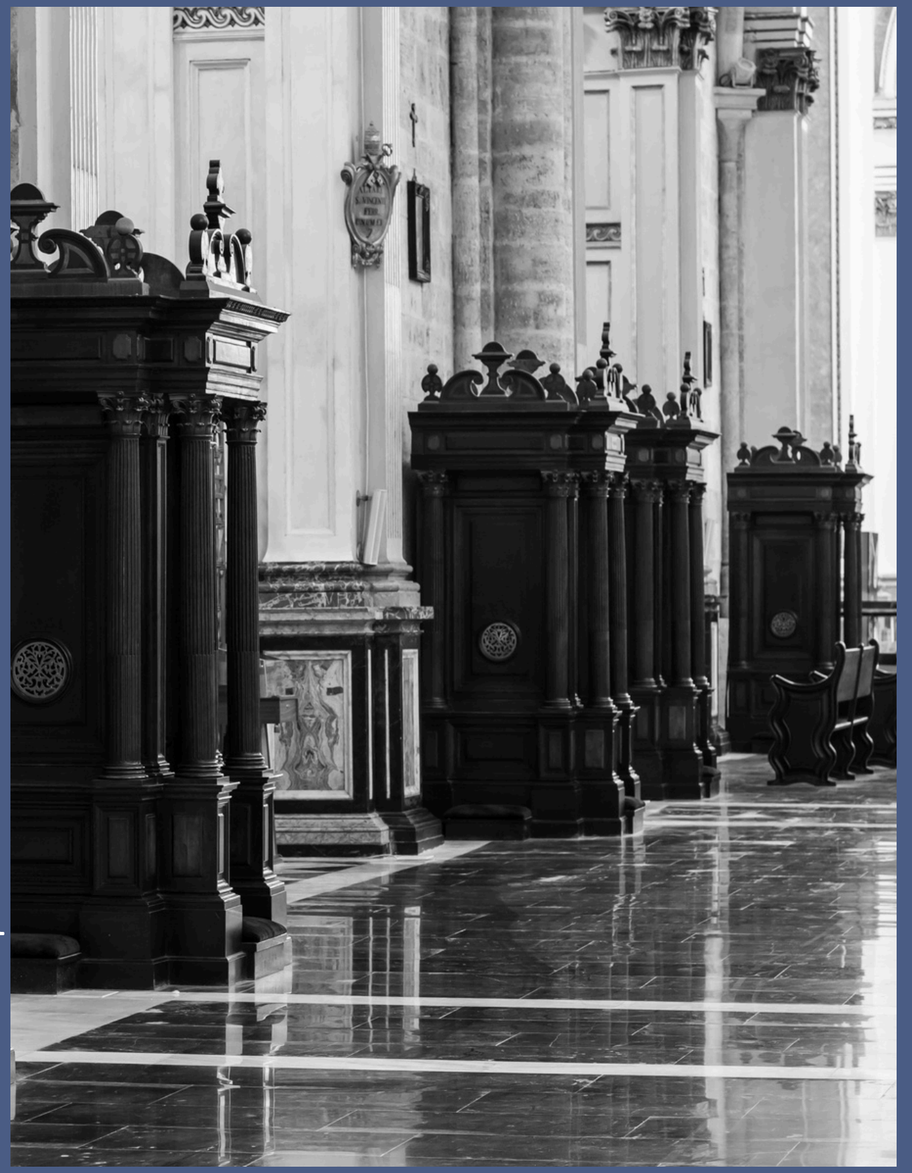
A BEAUTIFUL GIFT

The Sacrament of Reconciliation





The Prodical Son

LUKE 15:11-32



What is the Sacrament Called?

- Sacrament of conversion
- Sacrament of Penance
- Sacrament of Confession
- Sacrament of Penance
- Sacrament of Forgiveness
- Sacrament of Reconciliation





Why do we need it?

WHEN WAS IT INSTITUTED?

- John 20:22-23
- Christ forgives THROUGH the priest





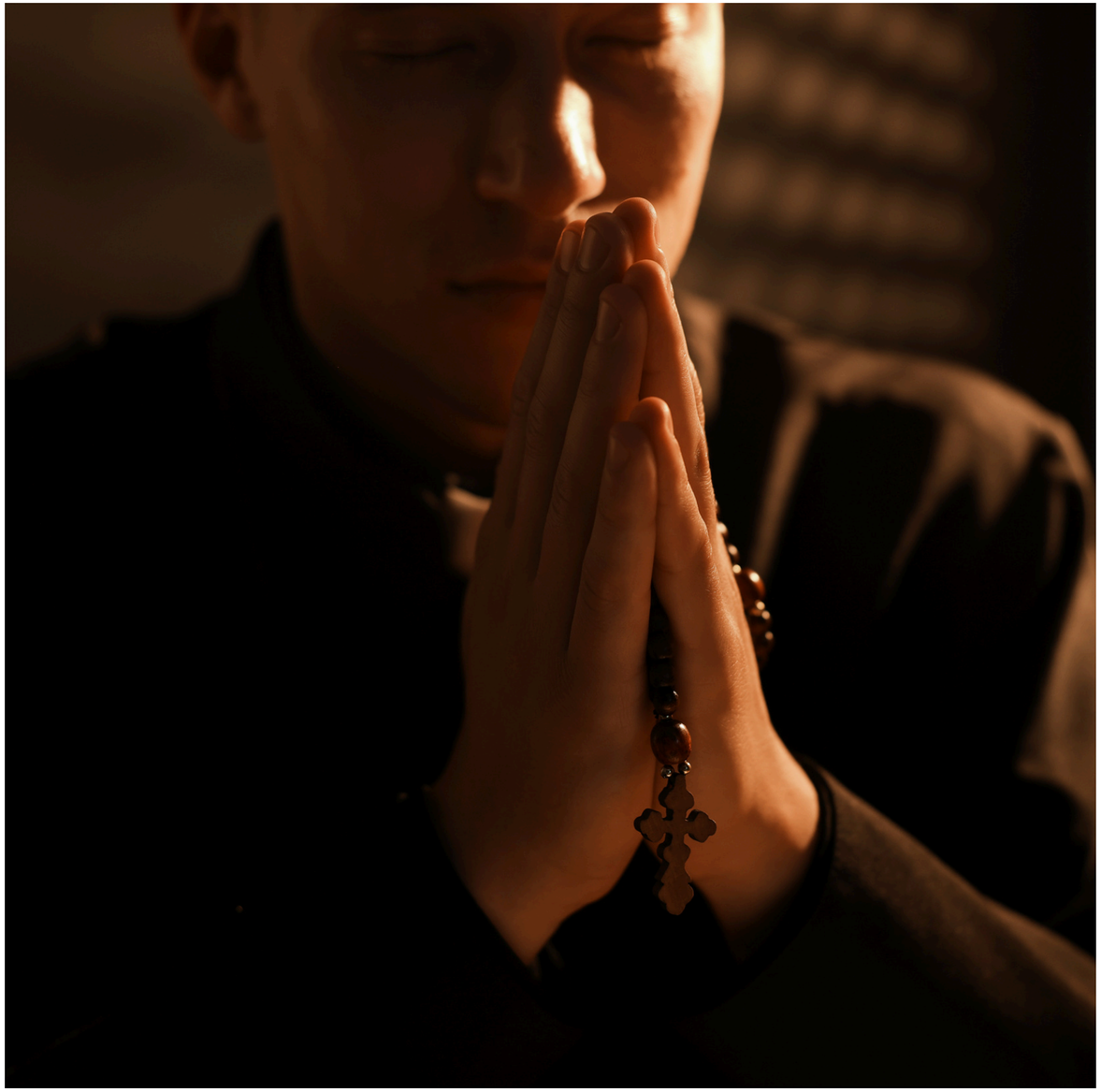
What does sin actually do?

Mortal vs Venial sin

- MORTAL: BREAKS OUR RELATIONSHIP ENTIRELY. *MUST* BE CONFESSED
- VENIAL: WEAKENS OUR RELATIONSHIP, BUT DOESN'T SEVER IT.

  Venial sins SHOULD be confessed





How do we go to confession? 4 essential elements:

- Contrition
- Confession
- Absolution
- Penance/Satisfaction

A Walk Through

- Examine
- Be truly sorry
- Enter the Confessional
- Confess your sins
- Receive your penance
- Pray an Act of Contrition
- Receive absolution
- Complete your penance





Why can’t I go straight to God?

Closing Thought