



You did it for me

Grace & Peace to all.

A warm welcome to all as we enter into this holy season of Lent.

Last month we spoke about God's call to become followers of Jesus Christ, to become disciples and to proclaim the Good News of salvation. In that *Staying Connected e-mail* I posed the question: "How will you respond?" Since then, I continue to reflect on that "Call" from God and realize that it is not always easy to say "yes" when I hear him calling especially when I know how hard it's going to be. In the second chapter of the pastoral letter "Jesus' Way" we are told that: "in calling disciples, empowers them to collaborate with him in the work of redemption for themselves and on behalf of others." And so, I believe that, but with the everyday challenges of life, I find myself floating in a life raft on that fine line where the water & the sky meet. Have you ever felt that way? Knowing that God is calling, but so trapped within yourself that you somehow forget: As Mother Teresa's, "Gospel on Five Fingers" would say: "You did it for Me". So, as I listen to the sound of God's voice in the calling of the seagull flying overhead, I ask myself. Do I just float here, sink or take up my cross and fly!

Lent is a time when we reflect on our sinfulness. We recognize that it is because of our sins and those of humanity Jesus suffered and died and so, as you begin your Lenten preparation & walk with Him, keep in mind God's deep love for His people so much so that He died for us so we can *fly* with Him.

Items of interest this month:

Honey Baked Ham Fundraiser: Do you love honey baked ham? Do you hate waiting in those long lines? Would you love to just place an order and pick it up here at St Raphael? If you said yes, to any of these, keep your eye on the bulletin for more information. Youth Ministry will be sponsoring a Honey Baked Ham Fundraiser, and yes, they will be delivered in time for the Blessing of the Food.

Fish Fry: Come join us every Friday during Lent beginning 2/24 from 5:00pm to 7:30pm in the PAC and enjoy the Best Fish Fry ever!

Stewardship Web Page: Coming soon! A link will soon be available on our Website. Stay tuned.

Lenten Schedule: Our Lenten schedule will be available in the newsletter & as a flyer in the bulletin.

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God Bless
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