

# Faith Sharing & Homily Hints



## Prayer Focus DRAFT

**FEBRUARY 26, 2006**  
**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
2 Corinthians 3:1b-6

St. Paul tells the Corinthians that they are living letters, "known and read by all." What does the "prayer letter" of my life reveal to those who might "read" it? Is it time for a rewrite? A post-script? Does it resemble a hastily forwarded e-mail or a thoughtful, handwritten letter? How might you describe the stationery used?

**APRIL 2, 2006**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
John 12: 20-33

"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what ways is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? How might I increase the amount of time I devote to prayer and reflection regarding my own call as a Catholic steward?

**MARCH 1, 2006**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

In today's Gospel Jesus warns that our lives of prayer, service, and sharing must be done quietly, without want of recognition or applause. He does promise, however, that God, who sees even our most secret deeds, will reward those who fast, pray and give alms accordingly. What commitment might I make this Lenten season in an effort to strengthen my prayer life, personally as well as in community?

**MAY 21, 2006**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
John 15:9-17

Love one another. Three simple little words that present such an incredible challenge! It is easy to love those most like ourselves; the work starts with accepting people we find new or different. It begins with an openness to self-evaluation, an introspection that if done honestly, is not quick, nor easy or without personal risk. What steps might I take to do this prayerfully, in partnership with the Spirit, open to change, on a much more regular basis?