

Funeral – (Wisdom 3:1-9, John 11: 17)

1st Reading WIS – “souls of the just are in the hand of God”

“as gold in the furnace, He proved them”

“as a sacrificial offering He took them to himself”

Do you know how they refined gold in the time of JC?

(Explain the refiner’s fire – until He could see His reflection)

God is the refiner “as gold in the furnace, He proved him”

Many of you knew Ed – I considered Ed a friend – more than a parishioner

Many of you may not know that Ed was pretty much here every Sunday

He sat over there – sometimes with a grandchild on his lap

“as gold in the furnace, He proved him”

Ed could’ve stayed home – he could have slept in – he could have made excuses

Faithful –

Ed died on a Sunday – he came here, sang the hymns, prayed with us

Received communion, hugged everyone at sign of peace

Drove home – and died.

(Wis) “As a sacrificial offering He took him to Himself”

In today’s Gospel:

Jesus says “I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me will never die”

“Do you believe this?”

DO WE BELIEVE THIS?

Listen:

Life is preparation for eternity.

God wants us to practice on earth what we will do forever in eternity. How’re you doing?

We were made by God and for God, and until you figure that out, life isn't going to make sense.

Mary & Martha sent for Jesus so He would heal Lazarus – they didn’t get healing – they got resurrection

Death has no hold on us Death was defeated on Calvary

Death is defeated in Fresh Creek, in Cargill Creek, in Bowen Sound, in Calabash Bay and Behring Point

Death is defeated in my house, in your house, and in Ed’s house

Resurrection is our Destiny

We will rise up with Jesus on the last day – and Ed will be waiting to meet us!