

*From Father Bill:*

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel" were the words we heard on Ash Wednesday. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) is the best way we can confront our sinful self. To help you celebrate this sacrament, I share with you the steps you can take. They are based on the 12 step program of AA.*

1. I am a sinner.
2. I believe Jesus Christ is able to save me.
3. I turn my will and life over to God's care.
4. I look honestly at myself, my strengths and weaknesses.
5. I admit to myself, to God and to someone else my wrong doing (confession).
6. I am ready to have God forgive and transform me.
7. I ask Him to do so.
8. I make a list of those I have wronged.
9. I make amends to them in so far as possible and beneficial to them.
10. I repeat steps 4 to 9 frequently knowing sin isn't a past event in my life.
11. I try to draw closer to God through prayer, seeking His will for me & the strength to do what He wants.
12. I reach out to others with the Good News God is making real in my life.