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A Sabbath Thought

Our liturgical readings often tell us what we must do: Try harder, fight the good fight, win the race. But today's emphasis is quite different: God has given us many riches freely, gracefully and undeservedly.

About Today's Bible Readings

2 CHRONICLES 36:14-17, 19-23 After a sorry history of infidelity, the nation is destroyed and the survivors are taken captive to Babylon. Their liberation comes from an unexpected source.

PSALM 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

R: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

EPHESIANS 2:4-10

Paul's words should give us cause to rejoice: We are saved, we are God's handiwork.

JOHN 3:14-21

The serpent symbolizes death but it can also bring healing. So, too, the death of Christ paradoxically brings us life.

Worship Services

TODAY – March 15th

Fourth Sunday of Lent 9:00 am - Deacon's Service of Worship and Reception of The Holy Eucharist. STATIONS OF THE CROSS After the Worship Service

SUNDAY – March 22nd Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday 9:00 am - Deacon's Service of

Worship and Reception of The Holy Eucharist.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS After the Worship Service

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Entrance Rite

V. For when the dire venom of beasts came upon them and they were dying from the bite of crooked serpents, Your anger endured not to the end. But as a warning, for a short time they were terrorized, though they had a sign of salvation.

R. For he who turned toward it was saved, not by what he saw, but by You, the Savior of all.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

Tract (Recited in place of the Alleluia before the Gospel during Lent)

V. Because you have the Lord for your refuge, you have made the Most High your stronghold. No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent.

R. You shall tread upon the asp and the viper; you shall trample down the lion and the dragon.

The Gospel (JOHN 3:14-21)

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During the Season of Lent, we will observe the Stations of the Cross after each Sunday Worship Service. In this way, we hope to bring the meaning and the beauty of this solemn, spiritual way of connecting with our Lord and Savior to as many of the faithful as possible. It will be brief and we hope that everyone will try their best to participate.

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health of Bishop Bernard Nowicki, Henry Nalepa, Robert Taddigs, John Rusnak, and Robert Eaton; For the increase in men called to the priesthood of the Polish National Catholic Church. For the repose of the souls of Lori McMahon and Annie Lopez. **Our Father...**