

From Your Pastor



SIGN-UP SUNDAY

NEXT WEEK

SEPTEMBER 19-20

Next month we begin the Third Season of **ARISE Together in Christ**. At the heart of **ARISE** is the opportunity for parishioners to gather in homes once a week during a six week process for prayer, reflection and sharing. **The principal sign-up for ARISE this fall will take place at the conclusion of each of the Masses next weekend.** Why should you consider signing up for **ARISE**?

- To know God better.
- To grow spiritually.
- To meet new people.
- To talk about God.
- To improve ourselves.
- To put faith into action.
- To change the way we see the world.
- To improve relationships.
- To experience different prayer styles.
- To be rejuvenated.

Can a program like **ARISE** really do all that? Here are some of the comments made by parishioners who participated in the Second Season during Lent 2009.

--It has really made this Lent special for me. I feel like a better person through this season, and the ARISE program was a large part of the reason for this.

--I have felt closer to God and the Church through the ARISE program.

--I definitely feel it brought me to a deeper relationship with Christ.

--From the sharing's and readings, I have gained new perspectives on my relationship with Christ. I feel more camaraderie in my church.

--I have a greater appreciation for prayer to Christ crucified and contemplation for what his death meant for us.

--I found the ARISE meetings to be enjoyable and a great time to reflect and to learn more about my faith. As people have become more familiar with each other and more relaxed, the faith-sharing experience, in the second season, has been wonderful and eye-opening for me. I found myself saying, many times, "Hmm. I never thought about it that way!" The group is made up of people of varying backgrounds and perspectives and this has only added to the whole experience. I have found as the season went on that I started looking forward to my ARISE meeting.

--It has helped me feel more connected in faith to people in the parish.

--It has brought me closer to the Lord and motivates me for service.

--I'm more conscious of developing a deeper relationship with Christ.

--It has definitely brought me closer to God. It has made me more aware of my relationship with God and how I can improve on it. It has made me more aware that everyone of us is on a similar journey but each of us has our own unique experiences along the way. ARISE has made me more comfortable with my faith.

Please consider signing up for **ARISE** next week. We would love to have you join us. Please also pray the **ARISE** prayer for the success of the third Season of the **ARISE** process this fall in our parish. You can find the **ARISE** prayer in the weekly bulletin.



God bless each of you.

Msgr. Fay