BE FREE!

"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Jesus (Jn 8:32)

A Lenten Homily Series on the truths of our faith that free and protect us from suffering from believing falsehoods about life.

What did Jesus mean by, "the truth will set you free"? A part of the answer is that what we think about reality makes a huge difference in our daily lives. Have you ever gotten angry, anxious or discouraged? What about those persistent sins? Sometimes this comes from a false view of reality.

A Catholic world-view helps us recognize (and reject) false views of reality and what will make us happy.

This Lent we will be looking at 6 false views of life that we encounter. You might call them some of the lies of modernism. And we will look at the truth that sets us free.

Here are the six falsehoods:

1. Faith in Progress (Feb 21)



A view that we are not only inevitably getting better as a race technologically but also morally and socially.

2. Denial of the Fall (Feb 28)



Human evil is explained as only the bad fruit of human ignorance. No need to engage in the humbling work of needing a new heart, which only comes from God.

3. Marginalization of God (March 7)



A denial of God as an actor in human history, much less the most important actor involved. Not so much "God does not exist," but "God does not matter." In practice, the same thing.

4. Intoxication with the World (March 14)



A view that only the material world makes up all of reality. There is no recognition of the invisible world or the essential role it plays in our lives.

5. Freedom to Choose (March 21)



The essences of human dignity and happiness is presented as the freedom to choose, not freedom for the good.

6. Consumer Contentment (March 28)



The default way of acting that many have is trying to find meaning through having the "next big thing."

Let <u>Truth</u> Make You Happy