



Transfigurations in a Mutilated World

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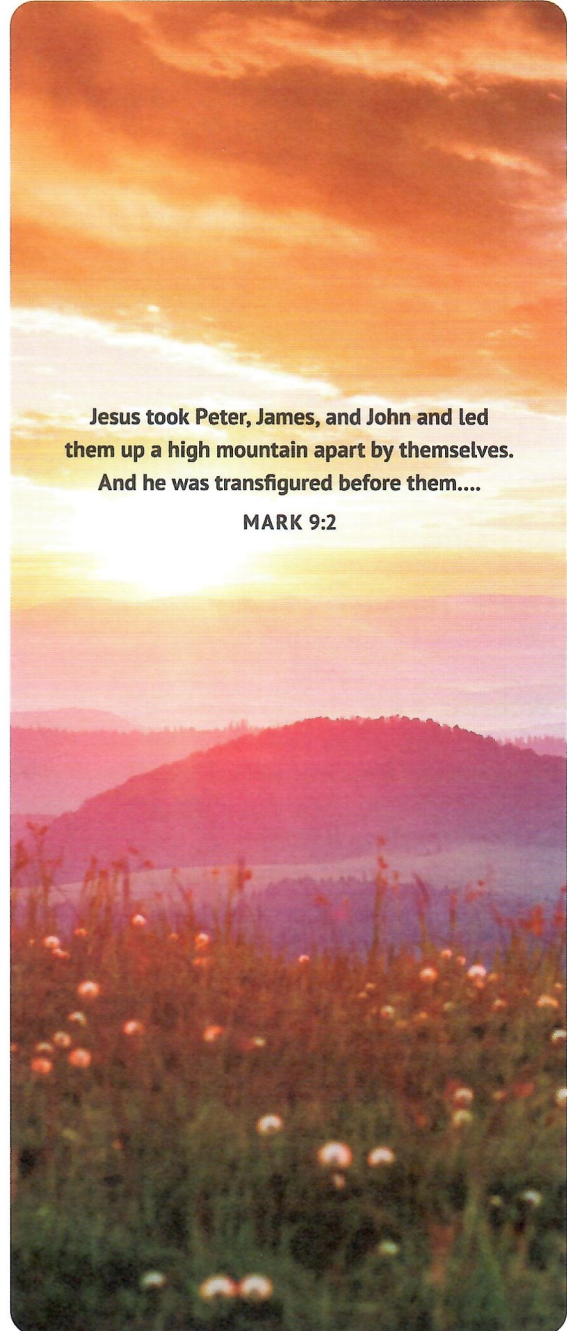
I've never met anyone who thought today's story in Genesis of Abraham and Isaac to be a good story. Abhorred, they ask, "Why would God test someone by asking him to sacrifice his son?" But what if we change the question and ask, "Why would the Hebrew people include that story in their most holy writings? 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.***



**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

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Mass Intentions

Sat. Feb. 24 Vigil
7:00 p.m. Spiker Family Intentions- MK
Sun Feb. 25 Mass/2nd Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. †Soccoro Herrera
Tues Feb 27 Mass
5:30 p.m. †Gabriela
Wed Feb 28 Mass
6:00 p.m. †Gabriela
Sat. Mar. 2 Vigil
7:00 p.m. †John Schoenecker - JS
Sun Mar. 3 Mass/3rd Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Graces for Mark & Julia Hart
Family - TRH

In need of prayer support, call
Linda Littleton: 970-630-3267
Kim Krause: 970-554-1459
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Please Pray For Our Sick:
Kane Schrock, Geneva Aguilar, Mary Ann
Kreutzer, Barbara Wolf, Bobby Dreher,
Terry Hart, Pauline Frenzl, Dan Killip, Ray
Hottinger, Deacon Taylor Elder, Bridget
Glosson, Ken Kuntz, Randy Kraich, Carol
Benjamin, Don Mollendor, Von Axtell, Art
Aaron, Maria Foy, Beverly Gebauer, Tricia
Dreher, Tracy Basler, Bibiana Camacho,
Robert McMillion

For the Soul: Kresten Wolff, Marcella
Hottinger, Tony Thompson



Anointing of the Sick
Feb. 24th/25th after each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph
Spend time with our Lord...
Every Tuesday from 5:00 a.m. till 9:00 a.m.

Shroud of Turin

Presentation on **March 10th at 1:00 PM** at Sacred Heart Parish in Peetz, CO. The presenter, Jim Bertrand M Ed is from the American Confraternity of the Holy Shroud and will also bring a full size replica of the Shroud for display. For any questions, call **Melinda Beyer at 308-249-1018.**

The Divine Mercy Choir

from Vilnius, Lithuania

Live concert at St. Helena, Ft. Morgan, CO

March 25th at 7 PM in the sanctuary
"The Music of Saint Faustina"

A multi-media presentation explaining the history and significance of the Original Image of Divine Mercy and a concert of ancient sacred music familiar to Saint Faustina herself. The spoken portion of this event will be in English, however, the choir sings in Lithuanian and Latin. Attendees will receive Librettos with translations and information in each musical piece.

Tickets are \$15. Seating is limited.
For tickets or information:

Dottie Philips 970-380-3517

Joan Blossom 303-709-1012

REQUEST FOR MASS INTENTIONS

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

There is no charge for Mass; however, a customary offering of \$10 is appreciated.

Intention Name: _____
_____ Living _____ Deceased

Requested by _____

Phone _____

Date Wanted _____

Lay Minister Schedule

Sierra Mireles

March 3, 2024

Greeters/Gifts: Youth

Pianist: Julie Green

Cantor: Youth

Lector: Youth

Altar Servers: Youth

Head Usher: Mark Hart

Euch Ministers: Brian Etl, Jim Kuemmerig

March 3 - Breakfast

Brian and Mary Etl

Saint Joseph's corner:

"St. Joseph, help me to remember that God's love for me is ever present and tender. Amen"

ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL UPDATE

January 31, 2024

2023-24 BUDGET: \$ 168,495

Offertory to date: \$ 76,174

Ordinary Expenses to date: \$ 96,080

Capital Expenses: \$ 7,006

(copier, statue, Church bathrooms)

LENT 2024 - Wednesdays

5:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:30 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:00 p.m. - Mass

6:30 p.m. - Lenten Soup Supper

February 28th - Linda L. & Terry K.

March 6th - Cathay S. & Rita H.

March 13th - Marjie H.

March 20th - Jenny W. & Heather W.

Lenten Penance Services at 6:00 p.m.

March 12, Tuesday / St. Joseph, Akron

March 14, Thursday / St. Anthony, Sterling

March 21, Thursday / St. Mary, Brush

Email: office@stjosephsakron.org

* Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM (Tuesday, Wednesday)

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



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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	Is 1:10, 16-20	Jer 18:18-20	Jer 17:5-10	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
Lk 6:36-38	Mt 23:1-12	Mt 20:17-28	Lk 16:19-31	Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25



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



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