

Theme: Lent 3 ... Be Productive

Productivity seems to permeate nearly all aspects of life. There isn't much we do that isn't about having a productive outcome. We work to earn money. We earn money to pay the bills. We even sleep so that we then be ready to work the next day. And family life isn't much different.

And so as we journey through Lent, even this Christian season has a productive element. Lent is not just about fasting, prayer and generosity for the sake of it. The idea is that we our the 'product' at the end of Lent ... an improved version of the person we were that started Lent. If there is no new 'us-product' at the end of Lent then there wasn't much point in 'doing' Lent. By taking the Christian season of Lent and really preparing ourselves for Easter then the end-product (and not necessarily the finished product!) will enjoy the celebration of Easter all the more ... and so will those around us.

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Scripture:

Jesus told this story: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for some fruit on the tree, but he found none. So the man said to his servant who took care of his vineyard, 'I have been looking for fruit on this tree for three years, but I never find any. Cut it down! Why should it waste the ground?' But the servant answered, 'Master, let the tree have one more year to produce fruit. Let me dig up the dirt around it and put on some fertilizer. Maybe the tree will produce fruit next year. If the tree still doesn't produce fruit, then you can cut it down.'"

Prayer:

Gracious and Holy Father, give us the wisdom to discover You, the intelligence to understand You, the diligence to seek after You, the patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You, a heart to meditate upon You, and a mouth to proclaim You, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

