

Dear Beloveds,

*By the time this letter arrives to your 'email in-box' Holy Week will be almost behind us; however, know that I'm thinking of you, praying with you, whether staff or parish member. I remain thankful for the labor and prayers seen and unseen to **prepare ye the way** for our St. John's community and guests to encounter and be encountered by Jesus during these precious Holy Week days; and the 50 days of Easter following Resurrection Sunday.*

Holy Week and Easter Faithfulness

Faithful

Faithful under fire

Faithful in the fine points of life and healing

Faithful to family

Faithful to friends

Faithful to Community

Faithful to the fellowship of Christ

Faithful to the forlorn and forgotten

Faithful to God

Flourishing faith

Flowing faith

Faithful to the finish

Faithful to the last breath

Faithful in striving to love as God loves.

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Lord God, Architect of our lives, you seem to draw two lines for us during Holy Week.

One line is straight so that we may not lose our way, yet hold true to our values, our faith and our deepest sense of self.

The other line is an ever-expanding circle, so that our lives might be lost in the infinity of your life and love.

Tender Jesus, this day and all the days in front of us, keep the edges of our hearts smooth, the edges of our minds keen, the edges of our love beyond the horizon and the edges of our conscience clear. *NLJ+*