

with Father Dave Pinto

The ‘Inner Room’ Of Our Soul

Paraphrasing Matthew 6:6 by replacing the word ‘pray’ with ‘repent’ we have: “When you repent go to your inner room, close the door, and offer repentance to your Father.” The original passage immediately follows six pericopes¹ where Jesus is not necessarily referring to a physical space. More likely than not, Jesus is telling us what it means to be His disciple. He is referring more to the inner room of one’s soul. That is what Lent is all about, making ready one’s soul to receive the Risen Christ. We make our soul ready by coming to know what God is calling us to. Over the next five weeks my Sunday homily meditations will focus on how repentance can clean our ‘inner room’ in our soul to God’s calling. The general theme for each of the weeks will be based on what Scripture Scholars call ECORSA²:

February 21.....First Sunday of Lent.....Divine Encounter With God

February 28.....Second Sunday of Lent.....Preparing The ‘Inner Room’ With
A Task

March 07.....Third Sunday of Lent.....Objections To The Task From The
Soul

March 14.....Fourth Sunday of Lent... ..Assurance Of God’s Help: “I Will
Be With You.”

March 21.....Fifth Sunday of Lent.....Knowing Our ‘Inner Room’ Is Clea

¹ *Pericope* is a term used in Latin by Saint Jerome for sections of scripture to designate a unit, or paragraph, of material in the gospels, such as a single parable, or a single story of a miracle.

² ECORSA is an acronym for Encounter with God—Commissioning—Objections—Reassurance—Sign—Acceptance this is the biblical process by which one being called by God goes through to become His prophet or disciple; in many ways like the stages of death that one goes through.