

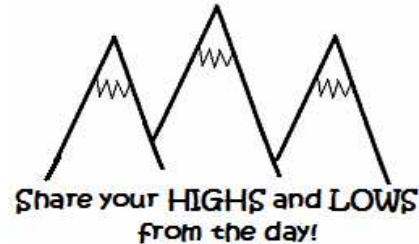
# THE TABLE SALT DEVOS

"Adding flavor and preserving tradition on Ash Wednesday"

Bible Focus Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21

1"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.2"So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. 3But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.5"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. 6But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.16"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. 17But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.19"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

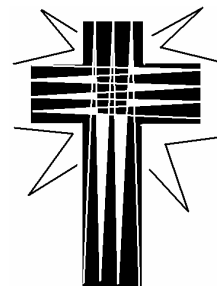
The Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!



**What will you give up for Lent?**



1. The acts of righteousness Jesus talks about are good deeds. Jesus tells us that we should not do good deeds so that other people take notice and see. Instead, he tells us that we should do good deeds "in secret." What does it mean to do good deeds "in secret?"
2. What is tough about giving "in secret?"
3. Jesus calls people who pray only so that others can see them praying "hypocrites." Instead, Jesus tells us how we should pray. What does He say?
4. Jesus also reminds us that we're supposed to store up our treasures in Heaven. Again, this is a place where people can't always see. What kind of treasures can be stored up in Heaven?



## **FAMILY CHALLENGE**

**YOUR MISSION: Think of someone (or a family) to do something special for – BUT be sure to keep it top secret! What will you do?! When will you do it?! Remember to be sneaky ...**