



ON THE WAY TO MASS TODAY

What is leprosy? How is it a symbol of sin?

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Baltimore Catechism questions:

Q. 832. What must we do when the confessor asks us questions?

A. When the confessor asks us questions we must answer them truthfully and clearly.

Q. 833. What should we do after telling our sins?

A. After telling our sins we should listen with attention to the advice which the confessor may think proper to give.

Q. 834. What duties does the priest perform in the confessional?

A. In the confessional the priest performs the duties: 1. Of a judge, by listening to our self-accusations and passing sentence upon our guilt or innocence; 2. Of a father, by the good advice and encouragement he gives us; 3. Of a teacher, by his instructions, and 4. Of a physician, by discovering the afflictions of our soul and giving us the remedies to restore it to spiritual health.

DURING THE WEEK

Say the act of contrition every night.

I confess to Almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault. In my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I ask Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, all the angels and saints, and you my brothers and sisters to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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Leprosy is a disease that affects the skin and nerves. In ancient times it was greatly feared because one who contracted the disease was forced to live apart from the rest of the community so as not to spread it to others. It is a symbol for sin, (though not in fact sinful!), because like sin it gets progressively worse as it corrupts the body, and causes isolation from others. In the time of Our Lord a priest would determine if a person had it or not, and declare them clean when they were healed. In our time a priest declares a person forgiven from sin by absolving them in the Sacrament of reconciliation.



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ON THE WAY TO MASS NEXT SUNDAY

How long was Jesus in the wilderness?