

Trinity News

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR C (2013)

God is a gracious God, this is one of His attributes besides being Almighty and all Powerful, He is also a gracious God. The bible says He is “slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love (Exodus 34:6). And He love us, we are His beloved creation. He showed it by allowing us to bear His image, His likeness; and this we have to our advantage. In fact, He loves all of us, the whole world! (John 3:16). One manifestation is our free will to live and enjoy His loving care, provisions and protection. Most of all He provided a means for us to be reconciled to Him whenever we go astray, like a real loving parent who wants the best for his children.

But despite this, the majority of people want to live apart from Him. Humanism continues to permeate the structure of government which disregard religious and spiritual values as basis of morality and decision making. Egotism and self-serving agenda continue to be the focus of life and is especially promoted in highly urbanized and secularized societies. Despite corporate profession of belief in God, seeking and honoring God are generally put aside and unpopular.

Yet the Lord “longs to be gracious” to us and “and rises to show compassion” (Isaiah 30; 18). Still God desires us to come back to Him. Again, like a loving parent, God goes beyond just subsistence, He does this even though we don’t recognize or deserve it. Through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, on the cross we have received His grace. “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us...” (Ephesians 1:7). Jesus is the means God provided for us to be reconciled to Him, and our justification and recovery is through Jesus’ death for us on the cross alone (Romans 4:25). All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ (2 Corinthians 5:18).

For that reason two things we can do, we must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21). Like the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32), who wants to be reconciled to his father, we must talk to God and tell Him that we have sinned, by neglecting or forgetting about Him, that we want to make things right and wants to come back.

Lent is a blessed time; we can slow down and actively reflect on our spiritual journey. We can change the course of our lives, this is part of our freedom that we can choose to do. May we find ourselves responding to God's call, to come back and come home.

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THIS WEEK:

LENTEN STUDY:

Tuesday/Wednesday
7:30 p.m. , Parish Office

*This continues to go well. The input has been wonderful. There are some vacancies at the table on Wednesday.
DO COME!*

BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

MIDWEEK EUCHARIST:

Thursday
10:00 a.m., Chapel

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126
Philippians 3:8-14; Luke 20:9-19

HOLY WEEK 2013

Mar. 24. Palm Sunday.

Eucharist @ 7:30am & 9:30am

Mar. 25-27. Mon-Wed.

Eucharist @ 7:00pm

Mar. 28. Maundy Thursday.

Eucharist @ 7:00pm with
Washing of the feet

Mar. 29. Good Friday

- 11:00am Stations of the Cross
- 12:00noon-Liturgy of Good Friday

Mar. 31. Easter Sunday.

Eucharist @ 7:30am & 9:30am