



## Transfigurations in a Mutilated World

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

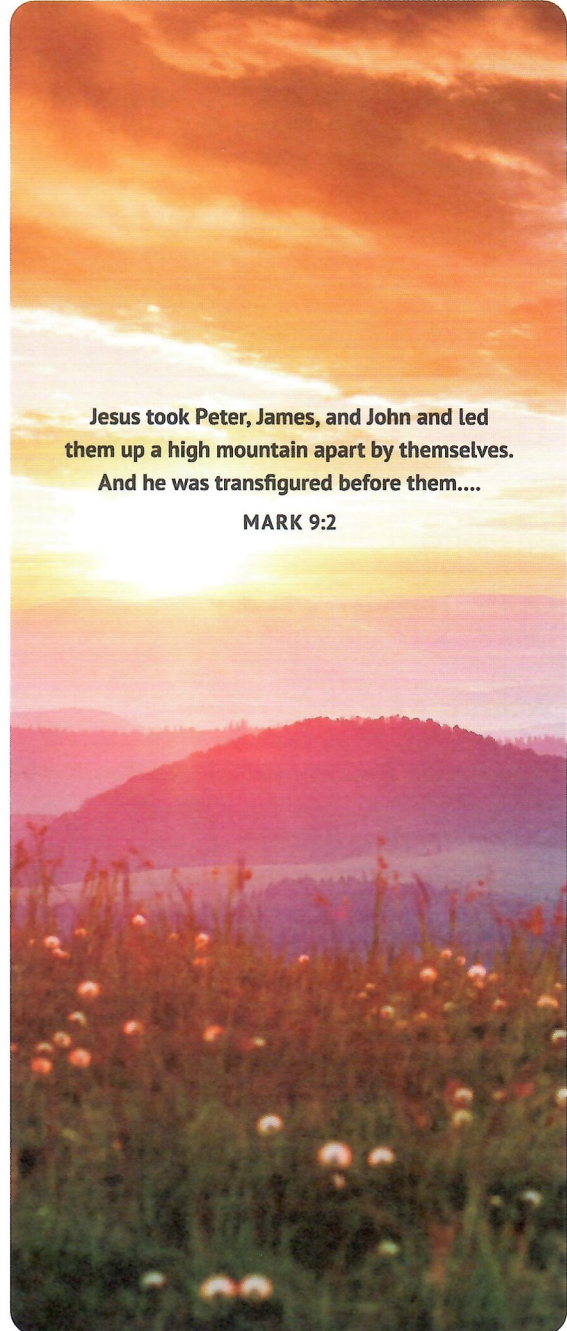
I've never met anyone who thought today's story in Genesis of Abraham and Isaac to be a good story. Abhorred, they ask, "Why would God test someone by asking him to sacrifice his son?" But what if we change the question and ask, "Why would the Hebrew people include that story in their most holy writings?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



**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**

**St. Mary's & St. John's  
Brush CO & Stoneham CO**

**Pastor:** Rev. Marek Ciesla, S. Chr.  
**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Maurice Okeke

**Masses:**

Brush: Sat. - 5:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM  
Thurs. - 5:30 PM, Fri. - 8:00 AM  
Stoneham: Sun. - 12:00 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Brush: Sat. - 3:00 PM  
1/2 hr. before weekday Masses  
or by appointment  
Stoneham: Sun. - 1:00 PM

**Adoration & Benediction:** 1st Friday of the  
month immediately after Mass (till 9:00 a.m.)

**Anointing of the Sick:** - call the Office

**Office:** Thursday & Friday  
Leave a message **970-842-2216**

**Website:** [www.stmarybrush.org](http://www.stmarybrush.org)

**Sign up for Flocknote**

[www.flocknote.com/stmarybrush](http://www.flocknote.com/stmarybrush)

or text **Brush** to **84576**

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/STMBrush](http://www.facebook.com/STMBrush)

**Donate Online:** Visit [www.stmarybrush.org](http://www.stmarybrush.org)  
Click "Donate" and select your church.  
**Thank you for your ongoing support!**

**Visit [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) & watch for free!**  
Sign Up & Select "I belong to a Parish"  
Enter 80723 / select St. Mary's  
Enter your e-mail - and you are in!

**Mass Intentions**

**Sat. Feb. 24 Vigil**  
5:00 p.m. †Beba Romero  
**Sun Feb. 25 Mass/2nd Sunday of Lent**  
10:00 a.m. †Tony & †Mark Perez - AF  
12:00 p.m. Graces for Jenny Spiker - MK  
**Thurs Feb 29 Mass**  
5:30 p.m. Graces for Gary Bloemker  
**Fri. Mar. 1 Mass**  
8:00 a.m. Graces/Leo Millburg - EF  
**Sat. Mar. 2 Vigil**  
5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving and Graces for  
Mateusz and Maria  
**Sun Mar. 3 Mass/3rd Sunday of Lent**  
10:00 a.m. †Manuel Benitez - EB  
12:00 p.m. Spiker Family Intentions - MK

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Our Sick:** Joseph Wilson, Tom Flores, Rosa  
Maria Santos, Gia Marquez, Jan Yokum,  
Kane Schrock, Deja Adam, Bernice Padilla,  
Rosemary Garcia, Sean Gleason, Marj Blatt,  
Ben Mettlen, Arabella Macias, Brianna Hill,  
Gina Mortenson, Margaret Mann, Paula &  
Delbert Meier, Sheryl Garvik, Izaac Morales,  
Kayla Albrant, Stan Prather, Ron Uhrig,  
Christy Chapman, Anthony Steven Villarreal,  
Shelby Daughenbaugh, Caiden Lee, Frank  
Laso, Fritz & Irene Ramirez, Norma Wolfe,  
Rodney Hergenreter, Stella, Amanda  
Weisensee, Daniel Hoffman, Alvin Vigil,  
Jessica Penner, Eloy Padilla, Nadine Odell,  
Jennifer Romero, Pennie Haller, Armando  
Saucedo, Jeffery Pieper, Carmona Family,  
Leo Millburg, Neil Wahlert

**For the Soul:** Alberto Salvador, Rita Marie  
Flores, Tom Flores





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

**Sundays thru Lent at St. John's**  
**12:00 p.m. (noon) Mass**  
After Mass confessions, luncheon and Eucharistic video

### **Shroud of Turin**

On March 10, 2024 at 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Parish in Peetz, CO, there will be a presentation about it. 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. If you have 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 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the sanctuary  
**"The Music of Saint Faustina"**

The event features a multi-media presentation explaining the history and significance of the Original Image of Divine Mercy and a concert of ancient sacred music that would have been 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 so ticket in hand is necessary to come in.

For tickets or information:

**Dottie Philips 970-380-3517**  
**Joan Blossom 303-709-1012**



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
/Exposition / Adoration / Benediction/

**St. Mary's: March 2nd/3rd**

First weekend of the month

**Saturday 4:30 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.**

**Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.**

**St. John's: March 10th**

Second Sunday of the month

**11:30 a.m. - 11:57 a.m.**

### **LENT 2024**

**Fridays of Lent at St. Mary:**

A Day of Abstinence

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

6:00 p.m. - Lenten video

after video - Knights dinner

Parish Hall (basement) /good-will offering

Mar. 1 - Italian / Mar. 8 - Mexican

Mar. 15 - Soup / Mar. 22 - Chef's Choice

**Wednesdays of Lent at St. John's:**

6:00 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Lenten Soup to follow

Dates: February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27

**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**



**Food Drive - Help feed families**

Consider canned goods & items for the Brush Food pantry.

Monetary donations welcomed.

*Drop off at St. Mary's*

***Thank you for your support!***

• Email: [pastor@stmarybrush.org](mailto:pastor@stmarybrush.org) • Office hours: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM (Thursday & Friday, Brush)

# 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](http://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**



## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://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	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**



© 2024 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057-9999. Printed in USA. *Imprimatur*: "In accordance with CIC 827, permission to publish was granted on April 5, 2023, by the Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of St. Louis. Permission to publish is an indication that nothing contrary to Church teaching is contained in this work. It does not imply any endorsement of the opinions expressed in the publication; nor is any liability assumed by this permission." No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from the *New American Bible*, revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved. Download our latest catalog, visit [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org) or call 800-325-9521.