

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 usccb.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?

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



Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent (B)

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Romans 8:31b-34 / Mark 9:2-10



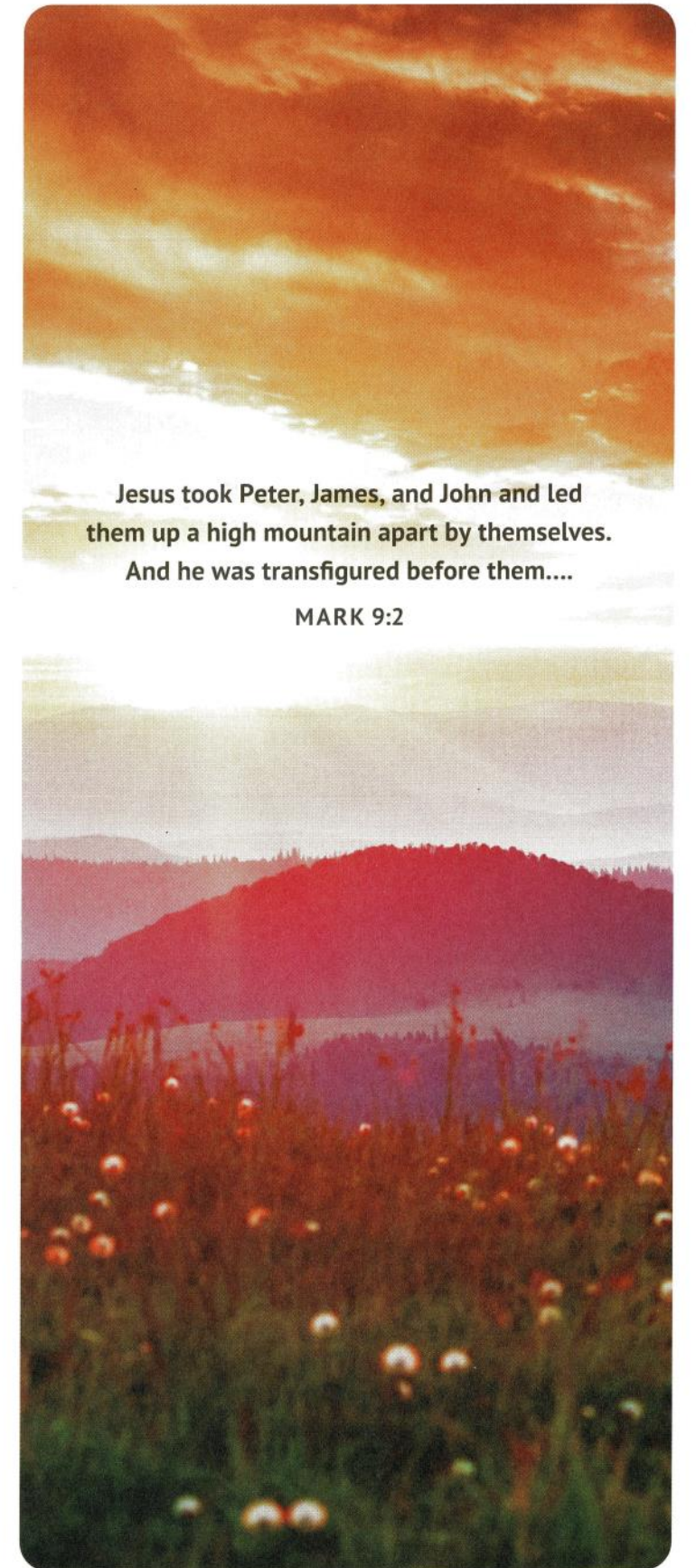
Transfigurations in a Mutilated World

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. ●



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



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

Reflect

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



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St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



March 2024 Mass Schedule

St. Joachim	Mon:	8:00 AM
St. James	Tues:	8:15 AM
St. Joachim	Wed:	8:15 AM
St. James	Thurs:	8:00 AM
St. Joachim	Fri:	8:00 AM
St. James	First Sat:	8:00 AM
St. James 1st & 3rd	Sat:	4:00 PM
St. Joachim 2nd/4th	Sat:	4:00 PM
St. James	Sun	10:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun	8:00 AM

*HOLYDAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

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WEBSITE: *****

www.stjames-potosi.org
FACEBOOK: St. James Catholic Church @stjamespotosi

Confessions:
Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 PM;
prior to Sat evening Mass
Or by appointment

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Religion
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Live Your Life for an Audience
of ONE: **GOD!**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF:
February 26th, 2024

MON	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Feb 27 TUE	8:15 AM	Mary Pratt (1 yr)
Feb 28 WED	8:15 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Feb 29 THU	8:00 AM	Nadine Morgan
Mar 01 FRI	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Mar 02 SAT	8:00 AM	Msgr. Hanson
Mar 02 SAT	4:00 PM	Parish Family
Mar 03 SUN	8:00 AM	Beverly Sampson
Mar 03 SUN	10:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)

We Need Your Help Please

Have you moved, or have you changed your Phone number? Are you new to our parish? If so, please call the office to register, or update your information. 573-438-4686

Week of: February 18, 2023

Envelope.....\$	2864.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	135.00
Loose.....\$	249.00	On-Line donations.....\$	105.60
SVDP.....\$	94.00	Black/Indian miss.....\$	433.00
Votive Lights.....\$	24.00		
Light House.....\$			

Special Ministers March 2 & 3, 2024

Lectors:

Saturday 4:00 pm **Sunday 10:00 am**
Laura Allen **Danny Mueller**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday 4:00 pm **Sunday 10:00 am**
C: Paul Villmer **Kim Coleman**
L: Annette Portell **Mary Roy**
R: Judy East **Diane McGirl**

Sat: 4:00 pm Lane & Madison Battreal
Sun: 8:00 am (celebrated at St. Joachim)
Sun: 10:00 am Penelope, Daisy & Joshua Kearns

Music:

Sat: 4:00 p.m. Chala Short
Sun: 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards
Sun: 10:00 am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

Food of the Month of March: Pasta & sauce, Peanut Butter, and canned meats please.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.
~We couldn't do it without you~

Heavenly Duster: 03/01: Judy East
Altar Linens: 03/04: Barb Cocos

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, being fully initiated (needs to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation) call St. James Parish Office @ 573-438-4686



"This morning my soul is greater than the world since it possesses You, You whom heaven and earth do not contain."
St. Margaret of Cortona (feast day, Feb 22)

Homemade Baked Desserts

Ladies Sodality is hosting bake sales during Knights' Fish Fry Lunches. Homemade Baked goods by the piece or whole dessert, for sale. Just drive by and pick out your dessert. Thank you for supporting our Ladies Sodality.
Next sale - Mar 8th



St. James
Knights of Columbus
Lenten Drive-Thru
Fish Lunches
03/08 & 03/22
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Fish, baked Beans & potato salad, \$10.00



Lenten Speaker Series: Feb 28th, "The Call": How are we called to love of neighbor by Scripture, by our Lord & by our Church? How does the new Archdiocesan structure help us answer the Call? Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Word of Life

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. Respect Life Reflection: **Cherished**, Chosen, Sent usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection

May every human person, from conception to natural death, be recognized as precious and beloved in the eyes of the Lord; We pray to the Lord:

What's on the Calendar???

Mar 02: First Saturday Marian Devotion Mass; 8:00 am
SEEK Local, Our Lady Catholic Church—Festus 9:00 am to closing Mass beginning @ 5:30 pm
Mar 05: Ladies Sodality mtg, 1:00 pm, Parish Hall
Mar 07: First Thursday Adoration following 8:00 am Mass
Mar 08: Mass & Stations, 6:30 pm, St. James Church
Rosary & Mass @ Clarity House, 6:00 pm, leave church @ 5:00 pm
Mar 11: SVDP mtg, 6:00 pm, Food Pantry
Mar 12: Parish Council, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall
Knights of Columbus mtg, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall
Mar 13: PSR Reconciliation, 6: 00 pm in Church
Mar 20: PSR: Dinner @ 5:15 pm, class @ 6:00 pm .
Mar 22: Mass & Stations Time Change: **6:00 pm** NOT 6:30 pm (St. James)
Jul 17: National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis, IN

Lenten Services

St. James
Mass & Stations
Mar 08, 6:30 pm
****Mar 22, 6:00 pm, NOT 6:30 pm****
Penance Services
Mar 26, 6:00 pm
Fish Fry's
Mar 8, 11:00 - 1:00 pm
Mar 22, 11:00 - 1:00 pm

St. Joachim
Mass & Stations
Mar 01, 6:30 pm
Mar 15, 6:30 pm
Penance Service
Mar 7, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Fish Fry's
Mar 01, 3:00 pm
Mar 15, 3:00 pm
Mar 29, 3:00 pm

"Thank you!" to all who supported our "Superbowl goodies" sale for the Parish Funeral Lunch fund. We brought in \$485.00. WOW! Thank you to those who made and donated the goodies and a Special "Thank you" to the Ladies Sodality and those individuals that gave monetary donations. We have such a wonderful Parish Family. Praise GOD!!!

*****FORMED*****

LENT: Week 2:
An Encounter with Mercy/Forgiveness/Session 2: We are not defined by our mistakes. In Confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us "Go and sin no more," he also gives us the grace to do so.
Return: Lent w/Fr. John burns: Fr. Burns focuses on the passage from the prophet Joel in which the Lord calls his people to return to him with their whole heart. We are reminded in this passage that God is inviting us into a relationship with him, a relationship of love & faithfulness. Like the people of the Old Testament, we sometimes forget about God, wander away from him, & become unfaithful. It is during Lent that we are reminded of God's love & mighty works which leads to faithfulness & fruitfulness. How will you remember God this Lent & return to him with your whole heart?
Into His Likeness/Episode 2: Not Perfect, But Chosen
Bible Study on the Sorrowful Mysteries: The Scourging at the Pillars: Have you ever wanted to grow in your understanding and devotion to the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary? Join Dr. Ben Akers & others as they walk through these Biblical mysteries & seek to grow in understanding and love for Christ through them.
Fearless Series!

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Go to: <https://signup.formed.org/>
Enter our parish's zip code
Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you're in.

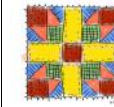
Missionary Discipleship

Amazing Love

The readings today are so powerful and show the amazing love that God has for His Son Jesus as well as His people. God often tests our love to see if it is true and genuine. He tested Abraham in an extraordinarily startling manner, and He tests us in our lives to help us assess if we are truly loving Him with all that we are. God chastises those whom he loves and purifies us so that we are able to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. In our work of evangelization, we should constantly pray for the grace to love God and others radically as the saints have

SEEK Local

If you missed SEEK 24 STL, here's another opportunity
SEEK Local @ Our Lady Catholic Church - Festus
Saturday, March 2, 2024 9:00 am - 5:30 pm closing mass
A Free one day conference experience with opportunities for community, prayer, amazing talks and more. Wherever you are take the next step in your faith, alongside others trying to do the same.
4 Session, free lunch provided, confession, adoration & closing Mass
Please contact Diana Parker 636-937-5513 to register
(there are flyers in back of church with more information)



Quilt Bingo

St. James Bingo Ladies are wanting to hold a Quilt Bingo on **April 21st**, but they need your help. If anyone would be willing to donate a quilt, store bought or hand made, please contact Judy Cain @ 573-210-8220 for more information. All proceeds go to St. James Church. Thank you!

Lenten Bible study begins again, Tuesday evenings 6:00 pm @ Judy Wright's home. All are welcome. If we need to move the location, we will be happy to move to the hall! Actually, that would be a blessing that so many want to join us! We are doing potluck again as well, so bring a dish to share! Call Judy Wright at 573-631-9721 for more details.

Clarity House Friday evening Rosary & Mass
Friday, March 8th, Come celebrate the Holy Mass with us. All are Welcome!! The evening starts at 6:00 pm with the rosary and prayers of intention. It is followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 pm. Then we share refreshments & fellowship. All are invited and welcome to attend. Also, there are bedrooms available if anyone wants to reserve one for the night. Please contact Mary Roy @ 636-234-6680 and let her know if you'd like a room. If anyone wants to ride together, please call the church office and let us know! **We will drive the church van if there are enough riders.** (5:00 pm departure)

Great opportunity for Special Lenten Prayer Time. So, come join us for Mass at Clarity House. Also, an opportunity for confession.

White House Retreat

Do you find it difficult to find time to truly relax, quiet your mind and talk to God? A retreat at White House is the perfect opportunity to find peace, quiet and inspiration your soul is looking for. It's like a 3-day vacation with God! Join the men of our parish on our annual retreat from Thursday April 11th to Sunday April 14. Retreats at White House are silent, guided retreats based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. All of your meals are provided and everyone receives their own private accommodations. There is no set fee to attend; White House operates on a free-will offering basis. To register call or text Jeff Boyer 573-291-3503 or visit www.whitehouseretreat.org to find additional dates.

Q&A
Question: Do Sundays "count" during Lent for fasting?

Answer: Here is what the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has to say on the matter of fasting during Sundays in Lent:

"Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole Time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience."
Catholic Answers, Catholic.com

St. James PSR NEWS

**** Next in-person class:** Wednesday, **March 20th:** Dinner @ 5:15pm, class will begin @ 6:00 pm, **Unit 6** will be due.
March 13th 6:00 pm PSR Reconciliation
****If you are a server, please volunteer to serve for Friday Evening Mass & Stations of the Cross.**
****There will be a sign-up sheet for Holy Thursday, please sign-up to help then as well.**
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March 2024

Confessions ~ Saturday ~ 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm or by Appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29 1 Friday → St. Joachim ~ 6:30 pm ~ Stations of the Cross to follow	1 St. Joachim ~ 8 am & Adoration & Benediction ~ Fr. Tony Potosi Manor ~ 10 am ~ Fr. Nyman Georgian Gardens ~ 10:30 am ~ Fr. Tony	2 St. James ~ 8 am & Adoration & Benediction St. James ~ 4 pm ~ Fr. Tony
3 St. Joachim ~ 8 am ~ Fr. French St. Stephen Chapel ~ 8 am ~ Fr. Tony St. James ~ 10 am ~ Fr. Tony	4 St. Joachim ~ 8 am ~ Fr. Nyman	5 St. James ~ 8:15 am ~ Fr. Tony	6 St. Joachim ~ 8:15 am ~ Fr. Tony	7 St. James ~ 8 am & Adoration ~ Fr. Tony St. Joachim ~ 10am-2pm Reconciliation Day	8 St. Joachim ~ 8 am ~ Fr. Tony St. James ~ 6:30 pm ~ Stations of the Cross to follow	9 St. Joachim ~ 4 pm ~ Fr. Tony
10 St. Joachim ~ 8 am ~ Fr. Tony St. James ~ 10 am ~ Fr. Tony	11 St. Joachim ~ 8 am ~ Fr. Nyman	12 St. James ~ 8:15 am ~ Fr. Tony Prison Mass ~ 1:30 pm ~ Fr. Tony	13 St. Joachim ~ 8:15 am ~ Fr. Tony	14 St. James ~ 8 am ~ Fr. Tony	15 St. Joachim ~ 8 am ~ Fr. Tony St. Joachim ~ 6:30 pm ~ Stations of the Cross to follow	16 St. James ~ 4 pm ~ Fr. Tony St. Joseph Chapel ~ 6:30 pm ~ Fr. Nyman
17 St. Joachim ~ 8 am ~ Fr. Tony St. James ~ 10 am ~ Fr. Tony St. Stephen Chapel ~ 10 am ~ Fr. Knight	18 St. Joachim ~ 8 am ~ Fr. Nyman	19 St. James ~ 8:15 am ~ Fr. Tony	20 St. Joachim ~ 8:15 am ~ Fr. Tony	21 St. James ~ 8 am ~ Fr. Tony	22 St. Joachim ~ 8 am ~ Fr. Tony St. James ~ 6:30 pm ~ Stations of the Cross to follow	23 St. Joachim ~ 4 pm ~ Fr. Tony
24 St. Joachim ~ 8 am ~ Fr. Tony St. James ~ 10 am ~ Fr. Tony	25 St. Joachim ~ 8 am ~ Fr. Nyman	26 St. James ~ 8:15 am ~ Fr. Tony St. James ~ 6pm Reconciliation Service & Confessions	27 St. Joachim ~ 8:15 am ~ Fr. Tony	28 Holy Thursday St. James ~ 6:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	29 Good Friday St. Joachim ~ 3 pm ~ Fr. Tony	30 Easter Vigil St. Joachim ~ 8 pm ~ Fr. Tony
31 St. Stephen ~ 8 am ~ Fr. Knight St. Joachim ~ 8 am ~ Fr. Tony St. James ~ 10 am ~ Fr. Tony	1	2	3	4	5	6