

Daily Homily
4 Week of Lent, Wednesday
22 March 2023
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We are over the half way mark of Lent.

Always on the Fourth Sunday of Lent we begin a new phase of the season, especially when it comes to the weekday Mass readings.

The first three weeks of Lent, during the weekday Mass readings, they dwell on the demands of discipleship and what it means to be a disciple. And it is demanding... deny yourself, take up your cross, forgive seven times seventy times, and so forth. The first three weeks of lent are meant to foster in us what we prayed for on Ash Wednesday... compunction. Which means to be punctured, in other words, we prayed that our egos would be punctured so that we no longer live for ourselves. These first three weeks should challenge us to say... I don't think I can do this... it's too demanding... it's too difficult.

And it is.

This next phase of Lent, Jesus enters in even more so to say, "You can't do it. I am here to do it with you and sometimes even for you."

Let us be attune in these weeks to shed our self-assurance and to become more reliant on Jesus alone.