

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. ●

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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
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Third Sunday of Lent
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



Transfigurations in a Mutilated World

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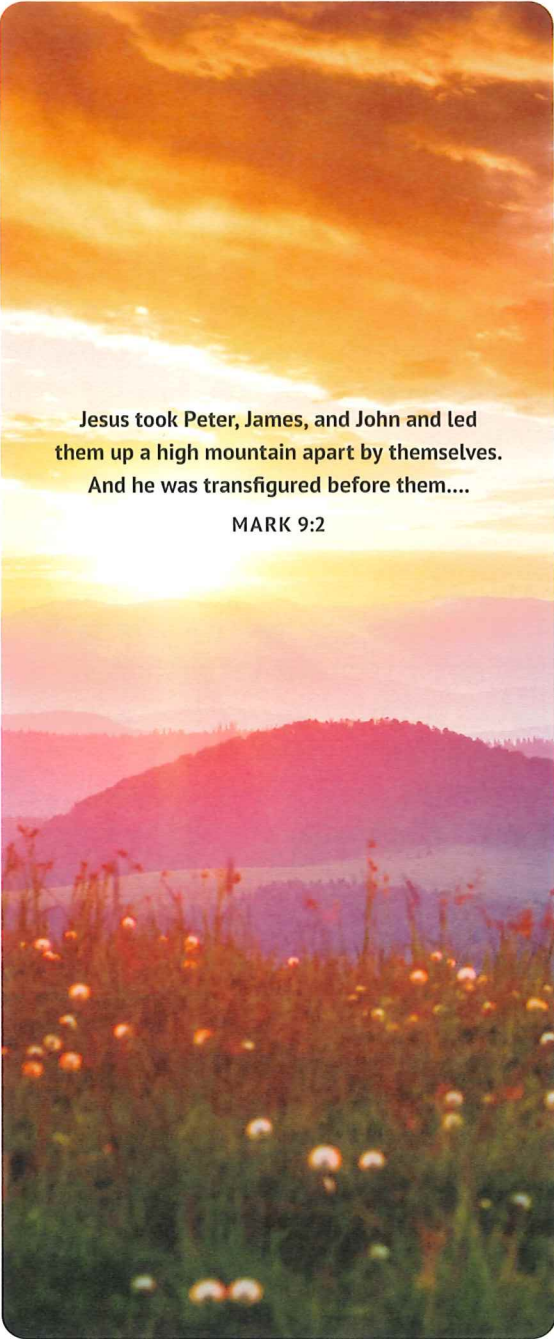
I’ve never met anyone who thought today’s story in Genesis of Abraham and Isaac to be a good story. Abhorred, they ask, “Why would God test someone by asking him to sacrifice his son?” But what if we change the question and ask, “Why would the Hebrew people include that story in their most holy writings? 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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Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

2/24/2024 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Ryann & Brecken Bamberger, Rowen Simon

Reader: Gwen Waechter

EO.HC: Tino Rosales Jr. Karen Burden

2/25/2024 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Haley Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reader: Bob Woodrow

E.O. HC: Maria Enriquez, Rosa Cardenas

3 RD SUNDAY OF LENT

3/2/2024 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Jason Velasco, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett

Reader: Karen Burden

E.O.HC: Rose & Tom Bachman

3/3/2024 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kirbe & Kipton Koons, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

Reader: Julie Kaps

E.O. HC: Teresa Beltran, Karen Burden

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

"I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living." (PS116)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat.	Feb. 24	4:00 pm	2nd Sunday of Lent	For the people
Sun.	Feb. 25	9:00 am	2nd Sunday of Lent	David Hoang
Mon.	Feb. 26	5:30 am		Dennis Flax
Tues.	Feb. 27	9: 30 am	St. Gregory of Narek	Elaine Sack Sp. Int.
<i>(Tuesday Mass at the High Plains Retirement Village)</i>				
Wed.	Feb. 28	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	NO MASS
Thurs.	Feb.29	12:15 pm		Gary Sack
Fri.	Mar. 1	7:30 am	1st Friday of month	David Hoang
Sat.	Mar. 2	4:00 pm	3rd Sunday of Lent	Harold Smith
Sun.	Mar. 3	9:00 am	3rd Sunday of Lent	John Perez

Sometimes I wish God would show himself like he used to. Wouldn't that make everything so much easier? We read these holy stories week after week and we are presented with so many instances of God "talking" directly to people, and doing "incredible things" in their presence, and spelling out exactly what he expects, and coming to them in dreams and through the words of prophets. And sometimes we hear how he has completely "wowed" someone --- that is, done something that is inexplicable, unbelievable, almost "magical". I really wish God would show himself like he used to.

My friends, faith is not simply accepting the "existence" of God, simply believing that there is a God, simply acknowledging that God is "real". It is deeper than that --- for it includes not just what God wants to SHOW us, but accepting what he is ASKING of us. And that's the most difficult part of faith, the part that actually demands something of us, the part that involves surrendering our own will and desires to the will and desires of our God. Fr. Peter

Envelopes: \$410

Loose: \$982

Online Giving: \$516.29

Total: \$1908.29

Votives:

Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17

Income over/under +147.12

COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2024

THE READINGS OF THIS WEEK

- Only Abraham’s tremendous trust in God’s plan made him willing to sacrifice his own son. It couldn’t possibly have made sense. He must have asked himself how he could have descendants as numerous as the stars if his only son is dead. But he trusted in God and God transfigured an occasion of human sacrifice to one of animal sacrifice. Significantly, each time God calls Abraham in this passage, he answers at once, “Here I am!” (Genesis 22:1, 11). This response in Hebrew is a single word: hineni. It is used again by Moses, by Samuel, and by Isaiah, when each of them is called by God, and is used even now in Jewish prayers. May we have such trust in God that we too respond, “hineni,” when we hear God’s voice, allowing our lives to be transfigured.
- Whenever Jesus chooses a handful of disciples to accompany him at a particularly special time, he selects Peter, James, and John. Today he takes these three up a mountain to see him transfigured in glory and hear his Father’s affirmation. Much later, after the Last Supper, he will take these three to the garden of Gethsemane with him. There he will be “transfigured” in agony as he pleads with his Father to spare him. On that occasion, his closest friends—the only ones to witness him in his glory—will fall asleep, causing them to miss Jesus’ final hours before he is arrested. What they couldn’t have known then but what we know now is that Jesus will give all the disciples, including these three, the opportunity to see him in his true glory, his risen glory, after his resurrection. This is how we all know his glory now.
- Though we do not witness Christ’s glory in as dramatic a way as Peter, James, and John do, we witness his risen glory in other ways, and most especially as we gather in this holy place. After all, Jesus told us that when two or more are gathered in his name, he is with them in their midst. May we exclaim as Peter does, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here!” (Mark 9:5).
- Solamente la enorme confianza que Abraham tenía en el plan de Dios pudo hacer que se dispusiera a sacrificar a su propio hijo. Imposible que eso tuviera sentido. Él tuvo que haberse preguntado cómo podría tener una descendencia tan numerosa como las estrellas si su único hijo estuviera muerto. Pero confió en Dios y Dios transfiguró una ocasión de sacrificio humano en una de sacrificio animal. Es significativo que cada vez que Dios llamó a Abraham en este pasaje, Abraham responde enseguida: “Aquí estoy” (Génesis 22, 1. 11). Esta respuesta en hebreo es de una sola palabra: hineni. Se vuelve a usar de nuevo por Moisés, por Samuel y por Isaías cuando cada uno de ellos es llamado por Dios, y aún en la actualidad se usa en las oraciones judías. Tengamos nosotros esa clase de confianza en Dios, que también nos haga responder “hineni” cuando oigamos la voz de Dios. Y así nuestra vida será transfigurada.
- Cada vez que Jesús escoge a sólo unos cuantos discípulos para que lo acompañen en algún momento particularmente especial, elige a Pedro, Santiago y Juan. Hoy se lleva a estos tres a un monte para que vean su transfiguración y su gloria, y escuchen la declaración del Padre. Mucho más tarde, después de la Última Cena, se llevará a estos tres para que lo acompañen en el huerto de Getsemaní. Ahí él será “transfigurado” por su agonía mientras le pide a su Padre que no le haga beber esa copa. En aquella ocasión sus amigos más íntimos —los únicos que presenciaron su gloria— se quedarán dormidos y por eso se perderán ver a Jesús en sus horas finales antes de ser arrestado. Lo que ellos no podían saber entonces, pero nosotros sí sabemos ahora, es que Jesús le dará a todos los discípulos, incluso a esos tres, la oportunidad de presenciar su verdadera gloria, esto es, la gloria de la resurrección, después de haber resucitado. Así es como todos nosotros conocemos ahora su gloria.
- Aunque nosotros no somos testigos de la gloria de Cristo de una manera dramática como Pedro, Santiago y Juan, sí somos testigos de su resurrección gloriosa de otras maneras, especialmente cuando nos reunimos en este lugar santo. Después de todo, Jesús nos dijo que cuando dos o tres estemos reunidos en su nombre, ahí estará él en medio de nosotros. Que podamos todos exclamar como Pedro: “Maestro, ¡qué a gusto estamos aquí!” (Marcos 9, 5).

SOUP & SERMON Thank you so much for those who helped and participated in our Soup and Sermon this year. It was a great success! With love and unity we can accomplish great things.

EASTER FLOWERS If you want to send flowers in memory of a Loved One for Easter, please put your donation and names into the regular collection. Thank you!

2024- ST. ANTHONY’S SCHOLARSHIP FORM is available at the vestibule of the church

PARISH BREAKFAST– THIS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25—RIGHT AFTER MASS You are invited to join us for food & fellowship on This Sunday, January 28th served by our K of C Council.

LENTEN MINI -RETREAT—MARCH 10, 2024 We are excited to announce that Sister Rose Mary Stein will help us prepare ourselves for the coming Easter - right after that Sunday Mass . Please save that date .

CONFIRMATION RETREAT our Confirmation students will be confirmed by Bishop Brungardt on April 30 this year. In order to receive this sacrament worthily they do need to attend the Confirmation Retreat, which will be held on Saturday, March 9 in Lakin at the parish hall. It will start at 9:00 am and end with a meal after that Saturday evening Mass. All confirmation students are required to attend as it is part of their confirmation journey. Please pray for them and for their parents and sponsors.

RICE BOWLS AVAILABLE Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. Please consider collecting your spare change and dollars in a CRS Rice Bowl this Lent. The cardboard containers are available in the vestibule.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS We hold Stations of the Cross led by Knights of Columbus every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm during Lent. We hope you will join us for this prayerful devotion.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FEBRUARY 25

“Here I am!” he answered.”- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “*Here I am, Lord,*” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “*Here I am, Lord,*” when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

“Él respondió: ¡Aquí estoy!”-Genesis 22:11 Es fácil decir, “Aquí estoy, Señor”, cuando estamos arrodillados en la iglesia.Sin embargo, ¿qué tan fácil es decir “Aquí estoy, Señor” cuando un vecino necesita nuestra ayuda, o cuando nos invitan a unirnos a un ministerio de la parroquia, o cuando se nos pide apoyo financiero?Muchas veces somos llamados cuando no es conveniente para nosotros.El discipulado no es fácil, la mayor parte del tiempo nos hace sentir incómodos y vulnerables.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (Alternate Collect fro the Second Sunday of Lent) Father of light, in you is found no shadow of change but only the fullness of life and limitless truth. Open our hearts to the voice of your Word and free us from the original darkness that shadows our vision. Restore our sight that we may look upon your Son, who calls us to repentance and a change of heart, for he lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. Amen.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME, PART 18: Response After Readings



The Mass

“The Word of the Lord.” “Thanks be to God!”

After the First and Second Readings at Mass, we have this familiar statement and response from the congregation. As the Diocese of Peoria’s *A Study of the Mass* teaches, “At the end of the reading, the lector announces, ‘the Word of the Lord,’ which is a testament of our faith in the inspired Word of God

in Sacred Scripture. We readily show our gratitude and respond, ‘Thanks be to God!’ We are thankful that God has revealed himself to us and that He continues to speak to us” (p. 7).

God Speaks to Us

Far more than just being “standard operating procedure,” these little dialogues are really powerful affirmations of what is happening during the Liturgy of the Word. While the lector proclaims God’s Word, we listen to what God wants to teach us that particular day. Even if we are generally attentive to the readings, we can easily get distracted. Perhaps we notice someone sitting nearby and think of a question we wanted to ask him or her. Sometimes, a word in the reading reminds us of another thought. Maybe our stomach growls and we start thinking about what our next meal might be. In any event, at the end of the reading, the lector helps to get us back on track if we’ve wandered astray. The lector says, “The Word of the Lord,” as if to say, “In case you forgot or didn’t notice, the Lord God of heaven and earth was just speaking to you.” It really is amazing to stop and think about: God is speaking to us, his people, through the readings at Mass!

Our response, “Thanks be to God,” acknowledges that God is truly speaking to his people through the Bible reading we just heard and that we recognize we are blessed to hear those words! Being in the habit of turning to God in thankfulness can be so helpful in our daily living as well. In the midst of our lives, we easily get our hearts turned inward, such as when we are thinking about what makes us happy or what we would enjoy for dinner. In more serious situations, when we fall into sin, we are turned inward in a way that keeps our vision away from God and others. When this happens, we can find ourselves falling into selfishness and self-seeking behavior. We can also miss opportunities for charity because we do not recognize the good in the people around us.

Practicing Thankfulness

In these latter situations, the grace of the sacraments helps strengthen us. Thankfulness is also a great remedy that helps turn our hearts as we recognize blessings that have come from God and others. Being thankful can give us a reset and help us once again to see and appreciate the gifts God has given us and the good that we can see in one another. We glimpse the wisdom behind our response to the readings at Mass. Being in the habit of regularly thanking God helps keep our hearts healthy and on track.

Not only does this dialogue help us acknowledge God and thank him for the Scriptures, but it can also help us stay in tune with what we are doing at Mass. As you may know, the word Eucharist itself means “thanksgiving.” In the Mass, we join with Christ in the perfect sacrifice of praise to God the Father. As God’s people, we are also joined together in thankful praise, recognizing the love of Christ and our invitation to share in that love. Very fittingly, after the Second Reading and response, we will praise God together in preparation for the Gospel as we sing the Alleluia!

For Reflection:

1. Reflect on a few Scripture passages which proclaim, “Thanks be to God” (e.g., [Romans 7:25](#), [1 Corinthians 15:57](#), [2 Corinthians 9:15](#)). Compare St. Paul’s cause for thanksgiving with your own reasons for gratitude. Consider adding “Thanks be to God” to your public ways of expressing joy and gratitude in daily life.
2. Psalms [105](#), [106](#), [107](#), [118](#), and [136](#) (among others) all begin by inviting us to “Give thanks to the Lord.” Try beginning your next time of prayer with thanksgiving. (Fr. Luke Spanagel)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

For the love of God

One of the deepest spiritual longings is to know ourselves as the beloved of God. Maya Angelou, in her memoir *Wouldn’t Take Nothing for My Journey Now*, recalls being asked by her teacher to read a section from a book that ended with the words, “God loves me.” He instructed her to say the passage again and again. Eventually it dawned on her there might be truth in those words. “I suddenly began to cry at the grandness of it all,” she writes. “I knew that if God loved me, then I could do wonderful things.”

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Por el amor de Dios

Uno de los más profundos anhelos espirituales es saber que somos los bien amados de Dios. Maya Angelou, en su memoria *Wouldn’t Take Nothing for My Journey Now* (No Llevaría Nada para mi Viaje Ahora), recuerda cuando su maestro le pidió que leyera una sección de un libro que terminaba con las palabras “Dios me ama.” Él le indicó que dijese el pasaje una y otra vez. Finalmente ella se dio cuenta de que en esas palabras podría haber verdad. Ella dice: “De repente empecé a llorar ante tal magnificencia. Supe que si Dios me amaba, yo podría hacer cosas maravillosas.”