



RESURRECTION UNIVERSITY PARISH

Land Stewardship Committee

PEREGRINATIO

WHAT IS PEREGRINATIO?

You might be wondering, "what is peregrinatio?" Esther de Waal's writes about it in her book *The Celtic Way of Prayer*. Peregrinatio is a pilgrimage that does not follow a specific route or lead to a specific destination. It is leaving one's home and wandering, but not aimlessly. It is an inward journey, with the goal of coming home to one's true self. It is also the name for one of God's most beautiful, far ranging and superb avian acrobat--the Peregrine Falcon



To explain the essence of peregrinatio, De Waal recounts a "ninth-century story of three Irishmen drifting over the sea for seven days, in coracles without oars." A coracle is a tiny, round boat, difficult to navigate in any particular direction. The Irishmen came ashore in Cornwall, and when they were asked "where they had come from and where they were going, they answered that they "stole away because we wanted, for the love of God, to be on a pilgrimage, and we cared not where."

The Lenten Season is good time for Christians of Resurrection University Parish to develop their own peregrinatio--an itinerary that is open ended. A quick perusal of the Weekly Bulletin, Flock Notes and Green Leaf displays a good amount of retreats, meditations, reflections and spiritual pursuits. If you find, in this Holy Season, a hunger of the soul why not launch your own "spiritual coracle and set sail. It doesn't need be six months. Forty days should do nicely. That's about the length of time that Gallatin Valley will be under weather alerts with high wind warnings, blowing snow, graupel and freezing rain. And snow.



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Oh Lord , we give thanks for the establishment of Yellowstone Park in 1872 - a place to learn the goodness of God's gifts and to seek harmony and understanding with all creation—all.

GREEN LEAF

MARCH

March, according to Griz, in the movie of Jeremiah Johnson, is trying to fix the time of the year. Johnson and Griz are tired, worn down. "Spring has been long time coming in the high levels of the mountains." Johnson guesses it is April but Griz says "no, no it must be March." And then he ventures that March is a wet and muddy month. Only the farmers like March. Sound familiar?

Viewing the church parking lot would support that opinion.

ANSWERING THE CALL

And the opportunity. Sydnie Kroneberger is the newest addition to the Land Stewardship Committee and the Green Leaf team. A Colorado native, Sydnie grew up exploring the Rocky Mountains and fell in love with the majesty of God's creation through recreational activity and travel. With a degree in Landscape Architecture, she is able to combine her love of nature and art through work designing public recreational resources for community economic development. Sydnie and her fiancé are new to Bozeman but like many instantly fell in love with Big Sky Country. Eager to become a part of the Resurrection University Parish family, Sydnie is looking forward to upcoming Land Stewardship events and learning the methods of the Green Leaf publication.

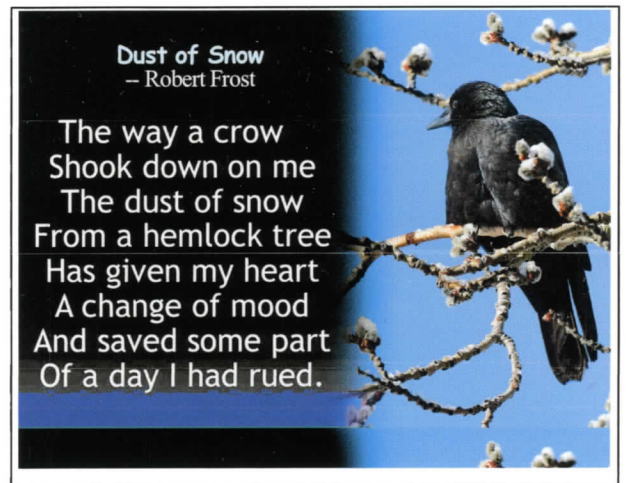
Other parishioners that would like to join the Land Stewardship Committee can contact Ellie Weber at the parish office, Paul Gore at 406-587-2001, or drop a note on the message board at "hoechoka.com."

Rocio Munoz will be assuming responsibility for the Hispanic material. She has a strong background in spiritual use of gardening as well as experience with Marriage Encounter and Pre-Marriage Inventory (PMI). Rocio was on the cusp of working the day retreat called "This Is Holy Ground" when Covid stifled most all efforts in the parish.

UP UP AND AWAY

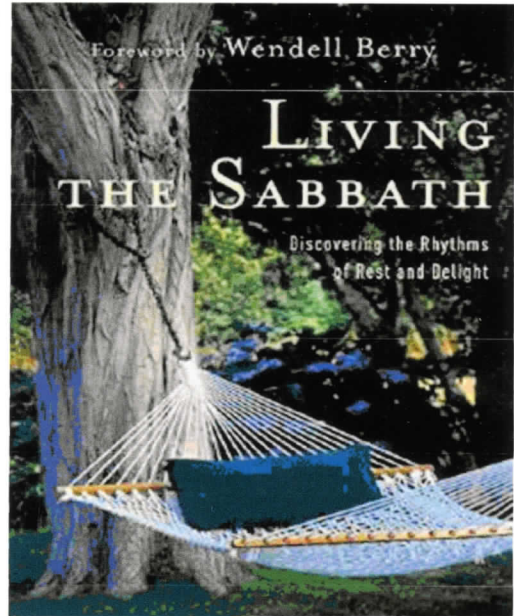
Josh Moller has solved the vagaries and vicissitudes of hoechoka.com, the web site for Resurrection University Parish Land Stewardship Committee. Drop in, take a look, send your comments. AND.....And listen carefully, join the membership of the Land Stewardship Committee and become part of the answer.

Suggestions, questions, and academic discussion appropriate to the purpose of the Green Leaf and work of the Land stewardship Committee are encouraged and welcomed.



LENTEN FUNCTIONS FROM LAND STEWARDSHIP

The Land Stewardship Committee hosted a Lenten book discussion this month. The gathering was by Zoom with nine participants who shared in their experience of studying the book *Living The Sabbath* by Norman Wirzba. The author noted that Catholics have been raised to the rule that Sabbath is one day a week when we should rest from our otherwise harried lives. In his book, Wirzba leads readers to a much more holistic and rewarding understanding of Sabbath-keeping. Wirzba shows how Sabbath is ultimately about delight in the goodness that God has made – in everything we do, every day of the week. Wirzba unpacks what that means for our daily lives at work, in our homes, in our economics, in school, in our treatment of creation, and in our church.



Those in attendance at the Zoom gathering expressed gratefulness for this study. Many of them plan on giving copies of this book to others and are looking forward to another study on Land Stewardship. Comments such as "... "great job" on the book and facilitation of the discussion. I thought it went well," were common. Another attendee stated, "Thank you so much for letting me participate in the discussion of this book! Thank you, also for sending me the book. I believe in serendipity, and that is how many very special books have landed in my lap. This book is a real gem. I hope that there a lot of people out there who have read it and been positively influenced by it. I know that I will be gifting it to a number of people. I wonder if gifting a few books to libraries would help spread the word. I wish that I could make it "required reading by the masses."

There are plans for having another Zoom gathering soon to provide further education on land stewardship and caring for the wonderful world our Lord has provided. Stay tuned.

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SPEAKING OF LITTLE THINGS:

The commentary of the psalmists is echoed by the journals of Ponce DeLeon as he pushed his band of explorers through the swamps of Florida:

One talked about enemies. the other about *MAS-QUITOS*

ABOUT THE SAME THING, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

“Lord, how are they increased
that trouble me!
many are they that rise up
against me.”

Psalms 3:1



RIGHT ON TIME!

The first robins of Spring are being reported from all around the Gallatin Valley. As regular as the swallows at Capistrano Heh?

