

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Old Testament Book of Chronicles records the persecution of the people and their suffering for a long period of time. Finally, God in His anger brought about destruction in that land and peace was established only after Cyrus became the King of Persia allowing the Jewish people to worship God in freedom.

St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians writes of God's mercy. He points to this mercy of God as a free gift and not given because it is deserved. Christ by rising gives us the hope of resurrection and a place with God forever.

In the Gospel reading from St. John, he reveals the mission of Jesus in coming into the world. "...God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him may not die but may have eternal life." The acceptance or rejection of Christ determines whether one will be saved or not. John refers to those who loved darkness over light because of their wicked deeds. So, when the Light came into the world, they preferred the darkness.

We journey through this Holy Season working through the darkness around us and within us. Christ, the Light of the world can conquer even the darkest places that surround us. The joy of the coming Easter Feast is our victory with Jesus over darkness and doubt, sin and even death.

Peace,

Fr. Robert

