

Daily Homily  
1 Week of Lent, Wednesday  
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That's an interesting part of the Jonah story. It catches my ear every time I hear this. God repented.

All sorts of thing can be said about this. Here's one, and a reason why I think the Church puts this reading in Lent's First Week.

When we go to prayer... when we go on retreat... when we do Lent... often times we begin with ourselves. What am I supposed to be doing in this prayer? What is my agenda: first I'll do the rosary, then I'll be quiet, then I'll read scripture – and whatnot. When we go on retreat for a few days, many times people will take with them all sorts of books that they been meaning to read to fill up the time. And this is probably the case with Lent... what am I going to do for Lent, big question before and probably during Lent.

Often times we put all the work, the pressure, the production on “me.”

God repented... tells us that God is doing Lent too. God is doing Lent with us. If we stop with our agenda and what we want to say to God and simply listen... God could then possibly have that chance to step into our prayer and into our Lent to say... this is how we should do Lent together this year ... this is what you need to know this Lent.

It's not just on our own self-reliance. God is doing Lent with us. Like Jonah, listen to God's plan.