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Monday to Thursday: 9:30am- 12pm & 1pm- 8pm
Friday: 9:30am- 12pm & 1pm- 7pm
Saturday: 9:30am- 5pm

Religious Ed. Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 1pm to 5pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 5pm to 8pm (Appt. Preferred)

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm in English
Sunday: 8:30am in English
10:00am & 11:30am in Spanish
1:00pm in Polish

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am in English
Wednesday & Friday: 7pm in Spanish

First Friday Mass & Devotion

In English: Mass at 8:30am: Devotion from 9am to 6:45pm
In Spanish: Mass at 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat. 4:00pm - 4:45pm & by appointment: call parish office

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants

In English: Second Saturday of the Month
In Spanish: Third Saturday of the Month
Registrations must be made in the Rectory Office at least two months in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months to a year with one of the Priests.



Dear Padre

February 25, 2024

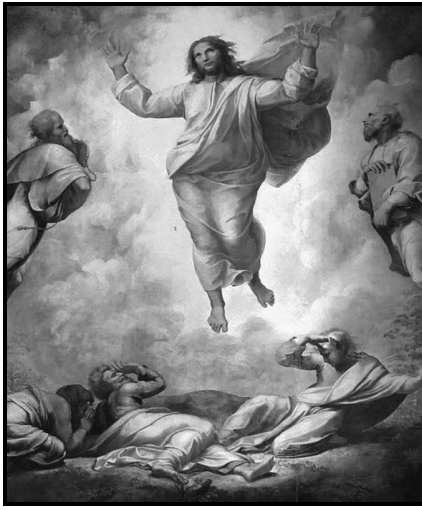
What are the guidelines for producing a passion play? My pastor said there are special guidelines to follow. What are they?

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



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 25th

- 8:30am For the People of the Parish
 10:00am Birthday Blessings for Kaylee Cortes Serrano
 11:30am +Maria Livia – Su esposo y hijos
 +Jorge Lopez - Familia
 1:00 pm + Krystyna Dąbrowska

Monday, February 26th

- 8:30am For All the Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, February 27th

- 8:30am +Maria Rios – Rafael & Rafaela

Wednesday, February 28th

- 8:30am For all those in Agony
 7:00pm For All the Sick in the Parish

Thursday, February 29th

- 8:30am For the Unborn

Friday, March 1st

- 8:30am For All the Souls in Purgatory
 7:00pm Special Intentions

Saturday, March 2nd

- 8:30am For the recently deceased in the Parish
 5:00pm +Andrew Pagliughi – Susan & Richard Gellerman
 + Dominica LaLima Rest in Peace - Daughter Rosalie

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." (Gn 22:12)

Psalm:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

Second Reading:

He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? (Rom 8:32)

Gospel:

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Transfiguration left the disciples with more questions than answers. What had they just seen? What had they just heard? They were confused, but they trusted Jesus. Let's follow in their example, trusting in God's care as we journey deeper into Lent.

Observances for the week of February 25, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dominica LaLima, Angel Guivas, Pedro Cordero, William Rodriguez, and for all the deceased in our Parish & their loved ones.

FOR THE SICK:

Kaitlyn Intintoli & for all the sick in our Parish.

Please call the Rectory at 718.436.5917 to place your loved ones on the Deceased or Sick list.

WEEKLY OFFERING

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II NIEDZIELA WIELKIEGO POSTU

Droga Krzyżowa – Piątek – 07:45pm

Gorzkie żale – Niedziela – 12:40pm

Mk 9, 2-10 Pielgrzymując na ziemi, uczestniczymy w życiu wiecznym

Jezus wziął z sobą Piotra, Jakuba i Jana i zaprowadził ich samych osobno na górę wysoką. Tam się przemienił wobec nich. Jego odzienie stało się lśniaco białe, tak jak żaden na ziemi folusznik wybielić nie zdoła. I ukazał się im Eliasza z Mojżeszem, którzy rozmawiali z Jezusem.

Wtedy Piotr rzekł do Jezusa: «Rabbi, dobrze, że tu jesteśmy; postawimy trzy namioty: jeden dla Ciebie, jeden dla Mojżesza i jeden dla Eliasza». Nie wiedział bowiem, co powiedzieć, tak byli przestraszeni.

I zjawił się obłok, osłaniający ich, a z obłoku odezwał się głos: «To jest mój Syn umiłowany, Jego słuchajcie!» I zaraz potem, gdy się rozejrzeli, nikogo już nie widzieli przy sobie, tylko samego Jezusa.

A gdy schodzili z góry, przykazał im, aby nikomu nie rozpowiadali o tym, co widzieli, zanim Syn Człowieczy nie powstanie z martwych. Zachowali to polecenie, rozprawiając tylko między sobą, co znaczy „powstać z martwych”.

Oto słowo Pańskie

O co proszę? O głęboką przemianę moich lęków i stanów smutku

„Po sześciu dniach...” (w. 2). Spróbuję wejść w przeżycia apostołów. Przeżywają kryzys w podążaniu za Jezusem. Są przerażeni wcześniejszą zapowiedzią męki Mistrza (8, 31-38). Wrócę do chwil, w których przeżywałem silne strapienia duchowe i kryzys w podążaniu za Jezusem. Jak wyglądały wtedy moje modlitwy? O czym rozmawiałem z Jezusem? Jak dzisiaj patrzę na przeżyte kryzysy? Powiem o tym Jezusowi. Jezus wziął ze sobą uczniów osobno na górę (w. 2). Chce ich wyrwać z przygnębienia, aby nie zamknęli się w swoich negatywnych przeżyciach. W chwilach kryzysu i cierpienia trzeba umieć „oddalić się” od siebie, wyjść na „górze”, ponad swoje przygnębienie. Będę kontemplował Jezusa cudownie przemienionego (ww. 2-4). Zobaczę, jak zmienia się twarz Piotra. Kontemplacja Bóstwa Jezusa przemienia jego stan ducha. Przypomnę sobie moje intymne spotkania z Jezusem, w których doświadczyłem głębokiego pocieszenia. Podziękuję Mu za te chwile. Będę adorował Jezusa, powtarzając przez dłuższy czas słowa Piotra: „Rabbi, dobrze, że tu jesteśmy” (w. 5). Pomyślę, za co szczególnie chcę Go uwielbić? Czy jestem szczęśliwy, że należę do Jezusa, że mogę być Jego uczniem? „To jest mój Syn umiłowany, Jego słuchajcie” (w. 7). W gorącej modlitwie poproszę, aby te słowa brzmiały zawsze w moim wnętrzu, zwłaszcza w chwilach strapiień. Wyznam moje głębokie pragnienie, aby Jezus był zawsze moim umiłowanym Mistrzem i Bratem i abym zawsze chciał Go słuchać. Zawierzę Jezusowi przyszłe strapienia i kryzysy życia, aby zaowocowały jeszcze większą wiernością i poświęceniem. Będę powtarzał: „Jezu, moja przyszłość leży w Twoich rękach!”.

Spowiedź „Diecezjalna”

25 Marca 2024

2:00pm-4pm & 6:00pm-8pm

(po Angielsku i po Hiszpańsku).

Spowiedź będzie odprawiana we wszystkich kościołach katolickich

diecezji Brooklyn i archidiecezji

Nowego Jorku. (Czasy mogą się różnić w każdym kościele)."

Wielki Post 2024

Wielki Czwartek

28 Marca 2024

Msza Święta Trójjęzyczna- 8pm

Adoracja Eucharystyczna po Mszy

Wielki Piątek

29 Marca 2024

English:

Stations of the Cross at 12pm
Veneration of the Cross at 12:30pm

Spanish:

Stations of the Cross at 2:00pm
Veneration of the Cross at 4:00pm

Polish:

Liturgia Męki Pańskiej w kościele Św Franciszki de
Chantal: 7:00pm
Procesja Drogi Krzyżowej do św. Katarzyny
Aleksandryjskiej: 8:00pm

Wielka Sobota

30 Marca 2024

Msza Święta Trójjęzyczna- 8:30pm

Niedziela Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego

31 Marca 2024

Msza Święta – 1 pm

February 25, 2024
2nd Sunday of Lent

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, “Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent.” I did. In my heart, the answer came: “Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days.” I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can’t do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God’s command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.” Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chaffs us that God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: “What do you want me to give up?” He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn’t make it easy.

Lenten Schedule 2024

Stations of the Cross Devotion

Every Friday in Lent

9:00am- English

6:30pm- Spanish

8:00pm- Polish

Spanish Lent Retreat

February 20, 2024, at 7pm

February 21, 2024, at 7pm

February 22, 2024, at 7pm

English Lenten Retreat

March 15, 2024, 8:30am

March 16, 2024, 8:30am

Reconciliation Monday

March 25, 2024

2pm-4pm & 6pm- 8pm

(English & Spanish)

Confessions will be heard at all Catholic Churches of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Archdiocese of New York.

(Times may vary in every Church)

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March 27, 2024, at 7:30pm

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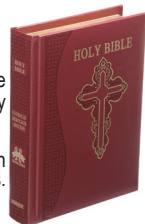
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