

THE SHEPHERDS WALKING STICK

This is still three weeks away, but I am announcing this early so that you can **MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

April 2 (Thursday) is Reconciliation Night! Do your soul a favour by giving it a thorough washing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This would make your Lent more fruitful and would serve also as your immediate preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Sunday). The Reconciliation Night will start with the praying of the Angelus and Rosary at 6:00 PM. It will be followed with the Mass at 6:30 PM. After the Mass there will a video catechesis on Confession which should last from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM. At 7:30 PM, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. Then after the introductory rite and communal examination of conscience, will be the individual confession and absolution. We will end the night with the Solemn Benediction..... If your schedule does not allow you to be on time for the Angelus and the Rosary, please come for the Confessions just the same. Even if you're going to miss the Mass, do still come. It doesn't matter if you just come for the Confessions. The most important thing is that you come; you owe it to yourself..... I understand that some of you may not be comfortable confessing to me whom you meet always. But, I assure you that I don't remember the sins being told me in the context of the sacrament of Confession. Just imagine me as a garbage man to whom you take your garbage. But, the garbage man does not keep the garbage for himself. I mean, seriously who does that?! Anyway, for Reconciliation Night, there will be another priest or two who will help me with the Confessions.....I am really hoping for a good turnout on April 2. These other priests will drive all the way from Somerset and Carman, and the parish will provide them with a stipend. It would be a waste of resources if there will be just a dozen of people who will come for Confessions. Such number I can surely handle by myself alone. So, please come on Reconciliation Night, and don't wait for the last minute. Having to take care of two parishes, I do not have time to hear all your Confessions if you wait for Holy Week to do it.