

March 14, 2021 - Pastoral Letter

(Jesus said) "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10

Some people get lost.

There, I've made the statement. Some people just get lost.

Not just regular lost. They get lost coming out of a hospital room, when they look for their car at the airport, when they are traveling to see someone, when they leave the movie theater.

They get lost.

I used to think they got lost because they didn't pay attention, or they hadn't made any mental notes as to which way they should go, or maybe they were born without the direction-finding gene.

Direction-finding gene?

Believe it or not, there may be such a gene. Scientists from Montclair State University, Johns Hopkins University, and the University of Chicago have found there are people who have "Williams Syndrome."

They concluded that folks who have Williams Syndrome may indeed have some sort of genetic disorder that doesn't allow them to find themselves out of a paper bag. (Actually, the researchers never really said that bit about a paper bag. That was mine.)

Even so, there are some folks who have a tough time getting around, and I don't have to tell you who you are. You already know.

In contrast to the select group that has Williams Syndrome, all of us start out spiritually lost. Try as we might, it's impossible for any of us to figure a way out of our sin and find the path that would take us back to God.

This is why we who were lost, needed someone to show us the way. Actually, we needed someone to be the way.

That person, of course, is Jesus. Jesus spent His entire life, blazing the path, showing the way, building the bridge, being the individual who would pay the price that would reconcile sinful humankind with our perfect God.

His third-day resurrection from the dead is the final proof we need that the work is done and that Jesus is the Way . . . to forgiveness . . . to peace . . . to heaven.

May the Lord of the Church guide and keep you as you prepare to celebrate Easter, the Day of the Resurrection.

In the Master's Service
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