

# Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

*We have re-established a regular opportunity for parishioners to receive the Lord's mercy sacramentally, now that small groups are permitted in the church.*

**For the time being, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) is available on Saturdays in the Bethany Center from 1:00 to 2:00 PM.** In order to maintain the safety of our parishioners and required social distancing, please take careful note of the following:

- Confessions are heard at the far end of the Bethany Center, near the kitchen (well out of earshot). One can celebrate the sacrament either anonymously or face-to-face.
- Those coming for confession must wait their turn **in the LOBBY** of the Bethany Center (not in the hallway). Please enter either through the Bethany doors facing Dollar Tree, or through the church. There are chairs in the lobby, spaced apart to maintain the requisite distance, and everyone coming **MUST** have a mask or facial covering.
- There should be no more than 10 people in the lobby at any one time. If all the seats are taken, please remain either outside the building (keeping proper distance from one another), in the church, or in your car until space allows.
- The social distancing aspect of hearing confessions can present a problem for those who are hard of hearing. If that is the case, a cell phone number will be available so we can speak without raising our voices. You would of course need to have your own phone with you!
- Your patience during this time of change and readjustment is *greatly* appreciated!