



We Are the Church: A Beacon of Light

At Home Parish Mission
St. James Catholic Church
April 26 – May 2

Day 5: Community of Light

Step 1: Pray with the Church – We invite you to take some time out of your day to pray with the Church. We invite you to choose any of the following options.

- † Mass: Participate in a daily Mass. A suggestion could be watching Mass with Catholic TV [at this link](#).
- † Scripture and Song: Danny Baker, our Director of Liturgy, shares daily Scripture, song and reflections on our [Facebook page](#).
- † Reading Scripture: Read the Scripture readings of the day and reflect on them. Daily readings can be found [at this link](#).

Step 2: Community of Light with Lori Tajchman, Director of Children’s Music Ministry

Lori will share about how we are called to be an active member of our parish community in their own way and each member of our community is important.

Step 3: Prayerful Reflection

Take time now to spend 10 minutes to reflect on what you heard from today’s prayer with the Church and from the video that Lori shared with us. Start your time by being silent for 15 seconds followed by simply praying the words, “Come, Holy Spirit, help me to reflect on Your light.” Spend the rest of the time reflecting on the following questions or wherever the Spirit guides you.

1. What is your current place/role in the St James community?
2. What gift(s) did God give you that you could share with our St James Community?
3. What can your St James Community do to help you share your gifts more fully?
4. Is that little light that Jesus gave you shining? Is it shining but hidden under a bushel? Do you shine that light everywhere you go? Tag. You are IT. May the earworm I just left with you be with you for the remainder of the day as you ponder this question.

Optional Activities:

Please use the following activities to help deepen your experience as you are able and desire.

- We have been given some pretty good biblical guidelines on what we need to do within our Church communities. Spend some reflective time through meditation or Lectio Divina, meditating on the following biblical calls, and how you can answer.
 - We are called to “encourage and build each other up” (1 Thessalonians 5:11).
 - We are called to “carry one another’s burdens” (Galatians 6:2).
 - We are called to “love one another” (John 15:12).
 - We are called to “use whatever gift [you have] received to serve others” (1 Peter 4:10).
- Send a card to someone of our parish that you think may be having a harder time, especially those alone, without work, or that you know is struggling in some way.

- Family Discussion: Who in the parish are you thankful for and why? What do you see as your family's role in our parish.