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Dear Parishioners,

In his bestseller “Blink” Malcolm Gladwell talks about the phenomenon of “thin slicing” which he describes as the ability of some people to “sift through the situation in front of them, throwing out all that is irrelevant, while zeroing in on what really matters...”

The journey of Lent asks us to change the pattern of our lives in such a way that we cut through the superfluous—what distracts and blinds us—and begin to see “what really matters”.

Did not the shock and aftershocks of poor Haiti jolt some people into seeing “what really matters”? And can’t we see something of our own predicament in Haiti? Spiritually speaking, do we not at times find ourselves buried under so much ‘rubble’? Are we not trapped and in need of being rescued?

Eight days after the earthquake devastated Haiti, I read this on CNN:

The fact that survivors have been unearthed more than one week after being without food or water in quake-stricken Haiti is no surprise. It underscores the body’s resilience in the face of adversity.

The “body’s resilience” is seen in an unprecedented and powerful manner in the Resurrection of Christ. And Christ desires to awaken within us the resilience of such trust as we face life and all that it entails.

This Lent, may Christ rescue us from so much rubble that we may find ourselves changed in ways that make us see “what really matters” after all. Not only that: let us change in ways where we begin to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and rescue others by our compassion.

Pastor