

Deacon Tony's Homily for the 4th Sunday in Lent

Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget You!

That should be the cry of every homilist to come before you. If I do not beseech the Lord to provide the words to share with you, then it is better if my tongue remains silent. It is the Lord that calls us back to true worship of the heart.

We are past the halfway mark in Lent, and we can evaluate the success we have had of drawing closer to God as we strive to remember the poor and needy (physically and spiritually needy),

to add more daily prayer to our calendar, and to our households,

to be reconciled to God in the confessional,

to attend Mass more frequently during the week, even if it is livestream,

to deny a simple pleasure of food or entertainment,

to be silent more often in order to hear God and our neighbor.

Have we been witnesses to the love that God has showered on us?

Have others been attracted to the LIGHT OF CHRIST shining through us?

Remember that we are not the first to stumble and forget. God has been dealing with forgetful man since the beginning of time.

From the Book of Chronicles, we read "EARLY AND OFTEN DID THE LORD SEND HIS MESSENGERS TO HIS PEOPLE FOR HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM.

Even though they mocked His messengers and scoffed at His prophets.

God delights in bringing us back from the slavery of sin.

FOR WE ARE HIS HANDIWORK; A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS THAT GOD HAS PREPARED IN ADVANCE, THAT WE SHOULD LIVE IN THEM.