



Tidings and Treasures - February, 2022

Hello Easter people of PVEC – Your wakeup call is **NOW**...Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Do you have a plan? If not, I'm enclosing a plan for you to use through the forty days to experience your own Lenten journey.

We shall not cease from exploration,
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
and know the place for the first time.

It seems paradoxical that the quest should lead back to the "source," but, as T.S. Eliot put it, the end of our journeying "will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time. So, here's to a Lenten experience that becomes for us a truly eye-opening, illuminating, transforming voyage of self-discovery that culminates in the "complete happy ending" that Christians call Easter.

Each year during Lent our Church beckons us to reflect upon our lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are urged to evaluate who we are as disciples of Christ and how we live out our discipleship. Do we live lives of gratitude, prayer, service and generous sharing? This challenge to confront our faith lived out, our stewardship, begins in prayer and in our relationship with God. It is also through prayer and spiritual renewal that we can discern God's ongoing personal call.

I'm attaching two things – A daily plan for your journey of 40 days beginning on Ash Wednesday, and an envelope in which you can document your thoughts and aspirations as well as any donations you wish to give to the church that help those aspirations become realities. It is my hope that on Easter Sunday (April 17) we come together to celebrate the resurrection of our savior and bring our own personal journey to "our beginnings" and "**know that place for the very first time**".

And a prayer for today: O Christ, Son of God, for our sake you fasted forty days and allowed yourself to be tempted. Protect us so that we may not be led astray by any temptation. Since man does not live by bread alone, nourish our souls with the heavenly food of your Word; our God, you are blessed and live and govern all things, now and forever. Amen.

Blessings, Donna