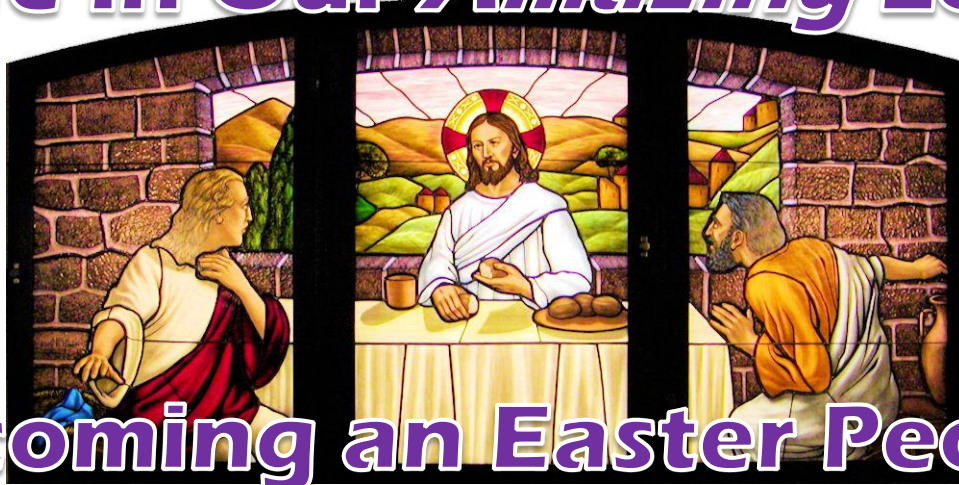


Let's gather for a Lenten Retreat!

Life in Our *Amazing* Lord



Becoming an Easter People

**A parish mission in three or four evenings
or a parish retreat Saturday & Sunday.**

Part 1: Decode your life to find mystical union with Christ. Discover the answer to: Am I really loved? How can I find healing in difficult relationships?

Part 2: Bring your sufferings to the passionate heart of Christ to experience the love that heals your heart and activates Christ's redemption plan.

Part 3: Based on the first 2 sessions, turn your sufferings and grief into new life and new purposes, full of new joys and victories.

Part 4: All of this leads to the key to successful Christian living: How important am I and why? What's my purpose? You have been chosen by Christ to be empowered by the Spirit! For what?



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Becoming an Easter People

Purpose: To enliven and activate parishioners to become more involved in parish life, to embrace full participatory stewardship, and to continue their faith formation in order to grow in their Catholic knowledge and spirituality.

Theme: With the Eucharist as the source and summit of our faith, a parish can identify and draw upon its strengths and vision to build parish unity, excellence in mission, and increased volunteerism, in a spirit of collaboration, healing, and giftedness.

How is this accomplished? Each evening will be built on the theology of the Holy Week Triduum:

1. **Holy Thursday**

The call to be united to Jesus in the Eucharist and how that affects us when we consciously participate in the Mass.

2. **Good Friday**

The mystical experience of connecting our sufferings to the passion of Christ, which heals us and assists Christ in his redemption plan for others.

3. **Easter**

Meant to be experienced every Sunday, we are empowered by the Father to have a resurrected life full of new joys and victories.

4. **Pentecost**

The mission and power we all have to continue the ministry of Christ by discovering and utilizing our particular gifts and talents and our unique calling.

This mission speaks to the congregation on two levels: personal and community. While it ministers to individuals in their own particular journeys, it will also help them see themselves as important members of a parish community living the Triduum year-round in its Eucharistic ministry and in the challenges and hardships being faced as a community and in the rising up to become stronger in outreach and effectiveness.

If the parish has been suffering through any particularly difficult wound or divisive controversy, this parish mission will be tailored to your situation to restore parish health and holiness in an atmosphere of mutual respect. There is no blame-casting, no taking sides, only healing.

Optional follow-up: During the parish mission, participants will be invited and strongly encouraged to join small group, ministry-based discussions over the next four weeks to assimilate what was learned during the mission and plan how to implement ideas over the next year. Materials for this will be purchased as PDF files ready for printing.

Pre-mission option: Local staff or ministry leaders can set the stage for the parish mission with the 3-part "**Life in the Trinity**" PowerPoint series. (See <http://catholicdr.com/TrinityRetreat/>)