

LIVING FAITH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 2024

THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY-- John 3: 14-21



Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. The one who believes in him is not condemned; but the one who does not believe is condemned already, got not having believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God.

“And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”



REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

Some of you might remember seeing signs help up at sporting events and other public gatherings or on billboards that said simply **John 3:16**. Those signs were meant to point people to the Gospel of John, chapter 3, verse 16, hoping that some would look up that reference in the Bible and read the Good News. John 3:16 is indeed good news; in fact, it is the Christian Gospel in a nutshell. And it is part of the gospel reading for the 4th Sunday of Lent in Year B.

Let me repeat it: “God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” The next verse helps to clarify that good news: “Indeed God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

- God **loves** – God is not indifferent; God is not out to get us; God is not looking to catch us out and punish us. God cares for us and desires only our good and our well-being.
- God loves the **world** – God loves everyone, everything, everywhere, all the time.
- God sent **Jesus Christ** to **save** the world – God **sets us free** from sin and evil and death and darkness, so we can **live** in the **light**.



TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Choose one word from the gospel reading and talk about why you chose that word and what it means for you.
- Does the way we have talked about God fit with your image or experience of God?

For God So Loved the World

John 3:16 (NIV)

Name: _____

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)



Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

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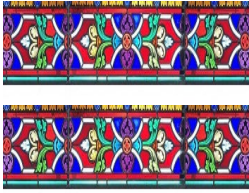
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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS

God	gave	whoever	eternal
loved	only	believes	life
world	Son	perish	

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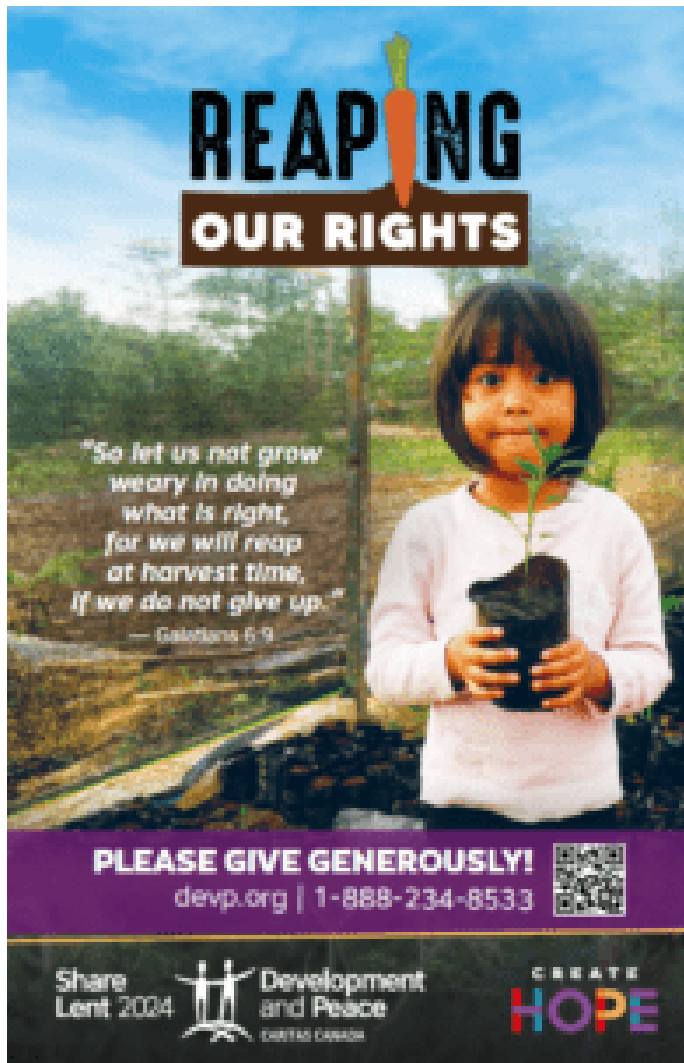
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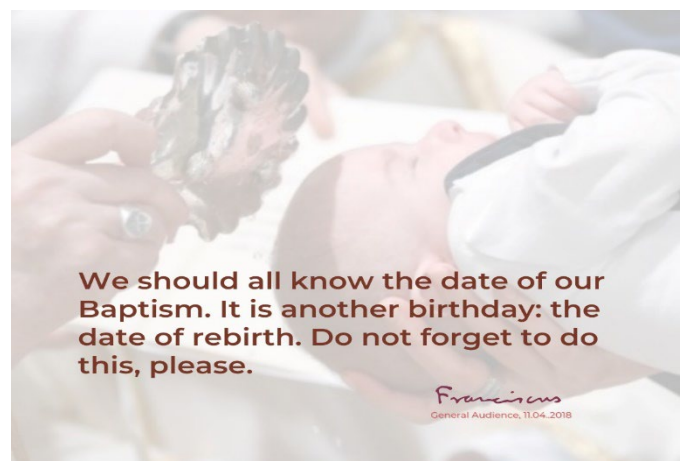
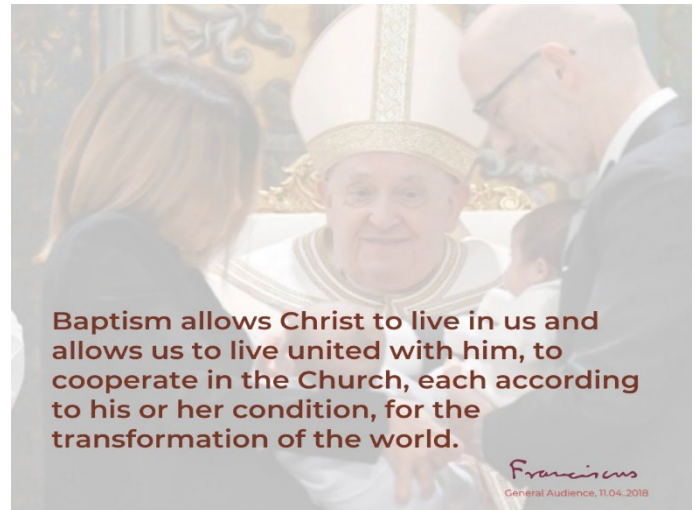


SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

CONTINUING TO EXPLORE THE SYNTHESIS REPORT

LOOKING AT CHAPTER 6

Pope Francis says that, "Baptism allows Christ to live in us and allows us to live united with him, to cooperate in the Church, each according to his or her condition, for the transformation of the world". Let's remember the day of our baptism and the mission in which we became part on that day, as we continue our walking together.



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