

Daily Homily  
3 Week of Lent, Wednesday  
15 March 2023  
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At the beginning of Lent, I think I suggested that we especially be attentive to the Opening Prayers, the Collects, of the Mass. Each day of Lent has a different prayer which gives us a focus, a direction for the day.

The Opening Prayer/Collect for today:

Grant we pray, O Lord,  
that, schooled through Lenten observance  
and nourished by Your Word  
through holy restraint  
we may be devoted to you with all our heart  
and be ever united in prayer.

Lent is a school. Teaching us. Teaching us through the lessons of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. What have you learned this year so far?

The Opening Prayer also says that our teacher is God's Word... is Sacred Scripture. So we should be keenly in tune with what God is saying to us in Scripture.

And through this we get over ourselves... we stop living for ourselves... that's called holy restraint, and we live for others and The Other, God... with all our heart and in constant prayer.

The school of Lent ... our teacher is God's Word... our lessons are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving... our assignment is to get over ourselves and to get on with God. May we continue on and learn.