

Daily Homily
Second Week in Lent, Monday
1 March 2021
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This morning in my prayer time, I did a cursory overview of all the readings for this week. Especially in a liturgical season like Advent or this retreat time of Lent, there are themes that develop from week to week. Themes develop with the intention of taking us somewhere with God and in the spiritual life.

This week, it would seem, get ready to be realigned. Much like a car has to be taken in for realignment so that it doesn't swerve or sway to one side, but it drives straight on, well, it would seem that this is our second week of our Lenten retreat. Get ready to be realigned, so that we don't sway off course but keep going straight with the compass of our Catholic faith which always points true north to Christ. Get ready to be realigned especially when it comes to our behaviors and attitudes.

Today's Gospel is easy to see this... maybe more difficult to carry out.

Some people will say, "Well, I am assertive and making my voice known when it comes to what I don't like about another person or their situation." Also, we live in a time when the predominant voice of the culture is canceling everyone out who has views contrary to its own.

Jesus is very direct when it comes to all this. If you judge people – stop it. If you condemn others – stop it. Judgement and condemnation will always, in some form, come back to bite you. Judgement and condemnation will always lead us off center and even astray. Instead, be realigned with the Lord in forgiveness. Forgiveness, while not always easy, will always puts us on a straight path of peace.

So how is your behavior and attitude of judging and condemning others?
How is your behavior and attitude of offering forgiveness?