

Our Prayers

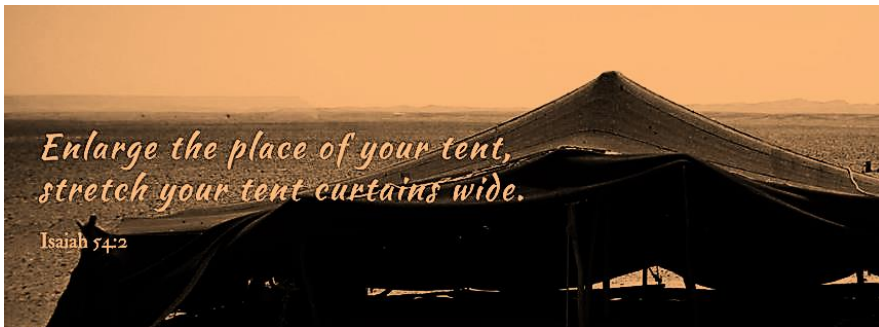
Let us pray for our church as we continue the renewal journey, that we may never lose hope
we pray to the Lord

Let us pray for all those who work for a better world, that we may create new relationships with them
we pray to the Lord

Let us pray for those who are discouraged, and who have lost hope, that our joy will renew their hearts
we pray to the Lord

Let us pray for creation, our common home, that together we will find ways to live in peace.
We pray to the Lord

Let us pray for all those who have died, that they may discover a true homecoming with the Saints
we pray to the Lord



Thank you for the journey together and...
see you soon!

Monday, April 15, 2024

A warm welcome to everybody!

ENLARGE THE TENT

"Removing our sandals before the Sacred Ground of the Other"

The Art of Accompaniment Part Two with Fr. Tim Boyle.
Sessions will be livestreamed at 10:30 am, followed by Mass at 11:15 am. Third Monday of the month.

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**MONDAY,
15 APRIL AT
10:30 AM**

"Flourishing... not just maintaining the Faith"

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“Living in a flourishing world with our fellow seekers”

Checking in...

- Do you find yourself lecturing your children or grandchildren about their lifestyle?
- Do you find yourself defensive in conversations with those who don't share your faith?
- To what extent have you been told to what not to do but not what to do?

A flourishing life

How we choose to live our life is the most important question. The self-help world does not offer us a guide. The great religions are often in conflict. To show how Christian notions of God and flourishing apply to our world.

Non-believers often see our idea of God as hostile to happiness.

We emphasized what not to do, and even medically we looked for what was wrong.

Happiness once included God neighbor and self.

Then it shrunk to Neighbor and self... then to just self.

The shrunken horizon that has destroyed happiness. We are always chasing happiness.

Hope in the city on the hill has failed.

Our culture does not want to ask questions about reality.

Each person is architect of their life... make it difficult to connect

Satisfaction is now the end goal. Some possible starting points.

The dignity of the human subject.

The fragility of the planet

The limit of human life

To be human is to be in relationships. Relationship is the meaning of Trinity. By living in relationships, we create human beings.

Our church has been slow to prioritize care for the creative world. Our faith tradition is all about homecoming.

The power of vulnerability by popular speaker. Our faith tradition acknowledges human limitations.

We live between two realities, the present world, and the world still to come. Even if we cannot create the new Jerusalem, we need to start living in the light of its vision.

Flourishing means being a transformative person in this present age and living in the middle of the not yet.

This means loving others a life marked by peace the joy of God's presence.

Church should be a community that can see the end.

Jesus announced the kingdom of God as something that exists now. Our present conditions do not prevent us from living a flourishing life.

We have to act as if we were already in those final times.