

Blessings and peace for Lent ,

As I write this note to you on this last evening before we enter into the Season of Lent I am reminded of Psalm 42 that I read on Monday Morning Prayer,

"Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God. My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life; when can I enter and see the face of God?"

The prayer that follows includes the following: "Inspire us to yearn for you always, like the deer for running streams, until you satisfy every longing in heaven."

Tomorrow begins the most powerful season of the Church. As we journey through lent with prayer, fasting, penance and works of mercy we are drawn into a deeper union with our God, the living God.

It is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that gives us life and hope. Without the resurrection we have no hope and, as St. Paul states: "We are the most pitiable people."

This is a season of deep love; love for God who draws into in communion of peace and joy that the world cannot give. It is a season of reflecting on the sufferings of Christ and encountering the joy of the resurrection that changed the world.

Ash Wednesday is a time of repentance and trust in the mercy of God. We come and encounter the ashes that remind us of the need for the savior.

We will celebrate mass with the distribution of communion at 9am, 12pm and 7pm. We will also celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of ashes at 5pm in English and 5:45pm in Spanish. These celebrations will include our children and parents from the religious education program.

Come and enter into the beautiful season with heart full of contrition and hope.

God bless
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