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SIN

by Lisa Fernandes

Jesus died so that we could be forgiven our sins; and sin is the theme of all of the readings today on the third Sunday of Easter.

In the first reading, Peter chastises the people for rejecting Jesus even if they did so out of ignorance. But, as he tells them, they can repent: *"Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."* **(Acts 3.19)**

In the second reading, we learn more about sin. John asks us not to sin; but if we do sin, we have an advocate in Jesus Christ because:... *"he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."* **(1 John 2.2)**

The Catechism notes there are two types of sin: mortal and venial. Mortal sins are grave acts (breaking one or more of the 10 commandments) committed with full knowledge and complete consent, and can lead to damnation if a person does not repent before death. However, while we can know that an act is grave, we must entrust their judgment to the justice and mercy of God. Venial sins are lesser sins but still weaken our relationship with Jesus.

The damnation that comes from mortal sin means hell for us. Recently there were stories in the paper about Pope Francis supposedly denying hell. Actually he has defined what hell is: "This is hell," explained the Pope. "It is telling God, 'You take care of yourself because I'll take care of myself.' They don't send you to hell, you go there because you choose to be there. Hell is wanting to be distant from God because I do not want God's love. This is hell."

For us Christians to atone and avoid distancing ourselves from God and perhaps damnation, we need to atone. The way we do that is to confess in the sacrament of reconciliation. Not only is this a way to repent but also to retain our community in the church.

I am reminded of a movie called Don Jon in which the main protagonist regularly goes to church

and confession with his laundry list of sins. Unfortunately he goes every week because he sins so much, not because he wishes to change. In order to truly repent we need to be willing to change. Continuing some of the good habits we may have pursued during Lent can be a good start on making a permanent change.

It is important that it is not just about repenting but the action of being willing to change and leaving our sins behind.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

ACTS 3.13-15, 17-19

PSALM 4

1 JOHN 2.1-5

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A MESSAGE FROM FR. MORGAN

As Canada celebrates National Volunteer Week this week, please join me in expressing profound thanks to all the St. Basil's volunteers, who share so generously their gifts of time and talent to strengthen this faith community and help bring the love and compassion of Jesus Christ to others. Merci beaucoup!

—Fr. Morgan

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APRIL 15TH — 21ST

SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00am Maria Myung and Family (liv.)

10:30am *Pro Populo*

12:00pm Lucia Caporusso (+)

4:30pm Pasquale Garfalo (+)

MONDAY

7:30am

12:10pm Joseph Torres (+)

TUESDAY

7:30am

12:10pm Francis, Monica, and Mary Gannon
(+,+,+), Reg Parker (+), Jeffrey Sequera

WEDNESDAY (+)

7:30am

12:10pm *Vocations*

THURSDAY

7:30am *Congregation of the Disciples of the Lord*

12:10pm Salvatore Campisi (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am Lola and Joseph McNeil (+,+)

12:10pm Stefan and Anna Papez (+,+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm Ellis Guimba (liv.)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Rita Moran, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Donna Wood, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Mary O'Brien, Roberto Martello, Paul and Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Helen Agard, Rebecca Beaton, Paul O'Brien, Carry Eillen, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, Alexander Wu, and Desmond Brownlee.

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