



#### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent *Family Connection*** from Loyola Press

Parents whose children are afraid of the dark are struck by John's observation that darkness is preferred to light. Perhaps this is as it should be. God made us to live in the light of his love. But this original friendship with God was corrupted by sin. Our sin causes us to shy away from Christ, the light that has come into the world. During the season of Lent, we try to fight this tendency by remembering God's great mercy and the salvation that we have received through Jesus. We do not fear confessing our sins, knowing that God forgives us, and so,

during Lent, we seek out opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As a family, sit for a time in darkness, then light a candle. What are we able to see by the limited glow of the candlelight that we couldn't see when we were sitting in darkness? Pray together the Act of Contrition.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE will be celebrated 7 PM Wednesday March 25, 2015 at St. Peter the Apostle Church.**