

*Assumption/St. Paul*

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*St. Peter the Apostle Parish*

Daily Reflection By Deacon Greg

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Thursday of the First Week of Lent

[Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25](#)

[Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8](#)

[Matthew 7:7-12](#)

It's always seemed to be a "guy thing" that we can't stop to ask directions. I've been down that "road" a hundred times (no pun intended), just ask my wife. Stopping to think about it, I believe it's a balance between the humility of admitting I'm lost against the pride of believing that I can get out of this mess by myself. Besides, who can trust if the person I'd ask would have the right answer anyway!

Esther has no problem with the matter. In facing the doom of having her land and people destroyed by the jealousy of foreign powers, and a husband who is at league with them, she goes directly to the source, to the Lord who has protected and tended to his children for generations past.

She has pure and devout trust that her prayers are to be answered. Her simple trust that God would not abandon his people even after all those years. Even after being at the end of her rope, hope is not lost. And how many times do we pray for ourselves, Esther's prayer is for the salvation of her people from extermination!

Jesus could have very easily had Queen Esther in mind when he spoke of humility and trust in prayer. Even we mere humans in our sinfulness know what's best for our children. We need to look for that same trust when we approach God with our prayer. It takes real courage to face the fact that we can't ever do it alone. Jesus is looking out for us to provide us with the true direction. All we need to do is face up to it, and stop and ask.

Let's make this a Lent where our prayer is buoyed up by the trust, humility and faith to stop and ask for direction from our Lord. Maybe in doing so our journey these forty days will be one where we don't get lost on the way!