

Turning the Past into the Now

This week's part of our journey looks at where we've been and uses what we've learned about ourselves and God's call to us through Christ to renew our souls and reform our focus.

It is fitting that we set our bodies, minds, and spirits and focus, not on what we have done and left undone in the past, but on what we must do now towards the future on Earth and in Heaven. We begin this week and each day with the prayer attributed to St. Francis, the patron saint of charitable action, animals, the environment, and of course, his native land, Italy.

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.*

And now it's time to prioritize what we've learned for the glory of God. The readings this week look at finding our place, space, and grace. We will look at the realities based on what we've studied and re-form them into our new now and future, building toward our renewal and rebirth.