



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**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



Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

Eucharistic Services:

- 7:00 pm Wednesday -
Word & Communion Service
- 5:00 pm Saturday - Holy Cross in Jackson,
Vigil Mass
- 11:30 am Sunday - Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm

**Ministers for next Sunday, Rev. Livinus Uba
Lector :Bridget Turner**

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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother,
keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel
as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus
and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.
Bless our parish which is named in your honor.
Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help
us be attentive to the needs of our families and our
community.

Amen

Parish Mission Statement

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draw us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

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Lent 2024

Fish Fry

Thank you all of your help with our first fish fry, we raised around \$500 with this event. There will be a second fish fry on Friday March 8 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Tickets are available if you would like to sell some ahead of the event. Please sign up to help with the second fish fry: there are opportunities to of serving the parish by helping do prep work, serving the meal , frying fish, or on cleanup crew on the sign up sheet in the gathering space.

Mother of Good Counsel LENTEN FISH FRY

Friday, February 23 & March 8
5:30pm - 7:30 pm



ALL ARE WELCOME!



Join Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Church for a fish fry. All proceeds go to support the church and our outreach ministries. Tickets available at the door or in advance from the church or parishioners.

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

The dinner includes: battered or baked fish, fries, Mac 'N' Cheese, roll, cole slaw, dessert, and ice tea or lemonade.

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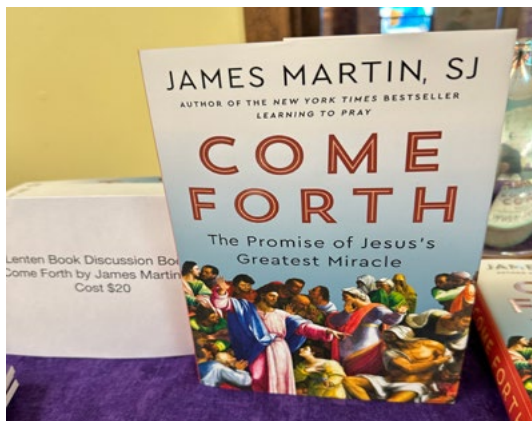
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\$15 for adults | \$8 for children 6-12 | under 6 free



Book Discussion

Next Sunday March 3, we will continue our book discussion on Come Forth by James Martin at 10 am in the Gathering Space. We will be discussing Chapters 3 & 4.



Stations of the Cross

Next Friday March 1, the parish will host the devotion Stations of the Cross at 7 pm. Come and join us in prayer at the church.

Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service

On Wednesday March 13, the parish will host a communal reconciliation service beginning at 6 pm. There will be the option for individual confessions and Mass to follow.

Landscaping Project

East76 Landscaping is nearly finished with the first part of the landscaping project. Part two of the project, which is scheduled for sometime this spring, is building an additional grotto on the large parking lot side of the church. The parish needs to raise some money to help complete this portion of the project, which has been quoted at \$9000. If we raise \$4500 then the remaining amount will be covered by parish savings. If you would like to make a contribution toward this effort, please write landscaping on your donation and make checks payable to Mother of Good Counsel.

Teen Disciples

Students in grades 7-12 will meet for Teen Disciples on the following dates in Spring of 2024. Next Sunday Teen Disciples will meet from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm All teenagers are encouraged to attend. **March 3, 24, April 7, 28, May 5, 12, 2024**

Synod Gathering Process

The follow up to the Synod Discussions that took place in Rome in October 2023 are happening in the local Diocese this Lent. The gatherings for the Diocese of Lexington will take place on the following dates and locations.

March 3, 2024 - Christ the King in Lexington 2-4 pm

March 10, 2024 - St. William's in London 3 - 5 pm.

All people in the Diocese of Lexington are invited to attend this Diocesan discussions to contribute input to the continued conversation of the synodal process. You can read more at <https://cdlex.org/synodality/>

Silence Before Mass

Parishioners are asked to keep a silent atmosphere in the church before Mass so that people are able to reflect and pray. If you wish to talk, please come out to the gathering space. Thank you for offering this continued space of prayer and reflection.

Becoming Catholic

Our Becoming Catholic Classes will meet on Tuesday February 27 at 7:00pm. We will be discussing the upcoming scrutinies. All are invited to join us for this faith formation.



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

Upcoming Events

2/27 : Becoming Catholic

3/1 : Stations of the Cross

3/3: Book Discussion - 10 am

3/3: Synod Session - Christ the King

3/8 : Fish Fry 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

3/10 : Snod Session - St. William London

3/13 : Reconciliation Service

Transfigurations in a Mutilated World

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

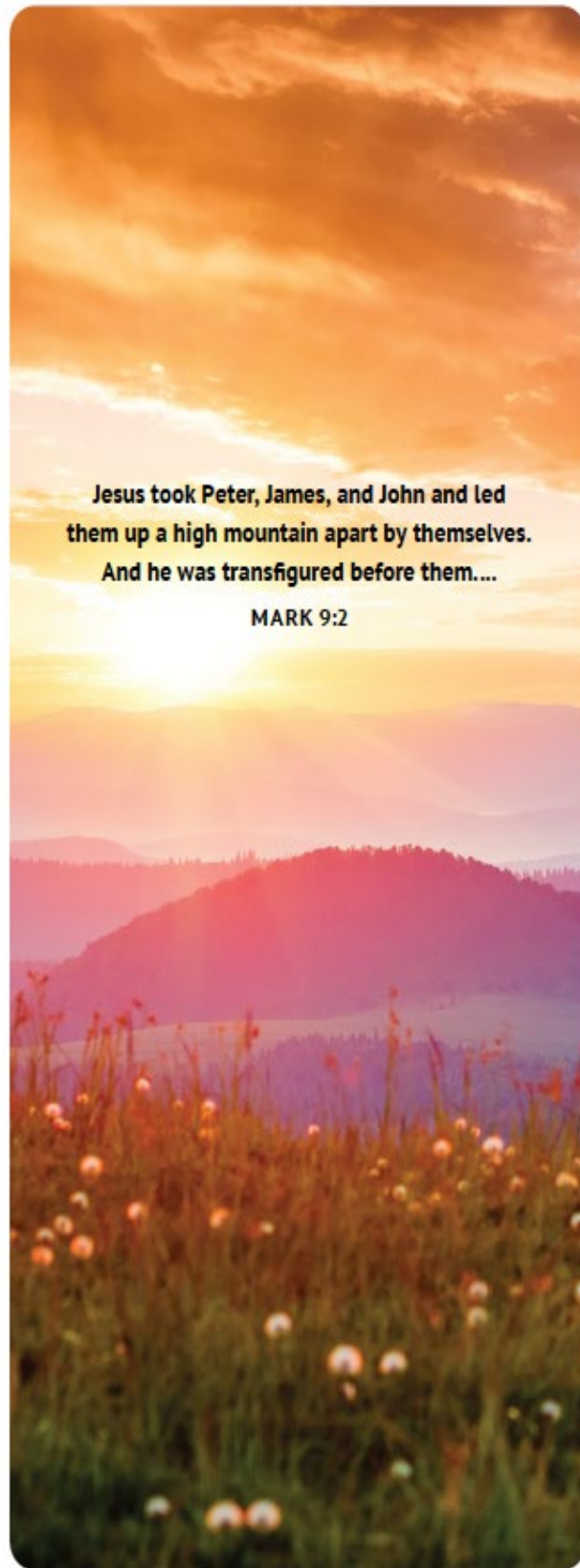
I've never met anyone who thought today's story in Genesis of Abraham and Isaac to be a good story. Abhorred, they ask, "Why would God test someone by asking him to sacrifice his son?" But what if we change the question and ask, "Why would the Hebrew people include that story in their most holy writings?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



Readings for the Week

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MONDAY

February 26
Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b-10
Lk 6:36-38

TUESDAY

February 27
Lenten Weekday
Is 1:10, 16-20
Mt 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY

February 28
Lenten Weekday
Jer 18:18-20
Mt 20:17-28

THURSDAY

February 29
Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5-10
Lk 16:19-31

FRIDAY

March 1
Lenten Weekday
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

SATURDAY

March 2
Lenten Weekday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

SUNDAY

March 3
Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
1 Cor 1:22-25
Is 7:13-25



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



Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Our Weekly Offering

2/18/2024

Loose: \$75

Envelopes : \$320

Black and Indian Missions: \$49

Ash Wed : \$100

Online: \$125

Total Weekly Offering: \$669

Birthdays

2/28 : Becky Adams

3/1: Fr. Bob Dueweke, OSA

Prayer Family

Becky & Bob Adams

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

February

For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

March

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



Prayer List

Joey Napier, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Deedee Wells, Sherrian & Amose Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Roger Noyes, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Don Davis, The Rice Family, Maria Hall, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Julie and Jonah Spencer, Jace Combs, Mandi Dishner, Brandon Robinson, Michael Whitaker, Thomas Stidham, Roy Pulliam, Quentin Davis, Nancy Kelly, Bobby Muncy, Grayson & Kaitlin Baker, Chuck Brunty, Al Pratt, Joe Vogel Sr. Mike Deubec, OFM, Marfie Fields, Randy Damron, Jaranda Brunty, and Abby Turk.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

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