

# LENT WEEK 1- WHOSE VOICE DO YOU HEAR?

**God's Spirit is moving and up to something new in our lives this Lenten season...**

**Join our whole parish community during this Lenten season to discern how God's Spirit is moving:**

**What is God up to within our parish community? In your personal life? In our world?**

**How are you and we being invited to grow in love and union with God and others?**

## *Reflection*

Before Jesus enters the desert and faces temptation, he hears the voice of God from the heavens, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Only in remembering our fundamental identity as God's beloved can we recognize the temptations, obstacles and challenges that can drown out God's life-giving Spirit and our true calling. In our life, we are bombarded by many voices: God's is the voice of gentle invitation and love that draws us more fully into community with one another.

## *Questions*

As we begin our journey of discernment, reflect:

**Have there been times in your life when you have felt beloved?**

**What are the obstacles – habits and patterns in your life, ways of thinking and being and relating – to your living more deeply in union with God's presence and Spirit in your life?**

*You are invited this week to spend time in prayer and reflection pondering the Scripture readings and discerning how God is at work within you, in your life and relationships.*

*To what are you being invited to consider? How are you being invited to grow?*

## *THIS WEEK'S READINGS*

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Join with others in an existing group, find a dialogue partner, or even consider calling together a group of friends to reflect on and discuss this week's theme together in person, on phone, via Zoom, or via email.

Need help finding a partner?

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