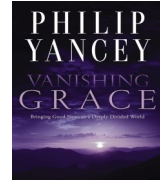


# Announcing The 2024 Lenten Program

Fr. Jim will lead the five-week Lenten program using Philip Yancey's book and DVD study of *Vanishing Grace*. Quoting from the information on the back of his book:

Countering the Bad News about the Good News

"Why does the church stir up such negative feelings?"



Philip Yancey has been asking this question all his life, a question more relevant now than ever. Research shows that in a twenty-year span starting in the mid-nineties, favorable opinions of Christians have plummeted drastically. And opinions of evangelicals have taken even deeper dives.

Yet despite the turn away from Christianity, interest in spirituality is rising. Why the disconnect? Why are so many questioning, "What's so good about the Good News?"

Even more important, how can Christians make a positive, grace-filled difference in a world of desperate need?

In this important book, ... Philip Yancey explores what may have contributed to hostility toward Christians. He then offers illuminating stories of how artists, activists, and pilgrims are expressing their faith in ways that disarm even the most cynical critics.

"See to it that no one misses the grace of God," writes the author of Hebrews. In this book, Yancey paints a poignant picture of what the world would look like if Christians fulfilled this command as a way of life.

We will meet in the Parish Hall, Wednesday evenings from 7 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at the latest (we may be finished by 8, depending on the size of the group and the discussion), on February 21, 28, and March 6, 13, and 20. The book and Study Guide can be found at [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com) and Amazon. The study will begin with a DVD presentation by Philip Yancey, and this will be followed by discussion based on the Study Guide. A sign-up sheet will be on the information table in the Parish Hall, so we can know how many folks to expect. Bring a friend!

