

There will be no regular confessions in the church on Holy Saturday, April 11. There is no need to be concerned if you have not had the opportunity to make your confession during Lent. A sincere prayer to the Lord and a good Act of Contrition is enough. If you have a serious need for confession, call and make an appointment with one of our priests.

Consider the advice give by Pope Francis in a recent homily in the chapel of Santa Marta where he lives:

*Do what the Catechism says, the Pope stressed, it's very clear: if you don't find a priest to hear your Confession, talk with God, He is your Father, and tell Him the truth: "Lord, I've done this, and that, and that . . . I'm sorry," and ask Him for forgiveness with all your heart, with the Act of Contrition and promise Him: "Afterwards I will go to Confession, but forgive me now."*

*If you do all this, Pope Francis said, you will return to God's grace immediately. As the Catechism teaches, you yourself can approach God's forgiveness without having a priest at hand. Think: it's the moment! And this is the right moment, the opportune moment. An Act of Contrition well made will make our soul become white as snow.*

Thinking of the parable of the Prodigal son, the Pope encouraged: *It would be good if today this "return" resounded in our ears, "return to your Papa, return to your Father." He is waiting for you and He will celebrate with you.*