

On the Sundays of Lent 2021, at the Pastor's discretion, replace the penitential act with the following:

ADAPTATION FOR THE  
RITE FOR RECONCILIATION OF SEVERAL PENITENTS WITH GENERAL  
CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INSTRUCTION

After the Sign of the Cross and the Greeting, the priest explains to the faithful who wish to receive general absolution that they should be properly disposed. Each one should repent of his sins and resolve to turn away from these sins, to make up for any scandal and harm he may have caused, and to confess individually at the proper time each of the serious sins which cannot now be confessed. Some form of satisfaction should be proposed to all, and each individual may add something if he desires.

GENERAL CONFESSION

Then the deacon or other minister or the priest himself invites the penitents who wish to receive absolution to indicate this by some kind of sign. He may say:

**Will those of you who wish to receive sacramental absolution please kneel and acknowledge that you are sinners.**

Or:

**Will those of you who wish to receive sacramental absolution please bow your heads and acknowledge that you are sinners.**

The penitents say the general formula for confession:

**I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
In my thoughts and in my words,  
In what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

And, striking their breast, they say:

**Through my fault, through my fault,  
Through my most grievous fault;**

Then they continue:

**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.**

## GENERAL ABSOLUTION

The priest then gives absolution, holding his hands extended over the penitents and saying:

**God the Father does not wish the sinner to die  
but to turn back to him and live.  
He loved us first and sent his Son into the world to be its Savior.  
May he show you his merciful love and give you peace.**

*R/* Amen.

**Our Lord Jesus Christ was given up to death for our sins,  
and rose again for our justification.  
He sent the Holy Spirit on his apostles  
and gave them power to forgive sins.  
Through the ministry entrusted to me  
may he deliver you from evil  
and fill you with his Holy Spirit.**

*R/* Amen.

**The Spirit, the Comforter, was given to us for the forgiveness of sins.  
In him we approach the Father.  
May he cleanse your hearts and clothe you in his glory,  
so that you may proclaim the mighty acts of God  
who has called you out of darkness into the splendor of his light.**

*R/* Amen.

**And I absolve you from your sins  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠  
And of the Holy Spirit.**

*R/* Amen.

Or:

**God, the Father of mercies,  
through the death and resurrection of his Son  
has reconciled the world to himself  
and sent the Holy Spirit among us  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
through the ministry of the church  
may God give you pardon and peace,  
and I absolve you from your sins  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠  
And of the Holy Spirit.**

*R*/ Amen.

The opening prayer from the Proper of the Mass for the appropriate Sunday of Advent follows.