

Penance vs. Reparation

We have often heard of the need to do penance and reparation, most think that they are one and the same. However, they are two very different theological concepts. Generally speaking, penance is an act of demonstrating sorrow for sins and seeking forgiveness, while reparation is an act of making amends or offering satisfaction for sin or wrongdoing, often directed towards God or others.

Penance involves turning away from sin and turning towards God. It involves contrition, which is having a sincere sorrow for one's sins and a firm determination to avoid them in the future. Examples of penance include prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and other acts of self-denial.

Penance is a personal act. This personal act can only be done by the sinner himself. For example, one cannot go to confession for another person and obtain absolution for that person. The idea of offering "penance" for others, particularly in the context of Christian tradition, can be understood as an act of intercession and solidarity, where one's suffering is offered for the good of others. By offering "penance" for another's sins, one is essentially praying for their repentance and healing. Doing "penance" for others is not a substitute for the individual's own repentance and seeking forgiveness from God.



Reparation is closely connected with the concept of atonement and satisfaction. It is about making amends for sins, either one's own or another's. A person can make reparation for the sins of others. For instance, one can offer reparation for blasphemies against God. Examples of acts of reparation include offering up one's own suffering with the intent of making reparation, Eucharistic adoration, prayer, or other acts of self-denial or sacrifice. Reparation is often seen as a way to restore justice and heal broken relationships. Willfully damaging private or public property is contrary to the moral law and requires reparation.

Every offense committed against justice and truth entails the duty of reparation, even if its author has been forgiven. When it is impossible publicly to make reparation for a wrong, it must be made secretly. If someone who has suffered harm cannot be directly compensated, he must be given moral satisfaction in the name of charity. This duty of reparation also concerns offenses against another's reputation. This reparation, moral and sometimes material, must be evaluated in terms of the extent of the damage inflicted. It obliges in conscience. (CCC 2487)

No amount of reparation that we do, or the amount of reparation everyone in the world has ever done taken together can take the place of the Sacrifice of Christ. It is Christ's love "to the end" that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction. He knew and loved us all when He offered His life. No man, not even the holiest, can ever be able to take on himself the sins of all men and offer himself as a sacrifice for all. Only Jesus Christ can do that. The existence in Christ of the divine person of the Son, who at once surpasses and embraces all human persons, and constitutes himself as the Head of all mankind, makes possible His redemptive sacrifice for all. (CCC 616)

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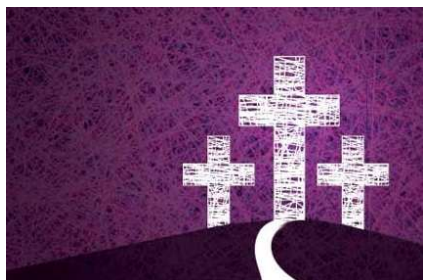
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention children and parents: We will have Sunday School class today.

Today is potluck Sunday! This is a great activity for everyone to foster fellowship in our church community. If you are celebrating your birthday in the month of March, we have ordered a birthday cake for you. Lunch begins after the 10:30am Mass. Please bring your favorite dish to share.



During Lent, please join us in the Stations of the Cross in Chinese every Wednesday after the noon Mass and in English every Friday after the noon Mass.

As of last week, we have collected \$1,660 in donations to the Archbishops Annual Appeal. We need \$1,940 more to reach our goal. For your convenience, you can make your donations through our church. If you wish to donate through our church, please make sure your check is payable to HNOJ and write AAA in the memo. Please use the AAA envelopes provided. Thank you for your support.

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**ONE
BODY**
IN CHRIST



Reserve the date: Due to the cancellation of the Eucharistic Congress of the Archdiocese of Atlanta this year, Holy Name of Jesus Chinese Catholic Church will hold a week-long Eucharistic Renewal event from June 18 to June 24, 2025. Our invited guests include Most Reverend John Lee Juo-wang, Bishop Emeritus of the diocese of Tainan, Taiwan and Fr. Francis Ching of the Companions of the Cross based in Toronto, Canada, as well as a Chinese band led by Mr. Jianren Zhu from Los Angeles. Come, participate and make the most of that week with our special guests. They are coming to Atlanta especially for you, in order to inspire and deepen your devotion to the Eucharist!

Prayer List: Liu Guifang, Lydia Chen, Lu Shumi, David Wang, Chen Jianxin, Liang Chenjing, Xu Taicheng and Fr. Bill.

Mass Schedule	Confessions	Bible Study
Sundays 10:30 AM (Chinese)	Sundays 9:00-9:30 AM	Wednesdays 10:00 AM (Chinese)
Sundays 2:00 PM (English)	Tuesdays 2:00-3:00 PM	Mondays 6:00 PM (English)
	By Appointment	
Mondays 12:00 PM (English)		Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesdays 12:00 PM (English)	Anointing of the Sick	Sundays 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Wednesdays 12:00 PM (Chinese)	First Sundays after 10:30 AM Mass	Tuesdays 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Fridays 12:00 PM (English)		
First Friday 7:00 PM (English)		
First Saturday 10:00 AM (Chinese)		