



**The Light is ON for You.**  
*Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

## **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Weeks before Ash Wednesday and First Week in Lent

### **The Light is On for You**

“The Light Is On For You” is an initiative of the Archdiocese of Washington, in partnership with the Diocese of Arlington to allow all Catholics to avail themselves of the sacrament of reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Wednesday during Lent from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in every Catholic church in the Archdiocese of Washington and Diocese of Arlington. Learn more at [www.the-light-is-on.org](http://www.the-light-is-on.org).

### **The Light is On for You**

This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington will have confessions available every Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. Learn more at [www.the-light-is-on.org](http://www.the-light-is-on.org).

### **The Light is On for You**

This year in parishes across the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration will be held Wednesdays in Lent from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Consider making a commitment this Lent to attend Holy Hour and join the Church in praying for an abundance of the healing grace of God’s forgiveness and love.

### **A Ministry of Prayer and Reconciliation**

As part of the Archdiocese’s Lenten initiative, “The Light is on for You” we are making a commitment to pray in a special way for family members, friends, colleagues and neighbors who are alienated from the Church or who are inactive in the practice of their faith. Join us for quiet prayer on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. to pray for the grace of reconciliation that can bring lasting peace to our hearts, homes and communities.

### **Haven’t Been to Confession in a While?**

Haven’t been to Confession in a while? Interested, but worry you don’t remember how to give a good Confession? No problem. Simply pick up the Reconciliation brochure at the back of church for helpful “how-to” guidance or visit [www.the-light-is-on.org](http://www.the-light-is-on.org). Then, stop by any Catholic church in the Archdiocese of Washington or the Diocese of Arlington Wednesday evenings in Lent, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and quiet prayer.

## **During the Weeks of Lent**

### **The Light is on for You**

Is there someone you love who has stopped coming to Mass? Join the Lord in inviting him or her back to church. Catholic churches across the Archdiocese of Washington and Diocese of Arlington will be open for quiet prayer and confession on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Invite your friend to enjoy the quiet and peace of people gathered in silent prayer. If the time is right, also invite him or her to consider talking with a priest or receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation.

### **Reconciliation begins in prayer**

Sometimes, the first step to reconciliation is praying for the person with whom we need to be reconciled. Make a commitment this Lent to join us on Wednesday evenings, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. as we gather for quiet prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation for all of the situations in our lives that need the healing grace of Jesus love. The Church will be open and you are welcome to come for a few minutes or for an hour. Learn more at [www.the-light-is-on.org](http://www.the-light-is-on.org).

### **The Healing Grace of Prayer**

Every Lent Catholics from all over the region respond to “The Light is On for You” ads and come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation or to speak with a priest after being away from the Church for 10, 15 or 25 or more years. Imagine the sense of welcome and hope they would experience if they walked into a church filled with people praying and meditating in silence in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Join us one Wednesday or every Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. for quiet prayer as we pray for people who are seeking to reconcile with God and with the church.

### **Instruments of the Lord’s Peace**

Are you searching for a pathway to peace with another person or for a situation close to your heart? Bring this need to prayer on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. This Lent, we will gather with Catholics all over the region to pray for the peace and reconciliation that our Lord can give when we offer ourselves as instruments of that peace.