

# The Light is ON for You

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## Be sure The Light Is On at your parish!

### 1. Create a Welcoming Environment:

- Make sure the Church is warm and well-lit
- Assign greeters to distribute resources and help visitors find their way around
- If appropriate, provide water, coffee, tea or light snacks in a foyer or side room or even a 'give-away' book as a gift for all who participate

### 2. Create a Prayerful Environment

- Consider offering Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during confession times
- Invite parish groups to pray for penitents in the Church during confession times
- Consider having soft prayerful music playing like Chant or quiet instrumental hymns.

### 3. Personally Invite:

- Offer a personal invitation to at least one person a week to come to confession, especially during a penance service or time of adoration.
- Encourage parish leaders to be personal evangelizers and invite another person
- Consider reaching out to a person or family who may not have felt welcome in the sacrament of reconciliation before like a person with special needs *\*be sure to review resources in the toolkit*

### 4. Create an Expectation for Confession

- Challenge all your parishioners and/or your staff and ministry leaders go to confession this Lent.
- Consider preaching about the importance of regular confession throughout Lent
- Write articles or reflections about confession for your bulletin, newsletters, and website

### 5. Provide Resources and a Confession-Refresher:

- Consider offering a short (30 minutes) "How to Go to Confession" refresher workshop before Confessions begin. *\*See resources in the toolkit*
- On a table near the church entrance or the confessionals, provide helpful information and resources such as:
  - Parish celebrations for Holy Week and Easter, Lenten activities, etc.
  - Examen Cards and Examination of Conscience cards
  - Other resources available at [www.TheLightIsOn.org](http://www.TheLightIsOn.org)