

On Thanksgiving Day my brother, Tom, and his wife drove North from Troy to come to Bay City. After dinner and some visiting, they took off to return home. What Tom did was head further North for 15 minutes before it dawned on him that he needed to go South. Oooops! The wrong direction. Oh, well! He simply turned around and corrected his mistake.

Today our readings speak of “the way of the Lord.” Going in the right direction. The way that leads to new life.

Our readings speak about “coming to repentance”. This means a change of direction in how we are living.

And our readings speak of “preparing”....to take stock of what we are doing.

December is a full month. There is so much we WANT to do, believe we SHOULD do, feel pressure we MUST do. It is easy to be scattered and overwhelmed by demands, expectations and obligations. As we go about our lives this week, ask:

ARE OUR PREPARATIONS LEADING US TO NEW LIFE?

We WANT to prepare the “way of the Lord.” We WANT to turn around our lives....to live a life of holiness. We WANT to be journeying in the right direction.

Accept that we can't do everything. We are limited. Simply do the best we can....with the time we have.

My sisters and brothers: In the eyes of God..... that is **GOOD ENOUGH.**