

How do I begin the process of returning to the Church?

Your local parish is the best place to begin your process of returning to the Catholic Church. Contact a parish near you and let them know you would like to return. At St. Jude, feel free to schedule an appointment to speak with Sr. Mary Ann (225-766-2431), spiritual director, to find out the times for Mass, and to inquire about the events and programs available for adults: scripture study, prayer groups, mens/womens clubs, service opportunities, etc.

Web site available for your help

<http://catholicsreturninghome.org>

Prayer for Returning Catholics

Gracious God,
You are full of compassion
and mercy for your people.
Give us a heart of welcome
for those who feel alienated
and cut off from Your love. Amen.

Jesus, loving Shepherd,
You search out and gather those who are lost
and carry them home.
Give us the courage and faith
to reach out and invite home Catholics
who have lost touch with
Christ and the Christian community. Amen.

Holy Spirit, source of unity,
You drive out all fear and prejudice
through the light of your presence.
Give us an attentive and gracious spirit
that will encourage returning Catholics
to rejoin the worshipping community and
to grow in their faith. Amen.