

Mid-Week Ponderings for April 15, 2020

Bloom where you are planted.
~ Bishop of Geneva St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622)

This quote was submitted by Diane Kvasnicka.

St. Francis de Sales was the Bishop of Geneva and also the founder of the order of Visitation Nuns. Diane said this quote has been attributed to others, but for this purpose, I am giving him the credit.

Things are certainly blooming in our world right now. Although other people's magnolia trees are in full bloom, ours is still working its way towards completion. Some of the daffodils on the table on Easter were from our backyard and our paperwhites out front are about to burst forth. There is so much changing that it seems to only accentuate the sameness of our days: staying inside, cooking, making phone calls, and perhaps watching a bit of TV.

Oh yes, and spending time with God: God who creates the earth and is creating within each of us in the midst of this.

Let me say that again — **God** is creating change within each of us. We don't have to do anything except accept that God is working, and bloom where God has planted us. We don't even have to decide to bloom. The flowers don't decide when they will bloom; sunlight and moisture and warmth are the determining factors. Similarly, we don't decide to bloom where we are planted. We allow God to work in us, without fighting against God.

So my mid-week pondering for you is this: Where do you see God working in you during this time of physical isolation? What new blooms are you noticing within yourself?

Blessings,

Pastor Brooke