

*PSALM 51*  
*(CREATE IN ME)*

(Refrain) Create in me a clean heart.

Have mercy on me God, in your compassion.  
Remove my sin. Wash me from my guilt. (Ref.)

O purify my heart and teach me wisdom;  
Then I shall be cleaner than the snow. (Ref.)

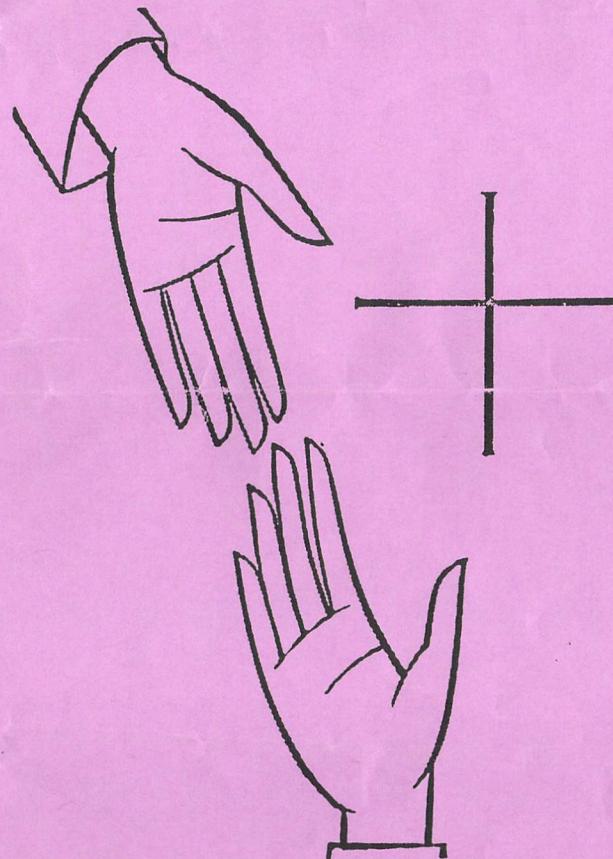
O give me back the joy of your salvation;  
A willing spirit sustain in me. (Ref.)

*INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS AND TIME FOR PRIVATE*

*PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT*

Please know that at each station there is a **CHAIR BEHIND THE CONFESSOR** for those who wish to **CONFESS ANONYMOUSLY**. Those who desire face-to-face confession are invited to sit on the chair facing the confessor.

# PENANCE SERVICE



HOLY ROSARY  
PARISH RETREAT  
2001

**READER 1:** Jesus said, "Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: They shall be satisfied." (Mt. 5: 6)

**READER 2:** Am I selfish, self-seeking, caring only for my own wants and needs?  
Have I respected the rights of others?  
Do I pay fair wages and provide proper working conditions?  
Do I overcharge? make false claims?  
Am I guilty of stealing?  
Have I stolen or damaged other people's property?  
Do I respect public property?  
Do I respect life?  
Am I conscious of other people's safety?  
Do I drive with care?  
Have I lied in a serious way?

**CANTOR:** Create in me  
A clean heart.

**ALL:** Create in me  
A clean heart.

**READER 1:** Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you,  
my own peace I give you." (Jn. 14:27)

**READER 2:** Am I a person of peace?  
Do I support, condone, encourage violence  
in any form?  
Have I been violent, in word or action?  
Am I a source of trouble or discontent at home?  
at work?

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A clean heart.

## ***LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE***

### ***HOLY ROSARY CHURCH***

#### ***GATHERING HYMN***

##### ***PSALM 42 (AS THE DEER LONGS)***

As the deer longs for flowing streams,  
So longs my soul for you, O God.  
My soul does thirst for the living God,  
When shall I come to see your face?

My tears have fed me day and night,  
While some have said, "Where is your God?"  
But I recall, as my soul pours dry,  
The days of praise within your house.

Why do I mourn and toil within,  
When it is mine to hope in God?  
I shall again sing praise to him,  
He is my help; he is my God.  
He is my God.

**GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER**

**FIRST READING**

**RESPONSE:** **My soul is longing for your peace  
Near to you, my God.**

**GOSPEL READING**

**REFLECTION**

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**EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE:**

**READER 1:** Let us examine our lives and assess our living  
in the light of the Gospel.

Jesus said, "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven  
is close at hand." (Mt. 4:17)

**READER 2:** Is there serious sin in my life?  
Since my last confession, have I made a real  
effort to improve?  
Have I lived at peace with God? with others?

**CANTOR:** Create in me  
A clean heart.

**ALL:** **Create in me  
A clean heart.**

**READER 1:** Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, with all your soul, and  
with all your mind." (Mt. 22:37)

**READER 2:** Do I love God with all my heart?  
Is there any other god -- success, pleasure,  
wealth, possessions, self --  
that comes before God?  
Do I try to pray each day?  
Do I respect and reverence God's name?  
Am I faithful to Sunday mass?

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A clean heart.**

**READER 1:** Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment:  
Love one another." (Jn. 12:34)

**READER 2:** Have I tried to love my neighbor as myself?  
Have I helped those in need?  
Have I been aware of their needs?  
Have I remembered the sick, the deprived,  
those whom we put on the margins of  
our society?  
Have I been a faithful and loving member  
of my family?  
Have I loved and honored my parents?  
Have I mistreated my own body through  
the improper use of drugs, alcohol, or sex?

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**READER 1:**    Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth . . . . ,  
                  the light of the world." (Mt. 5:13-14)

**READER 2:**    Am I willing to be counted as a Christian?

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**ALL:**           **Create in me  
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**READER 1:**    Jesus said, "Courage, your sins are forgiven."  
                  (Mt. 9:2)

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                  A clean heart.

**ALL:**           **Create in me  
A clean heart.**

(All kneel)

#### **ACT OF CONTRITION**

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you whom I should love above  
all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do  
penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever  
leads me to sin. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, suffered  
and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy.