

5th Sunday of Lent

About a week ago on Channel 5 I saw a story about magnet fishing (ever hear of that?)
What you do is tie a powerful magnet on a line and toss it out and let it sink
Then you pull it in slowly and anything metal on the bottom gets pulled in
This guy on the news had a padlock, an old toolbox, a jewelry box, and --
An unexploded old WWII Bazooka shell (*for the 2nd time!*)

The drawing power of this magnet is very strong,
But its nothing compared to the drawing power of love
When 2 people are in love they are attracted to each other
They want to spend time with each other
They don't want to ever be apart - (Its even stronger between us and Jesus)

When we come to the realization that Jesus loves us, unconditionally, totally, no strings
We can't help but be drawn to him like metal to a magnet
Today's Gospel ends with JC saying:
“When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone unto me”
So – He willingly dies, for me, you, us – and after He is buried, He rises!
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The reality is however, even after we encounter JC's love, we sin – not pleasing to Him
BUT that doesn't mean He stops loving us – even when we sin He loves us
Like a magnet can't stop attracting metal, Jesus can't stop loving us.
He yearns for us to return to Him

- We know that a magnet cannot help but attract a metal object – its its nature, no matter what, a magnet is going to attract metal – even if its been in the bottom of the Charles River for over 50 years.
- We are made in the image and likeness of God – we can't help it, its who we are, and its our nature to be drawn closer to God – no matter how long we may have been away.

Jesus said, when He was lifted up from the earth He will draw everyone unto Him
Like a magnet draws metal to itself because of what it is
God draws us to Himself because of who He is

Its Lent -

Lent is a time for us to let God draw us closer – **because we are His beloved**
He loves us so much He died for us
Then He rose – that we too might rise up with Him

If you haven't taken time yet step back and do a spiritual inventory, DO IT
God wants to draw us all closer to Himself
He promised He would do it in today's Gospel
Let HIM