

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

on the Gravity of Sin

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Mortal sin destroys charity in the heart of man by a grave violation of God's law; it turns man away from God, who is his ultimate end and his beatitude, by preferring an inferior good to him.

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Venial sin allows charity to subsist, even though it offends and wounds it.

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For a *sin* to be *mortal*, three conditions must together be met: "Mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent."

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Grave matter is specified by the Ten Commandments, corresponding to the answer of Jesus to the rich young man: "Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honour your father and your mother"

The gravity of sins is more or less great: murder is graver than theft.

One must also take into account who is wronged: violence against parents is in itself graver than violence against a stranger.

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Mortal sin requires *full knowledge* and *complete consent*. It presupposes knowledge of the sinful character of the act, of its opposition to God's law. It also implies a consent sufficiently deliberate to be a personal choice. Feigned ignorance and hardness of heart do not diminish, but rather increase, the voluntary character of a sin.

Bible-sharing at St Albert's,
Monday, 7 March 2011
8 – 9 p.m.

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March / April 2011

WORD OF THE PRIEST

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“To see truly the cost and misery of sinning, we must quit the public haunts of business and pleasure, and be able, like the Angels, to see the tears shed in secret, - to witness the anguish of pride and impatience, where there is no sorrow, - the stings of remorse, where yet there is no repentance, - ... the harassing, haunting fears of death, and a judgment to come, - and the superstitions which these engender.”

These are the words of Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman in one of his Oxford University Sermons. He was an **acute** observer of the **movements of the** human soul, a real “psychologist”. **Indeed**, how many of our mental or behavioural disorders have their origin in what theology calls “sin”?

The **Catechism of the Catholic Church** gives this definition of sin: “Sin is an offence against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbour caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods. It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity...” (1849)

Christianity is all about sin. It recognizes our ability to commit sins. It reveals God’s marvellous strategy of redemption by sending his Son into the world. In the **coming weeks, during Lent and particularly during Holy Week**, the **Church’s liturgy** helps us to assimilate the saving **work** of Jesus through the Sacraments.

May the LORD give us **the** humility and courage **to undergo** a genuine conversion to his love, **to make a** sincere confession – **and so to share** in the Joy of the Resurrection.

Father Herbert Gilllessen

Liturgy March / April 2011

All Saints / St Bernhard’s / St Albert’s

MARCH

6	Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
9	Ash Wednesday	---	7 p.m.	---
13	First Sunday of Lent	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
20	Second Sunday of Lent	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
27	Third Sunday of Lent	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon

APRIL

3	Fourth Sunday of Lent	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
10	Fifth Sunday of Lent	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
17	Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion (Procession of Palms)	10 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	12 noon
21	Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord’s Supper	---	8 p.m.	---
22	Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion	3 p.m.	---	---
23	Easter Vigil	---	---	8 p.m.
24	Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
25	Easter Monday	---	11 a.m.	---

Information for the Mission in General

Our Mission offers pastoral care, religious education (children and adults: First Holy Communion, Confirmation). Baptisms, weddings, hospital and home visits can be arranged through the Priest.

The Priest is also available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass and by appointment. For weddings, please contact Father Gillessen 3 months in advance.

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S-Bahnhof Halensee) M19, M29
Sunday at noon

at All Saints

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