

At St. Francis by the Sea Catholic Church in Hilton Head, SC, we conduct a series of sessions from time to time to answer questions and to help resolve issues and difficulties that have kept Catholics away from their Church — their spiritual home. The sessions can be in groups or individualized.

Call Ron Angner, 843-686-6037, to inquire about our Welcome Home program.



St. Francis by the Sea Welcome Home

In his apostolic letter, “Misericordia et Misera” (Mercy and Misery), at the close of the 2016 Holy Year of Mercy, Pope Francis stated that he wants “*to set in motion a real cultural revolution, beginning with simple gestures capable of reaching body and spirit, people’s very lives.*” Our Pope wants the Church to be an instrument of mercy in this wounded world, to be a field hospital. Mercy is a wellspring of joy and the Pope’s continuous focus on living our lives in mercy provides a perfect opportunity to welcome back inactive Catholics to share in this joy and bask in the mercy and forgiveness of God.

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Welcome Home



A Ministry of
**St. Francis by the Sea
Catholic Church**
Hilton Head Island, SC

Jesus says

“All are welcome at my table”.

Come back to the table of the Lord and partake in His everlasting love for each of us.

No sin is too big to be forgiven. So let your heart be open to the mercy of the Lord

Come join us at His banquet.



Welcome Home

Using materials from *Awakening Faith*, we will provide six sessions on basic elements of our Catholic faith, with opportunities for conversation and sharing. The initial sessions help us explore spirituality, who Jesus is, what we think of the Holy Spirit, whether we can find forgiveness, how the Mass might engage us more, and what we think of the Church. If people want, four more sessions are available later about our quest for faith, love, marriage-divorce-annulment, and the use of money.

You might know someone who can benefit from a program like this. It might even be you. There's no cost or obligation.

The sessions will be confidential and in a safe, comfortable environment. We realize someone may not be able to make all of the first six sessions, but they still can benefit from coming to some of them.

The Six Core Sessions:

Session 1 Spirituality: What's the Buzz?

Session 2 Who is Jesus?

Session 3 Do We Need the Spirit?

Session 4 Can I Accept God's Mercy?

Session 5 Can Mass Make My Life Meaningful?

Session 6 The Church and Me

If you wish to continue your spiritual growth, we may schedule the following:

The Four Additional Sessions

Session 7 Is Faith Possible Today?

Session 8 Searching for Love

Session 9 Marriage, Divorce, and Annulment

Session 10 Money and the Treadmill of Life

“I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since “no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord”. The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. Now is the time to say to Jesus: “Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace”. How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost!”

From: Pope Francis. *Evangelii Gaudium*,
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