

**There is  
a time...  
and it is  
now!**

# illuminating Our Lives

*It's the  
right time to...*

**Welcome new possibilities  
into our life**

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - 22 February*  
I set my bow in the clouds...  
a sign of the covenant  
between me and the earth.  
(Gn. 9:13)

**Discover God  
as our partner in life**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - 1 March*  
If God is for us, who can be  
against us? (Rm. 8:31b)

**Stop thinking about faith  
as a collection of rules**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - 8 March*  
Take these things out  
of here, and stop making  
my Father's house  
a marketplace! (Jn. 2:16)

**Illuminate our lives**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 15 March*  
Whoever lives the truth,  
comes to the light... (Jn. 3:21)

**Think of life as a gift of self**

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 22 March*  
Unless a grain of wheat  
falls to the ground and dies,  
it remains just a single grain.  
(Jn. 12:24)

**Cast off fear and face  
our problems**

*Palm Sunday - 29 March*  
Jesus gave a loud cry and  
breathed his last. The veil of  
the sanctuary was torn in two.  
(Mk. 15:37-38)

**Realize that the tomb  
is empty: the Lord is alive  
and goes before of us...**

*Easter Sunday - 5 April*  
Who will roll back the stone  
for us from the entrance  
to the tomb? (Mk. 16:3)

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**Lent - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137;  
Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

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How many times has the good God placed a prophet on the paths of his people and the Church? How many times has he placed on the path of our Congregation, parish or community a person who, through the witness of life more than the witness of words, has prompted us to reflect more deeply, has stirred up a "holy dissatisfaction" in us, making us uncomfortable with our mediocre and comfortable style of life, which doesn't reflect Gospel values? Can we remember ever meeting such a person? Have we forgotten that individual or can we still vividly recall him/her?

Lent is a time for illuminating our conscience, allowing it to speak and point out new paths and horizons to us. God has not lost faith in us. Even though we might be living in exile or might have sent our dreams and our conscience into exile, along with the prophets God has sent us, he is now offering us a fresh chance, kindling a new light, pointing out to us uncharted paths. "For we are [God's] handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that [the Father] has prepared in advance, that we should live in them" (Eph. 2:10).

*Prayer*

*Lord, help us discover afresh  
your limitless compassion.*

*Help us to not disdain the voices of the prophets  
and the cries of the just and the poor in our midst.*

*Continue to raise up from among your people  
persons who bring hope and liberation;  
men and women who love the light and the truth,  
fraternity and justice.*

*Lord, we are the work of your hands  
and you never condemn us.*

*Help us resume our journey.*

*Kindle a new light to illuminate our path in life,  
enabling us to walk alongside your prophets  
and your other friends.*

