

**0 Lord, I am a child of Adam and
Eve, vulnerable to the wiles of the
tempter; I am like the people of Israel,
prone to forget your commandments; I
am a faltering disciple of your Son Jesus,
inclined to avoid the cost. 0 Lord, have
mercy on me. Amen.**

Inhabiting The Story

- 1st Sunday of Lent -





*Jesus
resolutely set
out for Jerusalem*

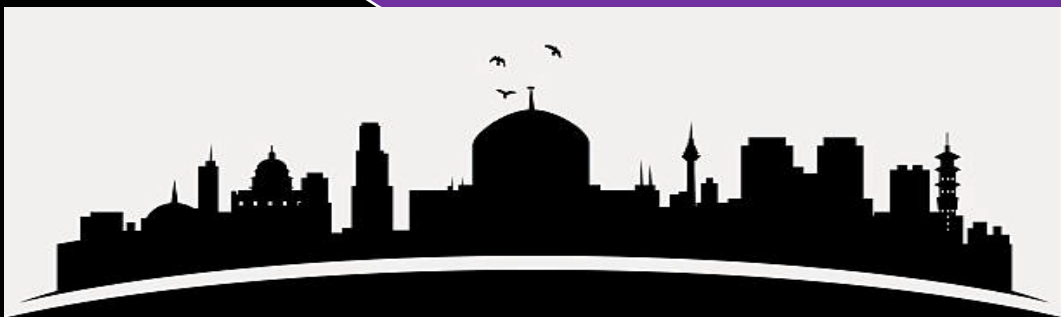
Ash Wednesday

Palm Sunday

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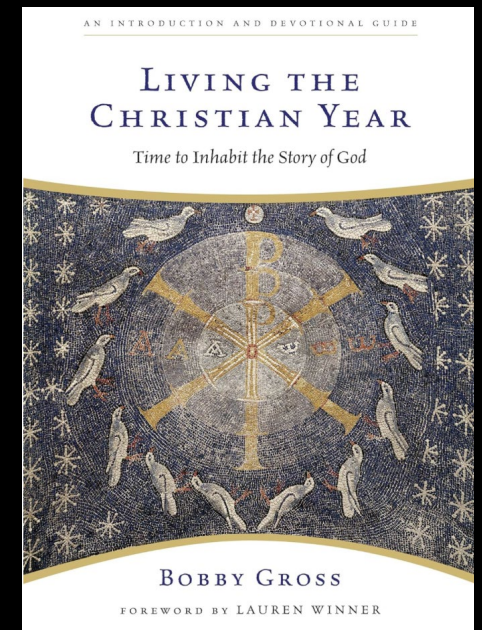
March 9 - Facing Temptation

March 16 - Blinded by Pride


March 23 - Bent by Prejudice

March 30 - Possessed by Possessions

April 6 - Out of Depths



And we all, who with unveiled faces reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18

A crowd of silhouettes of people, with one figure in the center glowing brightly, symbolizing light in a dark crowd.

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart...For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:1, 6

*Who am I and
What does God want me to do.*

The Gospel According to
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"The Good Samaritan"
Vincent Van Gogh, 1890



Love the Lord your God
with all your heart and
with all your soul and with
all your strength. Deut. 6:5



“...**love** your neighbor as
yourself. I am the Lord.”

Leviticus 19:18



GREAT COMMANDMENT

**Love of
particular
qualities**

**Worldly
dichotomy
of love**

**Love of
humanity in
the abstract**



Love is reduced to either a contingent love of qualities that can be lost at the drop of a hat or is a love in the abstract.

Neither of these is love of a person.



Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

1 John 4:20-21



Samaritans worshiping on Mt. Gerizim





For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, ...they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts).

Romans 2:13-15

***“Blessed rather are those who hear
the word of God and obey it.”***



“Produce fruit in keeping with repentance!”

"Christ at the home of Martha and Mary," Georg Friedrich Stettner, 1650



*Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the **first** and greatest commandment. And the **second** is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”* Matthew 22:37-40



We love because he first loved us.

~~Love of particular qualities~~

Love of neighbor

~~Love of humanity in the abstract~~



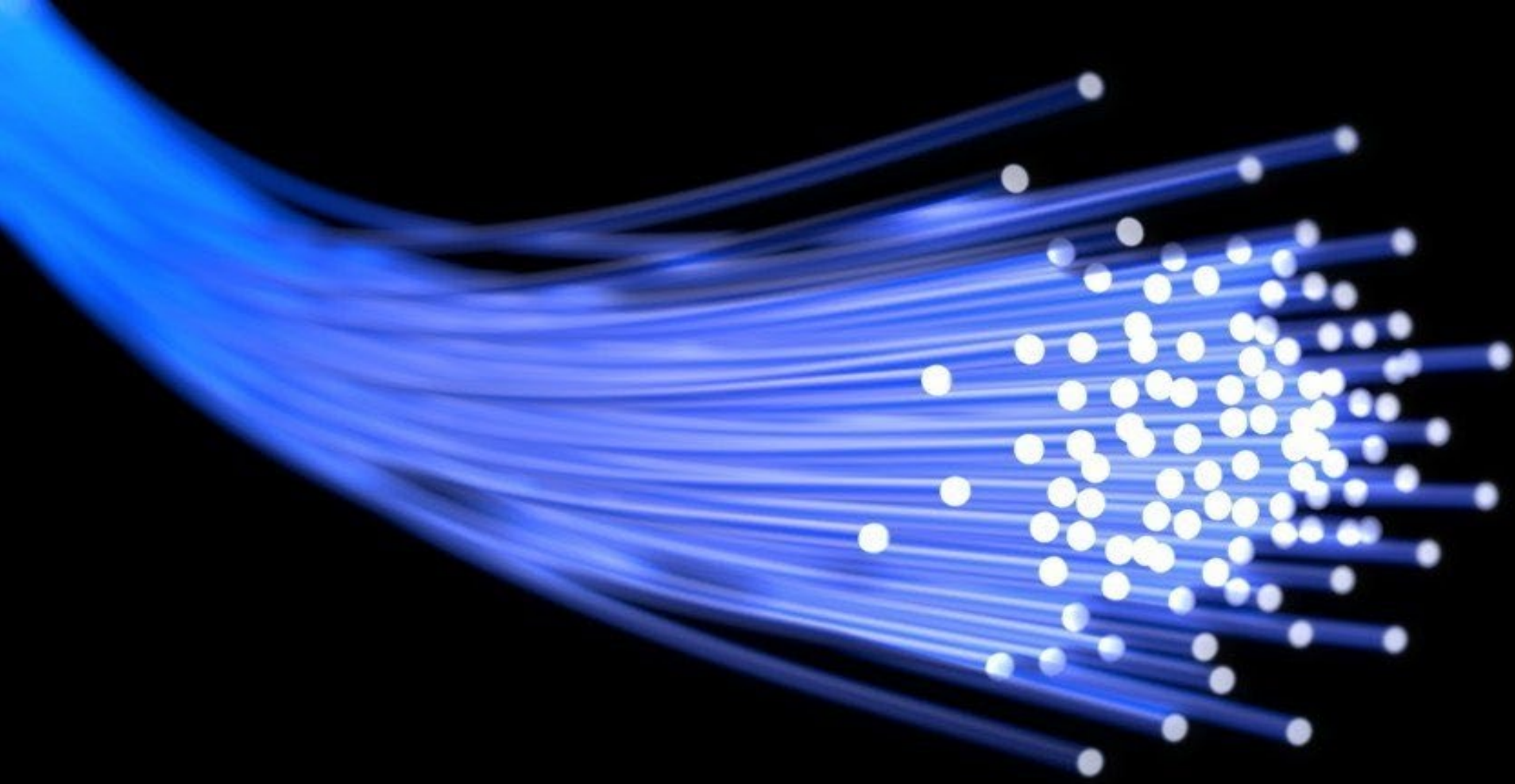
Both a love of qualities or a universal love in the abstract are loves over which we have control, but we do not control who happens to be our neighbor; *“he is the sample of humanity which is actually given us. Precisely because he may be anybody, he is everybody.”* Chesterton

**Catherine of Siena
(1347-1380)**



“You are rewarded not according to your work or your time, but according to the measure of your love.”

“walk with two feet of love”



Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:11

**Almighty God, come quickly to help us
who are assaulted by many temptations;
and, as you know the weaknesses of each
of us, let each one find you mighty to
save; through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
for ever. Amen.**