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LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES: SATURDAY AT 4:00 PM & SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM & 8:00 PM



Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them...

MARK 9:2

February 25
2024

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please contact Candace at 204-453-0933 ext. 281 or candace@stvitalparish.ca for more information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-6:45pm OR by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Please contact one of our priests at the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS:

Please contact one of our priests at the parish office prior to making arrangements with the funeral home.

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Transfigurations in a Mutilated World

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I've never met anyone who thought today's story in Genesis of Abraham and Isaac to be a good story. Abhorred, they ask, "Why would God test someone by asking him to sacrifice his son?" But what if we change the question and ask, "Why would the Hebrew people include that story in their most holy writings? Why would they tell it over and over?" Because of the ending—that's why. Like a movie we watch over and over even though we know how it ends, we watch it, in part, because the ending is satisfying.

The ending of the Abraham/Isaac story shows God is not interested in death and human sacrifice, contrary to the gods of that time. The God of the Hebrews is a God of Life—that's the surprise ending they love, and they keep telling it over and over lest they forget. For them, the part about the testing is simply a means to that unbelievable ending when God insists upon life, contrary to false gods.

In his poem "Try to Praise the Mutilated World," Adam Zagajewski writes of life's Godly moments in a world we have mutilated by violence, greed, division, and more. He muses on tender moments when we fall in love, on laughter until our sides hurt, on nature's dazzle, on the sweet taste of wine—all simple moments of a life-giving God transfigured in a mutilated world, for our God insists upon life. ●

Reflect

Remember and give thanks for the moments of this past week that made you smile.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

4PM † Derek McDonald
(Mr & Mrs C.J. Paci)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

9AM Missa Pro Populo

11:30AM † Sr. Laurette Lagasse
(J & R Brasseur)

8PM Special Intentions
(Ekene Maduka)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

7PM † Herminia Gobenciong Barnes
(Gregoria Parado)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

11:30AM † Reta Hrechka
(Marietta Godoy)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

11:30AM † Antoine Daudet
(Tim & Louise Scatliff)

FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST

11:30AM † Edward Zalewski
(wife & daughter)

Please join us for Stations of the Cross Tuesday evenings during Lent at 6:15pm and the Rosary starting at 11:00am on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays before the daily Mass.

Dear Padre,

What are the guidelines for producing a passion play? My pastor said there are special guidelines to follow. What are they?

Please read “Criteria for the Evaluation of Dramatizations of the Passion,” issued in 1988 by the Bishops’ Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of what was then called the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. (The document is located at uscbb.org.)

Passion plays should emphasize the saving action of Christ’s death and resurrection without becoming stumbling blocks to understanding the role of the Jewish people in salvation history. The document warns that “‘stock ideas,’ unfortunately, can become vividly alive in passion dramatizations. It is all too easy...to resort to artificial oppositions...to heighten interest or provide sharp contrasts between the characters.” We must avoid portraying the Jewish tradition as “a religion of only justice, fear, and legalism with no appeal to the love of God and neighbor.”

It is simplistic and incorrect to blame Christ’s death on certain historical groups and neglect the complexities of the Gospel portrait and of Christ’s life. Christ freely undertook his passion and death because of the sins of all, so that all might attain salvation. This is the truth that passion plays should strive to communicate most clearly. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

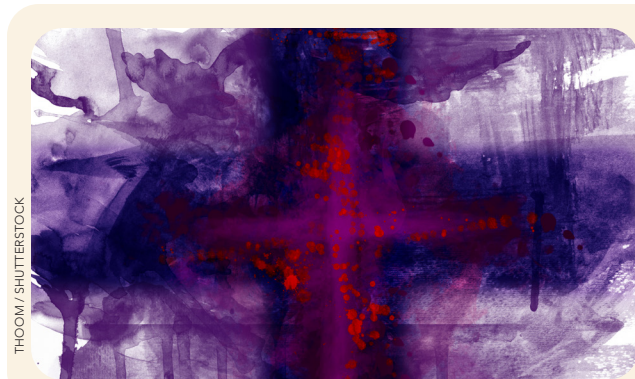


GORA KALWARIA, POLAND / STANISLAW TOKARSKI / SHUTTERSTOCK

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 26	February 27	February 28	February 29	March 1	March 2	March 3
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>
Dn 9:4b–10 Lk 6:36–38	Is 1:10, 16–20 Mt 23:1–12	Jer 18:18–20 Mt 20:17–28	Jer 17:5–10 Lk 16:19–31	Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a Mt 21:33–43, 45–46	Mi 7:14–15, 18–20 Lk 15:1–3, 11–32	Ex 20:1–17 or 20:1–3, 7–8, 12–17 1 Cor 1:22–25 Jn 2:13–25



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Our Father said this to these Apostles, and says it to us as well: “Listen to Jesus!” The Pope is not saying this, God the Father says it to everyone: to me, to you, to everyone, all people! It is like an aid for going forward on the path of Lent. “Listen to Jesus!” Don’t forget.

ANGELUS, MARCH 16, 2014

Stewardship of Treasure - Financial Gifts to God
Thank you for your stewardship! February 18, 2024

Please be advised that the stewardship amounts will once again be updated starting March 3'24. Thank you for your patience.

Join us for a Lenten
In-House Retreat
featuring Danielle
Savard's new album,
Warfare

Friday
March 15th
7pm
St. Vital parish



Please register

By calling the office: 204-453-0933
By e-mailing: office@stvitalparish.ca
Or scanning the QR code

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Catholic Women's League (CWL) – Meeting

Please join us on Wednesday, February 28th at 7:00pm in the Vianney room.

A parish to call home! If you are new - WELCOME!
If you have been away - WELCOME HOME!