



## *Reflection from Fr. Mike Roach*

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and hear her words in the Gospel ---the "Magnificat". Mary's canticle of praise is a proclamation of God's unending love and compassion. She certainly didn't understand the angel's message of being the mother of God, the Savior. But she trusted and believed in God's Word as she lived out the call to justice, reconciliation, love and community.

Where are we called to be more trusting in God's Word among us, and like Mary, to be that image of Hope and Peace in the midst of confusion, turmoil and unrest? God, who is Mighty Has Done Great Things for us, asks us to be bearers of God's "Good News" to others.

In a couple weeks we celebrate our 115th Anniversary as a parish community. As we gather, I will be joining you for Eucharist and the celebration. I realize it's been a long time since I've been with the St. James community on a Sunday morning. So, really look forward to connecting and celebrating that weekend!

Be safe & healthy-----and let us support one another in these tough times!

*~ Peace,  
Fr. Mike*