

Ablaze: Passionately Pursuing Christ and a Life of Purpose

Parish Mission Overview

Night One

We were created for an eternal life filled with peace, joy, freedom, and communion with God and each other. Before we were even conceived God held us in His Heart. His desire for us to be in relationship with Him is so intense that when our First Parents rebelled against God and chose themselves over Him, the Father sent His Son to seek after us, the children of Adam & Eve. The Son's love for the Father and compassion for us was so great that He willingly chose to leave the glory of Heaven and live through our human nature, ultimately suffering torture, punishment, and a humiliating death on a Cross so that we might be restored to communion with the Father.

Night Two

Jesus' obedience to the Father's plan of Salvation was complete, and because of the Father's love for Jesus, He was raised from the dead. The powers of sin and death threw everything they could at Jesus, and He triumphed over them. The tomb could not contain him! Because Jesus took on our human nature, his resurrection and ascension open the way for us to receive the divine power of His resurrected life. He offers us Kingdom life so that we can once again enjoy communion with God and transformation in Him. He frees us from bondage to the powers of sin and death and offers us fulfillment and joy in this life and eternal life in the next through the power of his Holy Spirit. If we repent of our sin and turn toward Him, the power of the Sacraments restore and strengthen the Divine Life within us.

Night Three

Living out Kingdom life requires us to remain in an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ-- becoming His disciples and embracing an apostolic, missionary lifestyle. Kingdom life is expressed here on earth through the power of the Holy Spirit moving both within us and through us to others. So often, many Catholics experience a sense of powerlessness in their walk—as if God gave us a mission and then left us with purely human resources.

Night Four

This night, we will have the opportunity to respond to God's invitation to a relationship following a direct personal witness. The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be offered, followed by a time of directed prayer as participants come forward as a sign of their openness to Christ and receive prayer to stir up the graces of their baptism.

