



What does the film *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* have to do with Lent?

Richard Gribble, CSC offers the image of this loveable alien stranded on a world that does not accept him to remind us that we, too, are separated from our true home. E.T.'s urge to "phone home" is one to which we can all relate.

The Lenten season is a time to "retune our communication system" in an earnest effort to seek God, holding on to hope no matter the trials that come our way. Though we face struggle and even death, the promise of the Lenten season is new life and a return to the home where we truly belong.

Each chapter in *Walking the Journey of Lent: Reflections on the Scriptures for Cycle B* is bolstered by opening and closing prayers, contextual scripture and discussion questions.

Chapter Topics Include:

- "Coming Home" for Ash Wednesday
- "The Paradox of Death" for Palm Sunday
- "Filling Ourselves with Christ" for Easter

Reviews:

"What I find most valuable is Fr. Gribble's ability to find contemporary books or figures or situations that make his reflections quite concrete and easy to understand. It is an enviable gift for a homilist." - Fr. Bill Williams, Pastor of St. Peter Parish, Plymouth, MA

"Through his use of real-life stories, engaging reflections, thought-provoking discussion questions, and opening and concluding prayers for each week, Fr. Gribble leads us to the conclusion of Lent where Jesus unchains us from the bondage of sin and we find the glory to which suffering leads us. Fr. Gribble's booklet will enhance the Lenten spiritual journey of anyone seeking healing and new life in the risen Christ." - Fr. Jim Fenstermaker, C.S.C., Pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Easton, MA

"If you are looking to deepen your relationship with the Lord this Lent, look no further. Walking the Journey of Lent is a perfect tool to use. Fr. Rick's questions will help you to move towards action, change of self, or ministry to others. You cannot help but grow spiritually by reading this book. I can't wait for Lent!" - Fr. Joseph K. Raeke, Pastor of Christ the King, Our Lady of Lourdes & Saint Edith Stein Parishes, Brockton, MA

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The **SGM Adult Study and Discussion Group** invites you to join us as we read and discuss ***Walking the Journey of Lent: Reflections on the Scriptures (for Cycle B)*** as we prepare for Lent 2024. We meet at St. George CLC, Wednesdays 9:00-10:30 (after Mass) February 14-March 27. **AND** a new time/location at St. Mary's at the meeting room in the Parish Center Thursday evenings 7:00-8:30 February 15-March 28. A \$15 donation will be accepted to defray the cost of each participant's book. Questions?? Call Marcie 618-588-4932 and have a blessed Lent! (see announcement on www.stgeorgefamily.org)