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Dear Parishioners:

Going back to Adam and Eve, the Original Sin can also be described as the Original Forgetting about God. Within the Old Testament including Cain and Abel, we have many stories of violence leading to death. And in the New Testament we have the worst violence/death of all, namely, Jesus' death on the Cross. However, the Good News is that Jesus is the cornerstone for helping us not to forget that Jesus breaks the violence/death cycle in humans and replaces it with a confirmation in the Holy Spirit that every human being is created in God's image and likeness and, thus, are deserving of respect and dignity.

Jesus is Emmanuel, that is, "God is with us". The faith fact is that God is always with all people and because God lives in each person and since God is abundant life for us in Christ, we need to remember that violence/death is not the way of Christ the Savior. Jesus is the cornerstone of abundant life founded in peace.

The Scriptures are a sordid history of what happens to people who forget about God. Hopefully, we are more consistently remembering that God's presence resides in the depths of every person and breaks the pre-Jesus tendency to hurt or kill our neighbors. In Jesus all is new including our approach to our many neighbors for Jesus is the origins of all charity.

In Christ's Constant Newness,

Fr. Terry