

Dearly Beloved,

We're coming to the end of the Season of Epiphany. In fact this coming Sunday will be our last Sunday in this Season. We could call it the Season of Awareness, a time to have practiced becoming more aware of God's presence with you in varieties of ways, an invitation to test the truth of the claim of Christmas that God comes and dwells with you.

With the end of Epiphany we will move into the Season of Lent beginning with Shrove Tuesday Pancake etc. Supper at 5:30 Tuesday, February 25, and the great/fun ceremony of burying "Alleluia", a word we'll try not to use again until Easter morning. Ash Wednesday follows the next day with the Services of Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 12 noon and 6:00pm. We have two Services on Ash Wednesday because of its importance as a doorway into Lent and to help us move intentionally into a Season of great possibilities. Therefore, I urge you to do what you need to do to come to a Service on Ash Wednesday and if you are not able to come to let me know and I will come to you.

If Epiphany is the Season of Awareness, then Lent is the Season of Transformation. As the natural world around us is going through transformation, new growth, new life appearing each day, so you and I have the possibility of being changed, transformed by God's persistent loving presence. Will you welcome God to change, transform you to become more and more the person God created you to be? Do you, will you welcome, or resist that possibility? These are questions for Lent.

Wednesday nights, starting March 4, with Supper at 5:30pm, Program at 6:15pm and Service of Compline at 7:00pm are intended to introduce us to Practices that can help each of us follow the Way of Love which is the Way of Transformation. Our God isn't god of the status quo, but the God of new life, of hope, of courage, of change, of joy, of compassion and mercy, and justice.

I pray for you and all of us who are members of our Holy Trinity Family (and anyone you ask to join you) that we will each and together choose to do those things that allow the Season of Lent to be our Season of Transformation through the work of God's Love within and through us. Please pray for me too.

In Christ's Love, Fr. Bob