

## ***“Your Sins Are Forgiven (Mt. 2.5)”***



In one of the Gospel's most graphic stories, four Galileans go to great lengths to bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus to be healed. A thick crowd surrounded Jesus's house. So, the men opened up its roof and lowered the mat holding their paralyzed friend through the roof so he could be near Jesus. When Our Lord saw their great faith, He told the man "your sins are forgiven" ... "rise, pick up your mat and go home (Mt. 2.1-11)."

Like these faith-filled Galileans, we should never let anyone or anything separate us from Jesus. Yet, unlike the Galileans, we can easily be with Jesus at Eucharistic adoration, Holy Communion and when our sins are forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A great way to prepare this Lent to be with the Risen Jesus at Easter is to share these gifts with others. Invite inactive Catholics in your life to be with Jesus at Mass and in the confessional. Invite them also to *Catholics Returning Home* to learn more about these sacraments that are even more amazing than Christ's healing of the paralyzed man. CRH meets each Sunday night after Easter for six weeks. There are no fees. The only requirement is a desire to be closer to Jesus. These 90-minute sessions in St. John Hall start at 6:30 PM. For information and to register call 389-7800.