collection for the people at St. Agnes on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Based on a conversation with St. Agnes, this year's collection was for blankets, sleeping bags and children's winter coats. The final totals collected were:

- 78 bags of items (plus a bag of vestments provided by the Liturgy Office)
- 150 blankets (including nine fleece blankets made by middle school RE classes)
- 25 infant blankets
- 22 sleeping bags
- 3 children's sleeping bags
- 46 girls coats
- 33 boys coats
- 5 bags of hats, scarves and gloves — many were hand made

Thank you to everyone who donated or worked on this project. South Dakota winters are very harsh; the items sent will be well used and appreciated.

Top: Carol Redell, facilitator of Lakota Nation Ministry, with packed bags. Bottom: Packing the truck.



Haiti Twinning Sponsor-a-Child It Starts with Education

"We want our children to go to quality schools. The parents in Duchity, Haiti are no different."

Sally Meno, Haiti Twinning Education Team

Our Haiti Twinning Sponsor-a-Child campaign helps assure a quality education by assuring quality teachers. Over 95 percent of the students from St. Thomas School (pre-K through high school) and Ertha's Elementary School pass the government exams. The average in Haiti is around 50 percent. Our donations do make a difference.

SAC This Weekend

Members of Haiti Twinning will be in the Narthex after Mass this weekend to answer any questions you might have and to provide you with a picture of a Duchity student for your refrigerator or other place as a reminder to pray for all the students in Duchity.

SAC Donations

If you wish to make a donation after this weekend, please see below. The suggested donation is \$50 but any amount is welcomed with gratitude!

- Checks to: "St. Thomas OSJ" with "SAC" in memo.
- Online donation: Go to stapostle.org and press the "Giving" tab or go directly to <https://www.osvhub.com/stapostle/giving/funds/haiti-twinning-education>.

Whether you are able to donate or not, please take home a picture of a Duchity student and pray for that child.



Elementary school students



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FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE
St. Thomas the Apostle

From the Office of the Parish Nurse

Fatty Foods May Wreak Havoc on Your Brain, Not Just Your Waistline

It's well established that a high-fat diet can lead to obesity and type 2 diabetes, at least in animal models. But in a study published recently in the journal *Metabolic Brain Disease*, researchers in Australia found that consuming too many fatty foods may also lead to brain shrinkage and a reduction in cognitive abilities. Though the study was done on mice, the findings underscore other research that has implicated obesity and diabetes in brain function changes affecting memory and other thinking skills. It appears that obesity and diabetes impair the central nervous system, raising the risk of cognitive decline and the development of psychiatric disorders, such as depression and anxiety. If you need help making changes needed to manage your weight, talk with your doctor and consider working with a registered dietitian who is also a diabetes educator.

Resource: *Massachusetts General Hospital, MMM*

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans Collection Drive

Sponsored by PrimeTime

A special collection is taking place for our homeless veterans from October 15 through November 18. A designated bin will be in place in the Gathering Area. Basic toiletries and cleaning supplies are desperately needed. *Clothing, furniture, canned food or kitchen appliances are not being accepted.*

For a complete list of items, go to helpaveteran.org/services. Scroll down the page to Freedom Commissary and click on the complete list of items needed. Drop off your donation in the Gathering Area. A veteran will be very grateful!

For inquiries, please contact Kathy Ford, Director of Pastoral Care, at kford@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x124.



From the Desk of Behavioral Health Ministry October is National Domestic Violence Month

For many, home is a place of love, warmth and comfort. It's somewhere that you know you will be surrounded by care and support. But for millions of others, home is anything but a sanctuary. The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are victims of physical violence by a partner every year.

Domestic violence – also called intimate partner violence – occurs between people in an intimate relationship. Domestic violence can take many forms, including emotional, sexual and physical abuse and threats of abuse. Abusive relationships always involve an imbalance of power and control. An abuser uses intimidating, hurtful words and behaviors to control a partner.

The Catholic Church teaches that violence against another person in any form fails to treat that person as someone worthy of love. Instead, it treats the person as an object to be used. When violence occurs within a sacramental marriage, the abused spouse may question, "How do these violent acts relate to my promise to take my spouse for better or for worse?" The person being assaulted needs to know that acting to end the abuse does not violate the marriage promises. While violence can be directed toward men, it tends to harm women and children more.

To learn more about the Catholic response, visit the U. S. Bishops website for their Pastoral Letter "When I Call for Help" (http://bit.ly/usccb_dv).

If you are in need of assistance:

- National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800.799.7233
- Call 911 in an emergency

Source: *U.S. Department of Justice, justice.gov, Mayo Clinic mayoclinic.org*



STEWARDSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION



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The Week Ahead

Monday, October 17

6:30–9:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Lighthouse
7:15–8:30 pm Middle School RE at All Saints Academy

Tuesday, October 18

10:00 am–12:00 pm PrimeTime, Lighthouse
4:30–5:45 pm 4th Grade RE Church visit, Church
4:30–5:45 pm RE at Brookdale School
7:00–9:00 pm Finance Committee, Cana
7:00–8:30 pm Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, October 19

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
7:00–9:00 pm PPC, Cana

Thursday, October 20

9:15–11:15 am Thursday AM Bible Study, Senior Center
10:00 am–12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Emmaus
6:30–8:30 pm YM Life Team, Gym and Youth Center
7:30–9:00 pm Thursday PM Bible Study, Senior Center

Friday, October 21

Saturday, October 22

8:30–9:45 am RE at All Saints Academy
9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana
1:00–2:00 pm First Communion Parent Mtg,
Lighthouse
3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

Sunday, October 23

9:00 am–12:30 pm Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center
9:00am–1:00 pm Donuts, Gym
9:30–11:30 am RCIA, Senior Center
1:00–2:00 pm Baptism, Church
2:00–5:00 pm Journey Retreat, Gym

Dear Padre addresses many interesting and topical questions people have about Faith and the Church and how it should impact our life.

Dear Padre

October 16, 2022

I'm a recovering heroin addict. Do I need to confess my addiction? Addiction is a disease, not a sin, right?

Right, but addiction and using drugs are two different things. As you know, recovering addicts who don't use drugs are still addicts, and that in itself isn't a sin. But it's against the law to use heroin in the United States, so even if you never committed a secondary crime to get it, the "getting it" was a crime.

More important, though, the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and it's a sin to abuse ourselves in any way. Even if it weren't against the law, your use of heroin is certainly an abuse of your body.

The sacrament of reconciliation is more than just receiving absolution for sins. It also helps us look more deeply at our lives. Before you go, examine your conscience: Ask yourself how your addiction has affected your body, your life, your relationship with God and the welfare of others.

If you bring honest answers to those questions as well as an open heart and an open mind, your conversation with your priest at reconciliation will help you heal your relationship with God and others. You will also receive the grace to improve your life and do things like overcome addiction so you can be a better person.

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