

STAY WITH ME, REMAIN WITH ME.

A LENTEN RETREAT ON PRAYER

**TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES, FOR THE PLACE WHERE YOU STAND IS
HOLY GROUND. Exodus 3:5**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The Exodus passage in the first reading, describes a powerful experience of God as well as a revelation of God *as present*. The 'I AM WHO AM' has been translated by scholars as: *I am here, as I am here*, and has been described as the greatest revelation of the divine in the Hebrew Scriptures. The presence of God 'makes holy' and transforms all with the flames of love. The whole earth and all that has been created is *holy ground*, so we walk barefoot in respect and awareness of God's presence.

Meeting the Divine in our own lives is also a 'burning bush' experience, an experience of God's nearness and love.

LIVING THE THIRD WEEK

1. When you pray this week, take off your shoes remembering that 'where you are' is holy ground.
2. Remember your own 'burning bush experiences.
3. Make holy your everyday space. God is always present, and always 'burning' with love. If you need to: 'fertilize that space' by creating a prayerful and beautiful place to pray, reflect and read.
4. Fertilize your interior space by good spiritual reading.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-155

1Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

YOU ARE SENT

To nourish our awareness of God and the divine action in our life, we make use of spiritual reading, faith sharing, spiritual direction, examen, or WHATEVER MEANS we find helpful. (GD-46c)

MUSIC SUGGESTIONS:

Where I Sit is Holy by Shaina Noll <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJ-tNr6nW5E>
Holy Ground by John Michael Talbot <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1YCXlbQ6CIA>

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Every journey is an EXODUS into a PROMISED LAND,
Every event a BURNING BUSH,
All ground HOLY GROUND, and
Every person an IMAGE OF GOD.

Sandra Weinke, SSND (Out of the Flame of Our Days)