

*Assumption/St. Paul*  
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*St. Peter the Apostle Parish*

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Jonah 3:1-10  
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19  
Luke 11:29-32

Recently I was in Florida traveling to my niece's wedding. I knew I wouldn't get lost thanks to my newly acquired (gps) global position system, which provides accurate location, and time information for an unlimited number of people in all weather, day and night, anywhere in the world. It was a relief not having to depend on people's direction. In my experience when you are new to a place and ask someone for directions they usually point out signs like a landmark and say, "You can't miss it. If you are like me when someone says you can't miss it – that is when I am mostly likely to miss my destination.

In the Luke's gospel Jesus said that something greater than Jonah is here – The Lord calls us to awareness so that we will not miss the signs that He is with us. Look for Him in the breaking of the bread when we celebrate the liturgy. He is with us when we serve each other – The Lord is with us in our coming and in our going out, pointing us toward salvation. He is our GPS (God's power saves). You can't miss it!

Another thought I entertained is how much I love baseball and watch the Yankee games when I can. The most amazing part is how much the game relies on the battery – that is the pitcher and catcher.

A pitcher's particular style and skill heavily influences the dynamics of the game and will often determine the victor. The catcher typically calls for pitches by means of hand signals; therefore, he must be aware of the pitcher's mechanics and strengths, as well as the batter's tendencies and weaknesses. If the pitcher misses the sign that the catcher is showing, the batter can hit a home run and the game if close can, be lost.

Jesus said the only sign we will receive is the one of salvation through Him. During lent I am challenging myself to be awake to signs of a deeper relationship with the Lord I hope don't miss it!