

Eucharistic Homily

First Lord's Day in Lent

March 10, 2019

We often think of salvation as a one-time event, but the parable of the good Samaritan reminds us but this is not necessarily the case. Scraping the wounded man up off of the side of the road was only the beginning of the Samaritan's ministry. He bandaged his wounds, carried him to a place of refuge, entrusted him to the care of others, and provided for his ongoing recovery and restoration.

In much the same way, the Bible describes God's salvation as an ongoing process in each of our lives. Of course, Christ's work of atonement is completed. His work in accomplishing our salvation is finished. But the benefits that Jesus has secured for us by his death and resurrection and ascension are applied to our lives constantly and continually for our sanctification and maturation. The sacrament of Holy Communion is one of the most important ways that God continues to apply the blessings of Jesus to us on an ongoing basis all throughout our lives. The Christian life is a perpetual battle against sin and a constant striving toward holiness, which is why Jesus has provided this Spiritual nourishment for us until He comes again.

If you've been baptized into Christ and are seeking to live faithfully and obediently for Him, you are invited to partake of this feast that our gracious God has prepared for us. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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