



## *Reflection from Fr. Mike Roach*

The Easter season continues this Sunday. Forty days ago was the Resurrection; today, the Ascension and next week is Pentecost. These feasts remind us of God's faithfulness, love and the promise to be with us always.

As we move into a new phase of the pandemic, our pews are re-opened, and our church welcomes back the community. Everyone needs to feel safe and healthy, and you now have the choice to wear a mask, or not.

For many of us, not being able to gather for Liturgy has been very painful. For others, it is a habit to which we have grown accustomed. We are asking and encouraging all of our community to return to celebrate Sunday Mass with us. "Livestreaming" will continue through the end of May. The Leadership Team of St. James will update us on the livestreaming schedule for June.

Gathering together as a community to celebrate the Eucharist is an important part of our faith. We gather in communion to support each other on our journey in life. May we use Ascension Sunday and Pentecost as opportunities to return.

Blessings to you and your families.

*~ Peace,  
Fr. Mike*