

The Church's Mission in a Polarized World



A Lenten Adult Faith Opportunity

This 4-week Lenten program, based on the book by Fr. Aaron Wessman, *The Church's Mission in a Polarized World*, will be led by Fr. Tom. Through presentations and small-group discussion, Fr. Tom will try to summarize many of the ideas of Fr. Wessman's book and make practical applications to our daily lives.

We live in an age of polarization, both politically and religiously, and it is tearing our nation, our churches, and many of our families apart. Our Lenten series will explore the foundations of this polarization as well as a spiritual response rooted in the Gospel that can help us as individuals and a parish community take steps that might actually bring about reconciliation and a deeper sense of community.

The program will be held in the cafeteria and will begin each week at 6:15 p.m. with an optional, free soup supper. Sharing a simple meal with your fellow parishioners during this holy season is a great way to get to know different people and to better understand the many individuals who make up our diverse community! The formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. No registration is required, and all are welcome to attend. Even if you can only come to one session, your life will be enriched.

Week 1: Monday, February 23. What Is Polarization and Why Is It Intensifying?

Soup Options: Chicken Paprikash Soup or Vegetable Soup

Week 2: Monday, March 2. The Church and Polarization: Have Christians Made It Worse?

Soup Options: Italian Wedding Soup or Mac & Cheese Soup

Week 3: Monday, March 9. Crossing Over: Following the Example of Jesus

Soup Options: Chicken Tortilla Soup or Tomato Basil Soup with Feta

Week 4: Monday, March 16. Hope in the Storm: A Practical Response for Catholics

Soup Options: Chicken Parmesan Soup or Cheesy Broccoli Cauliflower Soup