

Pastor's page Week of Ash Wednesday

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I came across this reflection and decided to share with you as we will begin Lent on Ash Wednesday (March 5th 2025).

The English writer George Eliot wrote: "The growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistorical acts; and the fact that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been is half-owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life and rest in unvisited tombs."

On All Saints' Day we celebrate a greater number of unknown men and women who have lived hidden lives of holiness in their daily lives – often unremarkable and ordinary, but extraordinary in the love with which they did all things: giving alms, praying, fasting and denying themselves in many and various hidden ways, known to God alone.

As we begin this holy season of Lent, let us choose the way of the saints, of hiddenness, often unnoticed by men, but always seen and delighted in by the Father. Let us practice acts for love of God precisely when we know no one is looking.

All you unknown Saints and Friends of God, pray for us!

Vivat Jesus,

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