

Saint Barnabas Church

Portsmouth, Rhode Island

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Dear Parishioners of St. Mark Church of Jamestown,

I am thrilled to be part of your upcoming Lenten mission, **March 18, 19,20**; where we will delve deeply into the profound mysteries of the Eucharist and the transformative power of God's love in our brokenness. Our theme,

"Broken Bread, Broken Lives: Embracing God's Redemption in Our Brokenness,"

will explore the profound symbolism of Jesus breaking bread at the Last Supper and how that act mirrors the brokenness in our own lives. Throughout the mission, we will journey together through three talks:

"Brokenness: The Path to Wholeness": In this talk, we will reflect on the reality of brokenness in our lives and how it can serve as a gateway to experiencing the healing and wholeness that God offers us through the Eucharist.

"Embracing Transformation: God's Work in Our Brokenness": Here, we will explore how God can use our brokenness as a vessel for His grace and redemption, transforming us into instruments of His love and mercy in the world.

"Becoming Who We Receive: Embodying Christ's Love": In our final talk, we will delve into the profound significance of the Eucharist as the source of spiritual nourishment and strength for those who are broken, inviting us to become more fully who we receive, embodying Christ's love and mercy in our daily lives.

I am truly excited to join you all at St. Mark Church for this Lenten mission, where together, we will deepen our understanding of the Eucharist and discover the beauty of God's transformative power in our brokenness.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. David G. Thurber, Jr.

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