



Wednesday Prayer

Second Sunday in Lent – Standing up against the fox

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.

Luke 13:31-32

We are in a new season of Lent. “Lent” in the Latin means “Spring.” It is a time of rebirth and new beginnings. People often associate Lent with repentance for their sins, which is a good thing, and yet, the original Hebrew meaning of repent is “to take a new turn in life.” Try something different. Be a better version of yourself. In this week’s gospel reading, Jesus wasn’t letting anything get in his way to fulfil his mission to share God’s love. When he was threatened by King Herod his disciples took him aside to warn him about the danger. His response? “You tell that fox I still have work to do!” There were still people to heal. There were still demons to drive out. So it is today.

Recent events show disturbing violence against women across our country. In a New York subway, a young Asian woman was killed when she was pushed in front of a moving train. In Tennessee, a preacher’s sermon went viral when he threatened to expose “six witches” in his congregation saying he would release their names and addresses in his sermon. And then a story broke about a KARE11 TV reporter who was verbally abused with a lewd and explicit sexual comment at the end of a zoom interview. She was interviewing a group of male friends, and one of them ended the interview by suggesting the lewd and explicit activity that they could “do to her!” Not a single one of the other males spoke up against this activity until later.

As a cis-gendered man, sometimes I’m the fox that needs a talking to! It’s easy for me to look past these things, coming from a place of privilege which is even more reason for men to stand up and forge a new direction (repent). Women and those who are vulnerable to exploitation need to know they are safe and respected in our community. Jesus shows us the way to love all, by not being afraid of the powers that threaten with violence. *“You tell that fox I still have work to do!”*

So, what about you? How will you receive and share the love of God this Lenten season? May we find a new way (repent) on a path paved with love. Only then can we ALL truly experience the fullness of this boundless God, beyond measure.

Creator and Protector, give us the strength to speak out against the demons and the foxes that seek to do harm. May our new beginnings fulfill your mission, Amen.

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