



ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE

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MEETING AND PRAYER GUIDE

Week of January 19, 2025

Second Week of Ordinary Time

APOLOGETICS (NOT AN APOLOGY)

Episode 7:

“Confessing To Priests”

SINNER’S PRAYER

*Dear Heavenly Father,
I know that I am a sinner
and the wages of sin is death.
You sent your Son Jesus to die
on the cross for my sins.
I accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior.
I ask Jesus to come into my heart.
I know my sins are now all forgiven
past, present and future.
Thank you Jesus for saving me
and assuring my entrance into heaven.
Amen.*

SCRIPTURE

“If we say, ‘We are without sin,’ we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.” (1 John 1:8-9)

LINK TO THE VIDEO REFLECTION

<https://youtu.be/4gotto0fZWM>

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. "All sin is social" – Discuss how sin affects the world around us.
2. Discuss the need to genuinely "repent" for sin vs. simply being shamed or embarrassed.
3. Discuss your experience in going to confession. How often do you go? How does it make you feel?

ACT OF CONTRITION

*O my God,
I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee,
and I detest all my sins
because of thy just punishments,
but most of all because they offend Thee, my God,
who art all good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve
with the help of Thy grace
to sin no more
and to avoid the near occasion of sin.
Amen.*

For what else shall we pray? [Spontaneous prayers are welcome.]

*For these spoken prayers and those we hold in our hearts,
we ask that they be granted in accordance with God's Will,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

RECOMMENDED LISTENING

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"The Wages of Sin"

(September 8, 2023; 7 mins)

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