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Saturday Evening: Mass 6pm
Sunday: Mass 7am, 9am
Tues - Sat: Morning Prayer, Rosary 6:45am
Tues - Sat: Mass 7:30am
Confessions: 30 minutes before Mass
Confessions, Baptism & Marriage by appointment

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16TH MARCH 2025

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Devotion to St. Joseph Obtains More Than We Can Ask

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St. Joseph has a treasured position in the Church as regards Catholic devotion, a position that was greatly enhanced in 1870, when Pope Pius IX declared him the Patron and Guardian of the Universal Church. The pope made this declaration because during his life on earth, Joseph was the foster father and guardian of Christ, and now that he is in heaven, he exercises a spiritual paternity over all believers, just as Our Lady is our spiritual mother. The 150th anniversary of this declaration was celebrated recently during the Year of St. Joseph dedicated by Pope Francis, which ended on December 8, 2021, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Even though this special year is now over, we still need to pray for his powerful intercession and protection.

We might ask why St. Joseph was honored in such an extraordinary way by Pius IX. To understand this, we need to recognize that not only was he intimately involved in some very important aspects of the early life of Christ – acting as the protector of both the Christ Child and Our Lady – but also that he lived with them in a close family setting for many years.

This means that St. Joseph is, after the Blessed Virgin, in a very special category of holiness, given the immense holiness of Our Lady and the infinite holiness of Christ. He also had to act, in human terms, as a model father figure for Jesus, and that of itself demanded an extraordinary holiness on his part.

Thus, the Church sees him as having a truly exalted status and promotes a fitting devotion to him. St. John Paul II was keen to emphasize the role of St. Joseph as a father in his apostolic exhortation on the saint, *Redemptoris Custos* ("The Guardian of the Redeemer"), issued on August 15, 1989. This document focused on the person and mission of St. Joseph in the life of Christ and His Church. In it, the pope said it was inconceivable that the sublime task given to St. Joseph by God "would not be matched

by the necessary qualities to adequately fulfill it," and that therefore, we must recognize "that Joseph showed Jesus by a special gift from heaven, all the natural love, all the affectionate solicitude that a father's heart can know." If we think of how loving the heart of Christ is, we can get some estimation of just how loving the heart of St. Joseph must have been – and that love is now available for us, his spiritual children.

St. Teresa of Avila was greatly devoted to the saint: "I wish I could persuade everyone to be devoted to the glorious St. Joseph, for I have great experience of the blessings which he can obtain from God. I do not remember that I have ever asked anything of him which he has failed to grant. I am astonished at the great favors which God has bestowed on me through this blessed saint, and at the perils from which he has delivered me, both in body and in soul." She went on to state that, unlike other saints, St. Joseph's domain is universal and that Jesus does whatever he asks of Him.

We are now in the month of March, the month specially dedicated to St. Joseph, and including his great feast, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on March 19. Numerous prayers and novenas can be offered up to St. Joseph. In addition, he has a day of the week dedicated to him – that is Wednesday – in the same way that Saturdays are dedicated to Our Lady and Fridays to Christ.

Furthermore, the first Wednesday of each month is given particular prominence as part of the Nine First Wednesdays devotion to the saint. This devotion honors St. Joseph as the patron of a happy death, a patronage based on the traditional belief that he died in the best possible manner, in the presence of Jesus and Mary. The devotion ideally involves attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion on each of the nine first Wednesdays of the month for nine months, with the intention of honoring St. Joseph and praying for the salvation of the dying. It is also concerned with asking for a happy death for oneself and for the members of one's family.



March



Sun 16th March Parish cuppa after 9 am morning Mass
Baptism of Hazel Pearson @ 11:00am
Tue 18th March Legion of Mary mtg @9:00am
DVD group @ 11:00am
Wed 19th March St Joseph Feast Mass@7:00pm
Fri 21st March Station of the Cross @ 7:00pm
Sat 22nd Mar Confessions/Reconciliation @ 5:30pm

Liturgy Roster for 22nd to 23rd Mar 2025			
Mass	6:00pm	7:00am	9:00am
ACOLYTES:	J Ryall	A Dzieciol	M Knubley; C Anello
READERS:	M D'Cunha	L Pepi	H Van der Westhuize
COMMS:	G Redolatti		S Borges
SERVERS:	M Palermo; Z Lagura		J Nguyen; H Louise
Counters	Team 6 - A and C Fanetti		
Cleaners	L Loc		

Mass Remembrances/Anniversaries/Sp. Int.

RS=repose of souls /TG=thanksgiving /SP=special intention

SAT 15-Mar 6:00 PM RS-Lily Sebastian, R Sebastian

SUN 16-Mar 7:00 AM RS-Charlie Cachia, Connie Sciberras

TG-Vinita Ambrose, Ebony & Amber

9:00 AM RS-Peter Thang, Maria Cuc, Maria Tinh & fam

TUE 18-Mar 7:30 AM RS- Simon Foo, Charlie Cachia

WED 19-Mar 7:30 AM RS-Charlie Cachia

SP-Mara

7:00PM Pro Populo

THU 20-Mar 7:30 AM RS-Charlie Cachia

FRI 21-Mar 7:30 AM RS-Charlie Cachia, Patricia Belardo

SAT 22-Mar 7:30 AM RS-Derrick Burnaby, Charlie Cachia

6:00 PM RS-Douglas Mathews, Mary Pille

SUN 23-Mar 7:00 AM RS-Charlie Cachia

9:00 AM

Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.



POPE FRANCIS

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10 QUOTES FROM THE SAINTS THAT WILL CHANGE THE WAY YOU ATTEND HOLY MASS

1. St. John Chrysostom

"When the Eucharist is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels who adore the divine victim immolated on the altar."

2. St. John Bosco

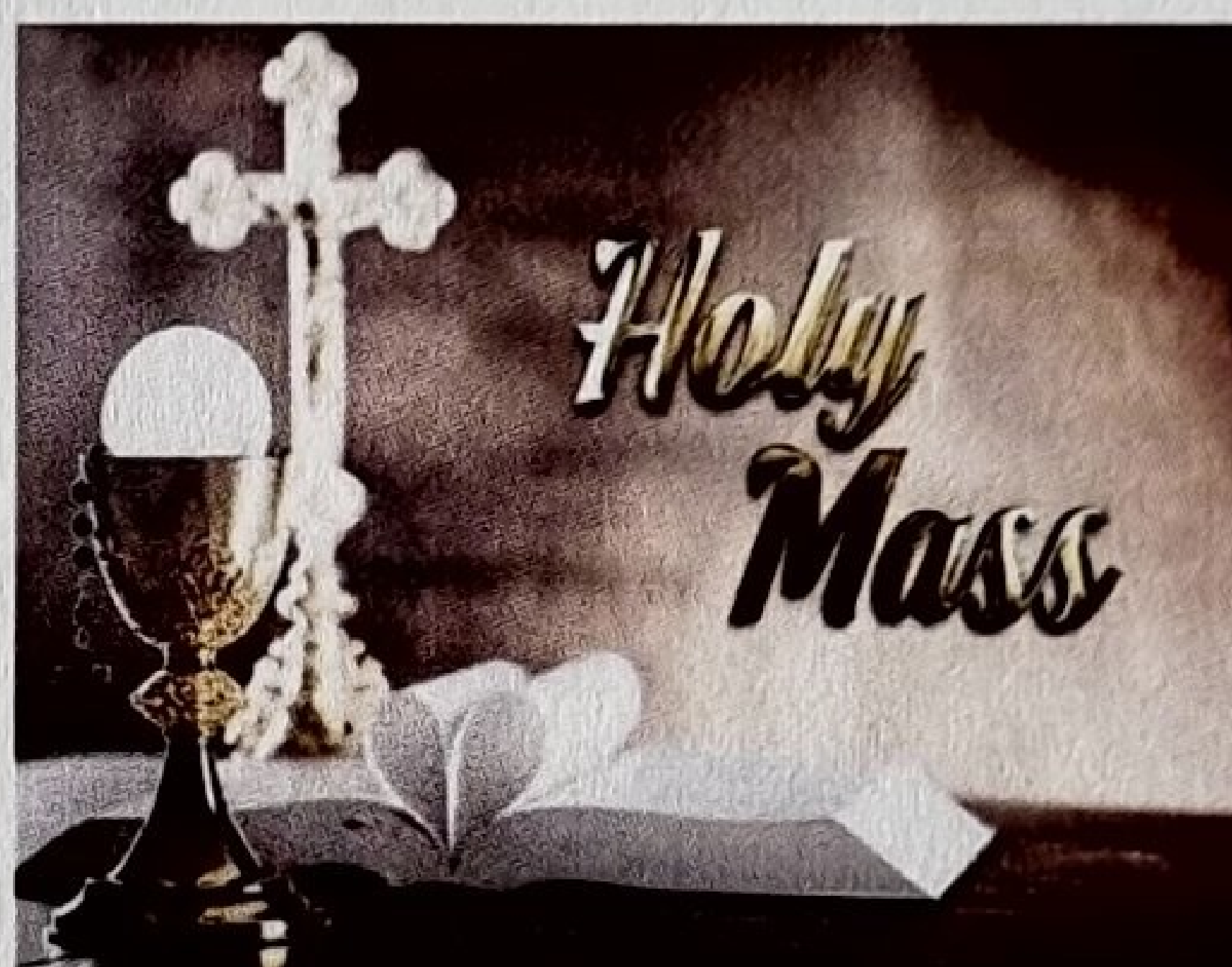
"The best time to ask and obtain favors from God is the time of the Elevation of the Host."

3. St. Teresa

She was overwhelmed with God's Goodness and asked Our Lord "How can I thank you?" Our Lord replied, "ATTEND ONE MASS."

4. Our Lady to Blessed Alan

"My Son so loves those who assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that, if it were necessary He would die for them as many times as they've heard Masses."



5. St. Don Bosco

"Be eager to go to Mass on weekdays also, even if it costs a sacrifice. Our Lord will reward you with His Blessings and make you succeed in your undertakings."

6. St. John Vianney

"When we have been to Holy Communion, the balm of love envelops the soul as the flower envelops the bee."

7. St. Pio of Pietrelcina

"It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass."

8. St. Thomas Aquinas

"Communion is the source of life and fountain of grace. It forgives venial sin and weakens the hold of selfish desires. It strengthens the weak, restores health to the sick, increased virtue, makes grace abound, purges away vices and refreshes the soul."

9. St. Alphonsus

"Jesus remains day and night on our altars that he may be easily found and that he may bestow favors on everyone."

10. St. John Vianney

"How great we are to be nourished by the flesh of a God. The body of those who frequently make very devout Communion will enjoy a special glory in heaven."



OUR PARISH FAMILY

**** Parish Morning tea this SUNDAY-** Please come and share a cuppa with your fellow parishioners and to meet fresh faces in the parish hall this Sunday morning after the 9:00am Mass. And bring a plate to share.

****St Joseph Feast Day** - A special dedicated Mass for St Joseph will be celebrated on the feast day of Wed March 19 @ 7:00pm, with light refreshment (pizzas, soft drinks, coffee, and tea) after the Mass. On the day, morning Mass as usual @ 7:30am.

**** Stations of the Cross with Benediction** during Lent every Friday @ 7:00pm. Acolytes who are serving at the weekend Masses reminded to serve at the Stations.

****2024 Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for Life Link-** As of 28th Feb, the LifeLink office received a total donation of \$ 704,684.88 for the 2024 Christmas Appeal for LifeLink. St Joseph Parish are immensely proud to be part of this remarkable achievement and had raised \$ 7,165.85. Archbishop Costelloe would like to thank everyone in the parish who so generously supported the appeal.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

**Second Sunday of
Lent, 15th and 16th of
March 2025**

Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above./ caritas.org.au/project-compassion / 1800 024 413

Abstinence



If one does not possess the virtue of temperance, and therefore, cannot control his appetite for food, his passions dominate his will, and he loses the ability to choose the good.

This is why abstinence is important— it is a means to grow in the virtue of temperance as it strengthens our self-control and prevents us from becoming slaves to the flesh.

WAYS TO GROW CLOSER TO Saint Joseph



Entrust **every** intention to his intercession.

Honor the **fathers** in your life.

Pray the Saint Joseph **novena**.

Offer up your **work** to Saint Joseph the Worker.

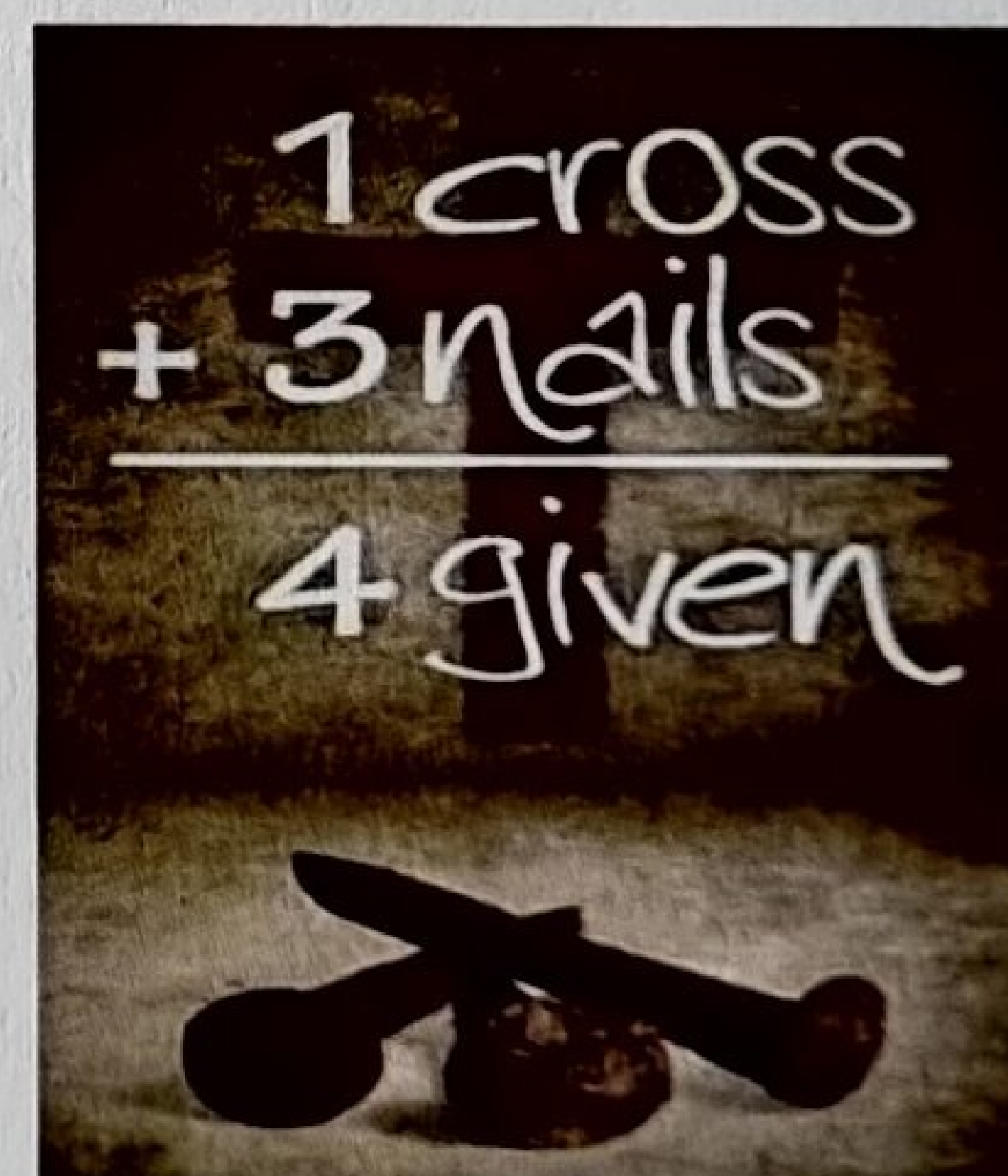
Dedicate every **Wednesday** to his chaste heart

Consecrate yourself (or your family!) to him.



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One way that Jesus asks you to love Him in return for the great sacrifice He made for us, is to spend one quiet hour with Him in the Blessed Sacrament.



"Where your treasure is, there is your heart...."

"Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt 6:21; 26:40)

Can you spare an hour during this Lenten season to

offer to Our Lord? Choose from a set hour each week, or fill-in from time to time for those permanent adorers who are away or unwell.

The hours of need for the month of March are:

10am Sun: 23, 30 th	7pm Tue: 18
11am Sun: 23, 30 th	Midnight Tue: 25
midday Sun: 23, 30 th	1am Fri: 21
9am Tue: 25	6am Sat: 22, 29
10am Tue: 25	10pm Sat: 22

To book an hour please call Tina Russo 0419 004 944/ marianfaithful@hotmail.com



The Living Word

Second Sunday of Lent, Year C

16 March 2025

First Reading Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? *(R.)*
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' *(R.)*
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. *(R.)*
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's
goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! *(R.)*

Second Reading Phil 3:17 - 4:1 or Phil 3:20 - 4:1 (shorter form)

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice
is heard:*

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Lk 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical. That's a little unusual with these three gospel writers who like to put their own spin on events and often play with the chronology or settings of events. However, in this case, all three writers report the Transfiguration event as taking place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship and then the account of the Transfiguration. Furthermore, all three versions are directly followed by an account of a man who brings his possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples have tried and failed to cast out the demon.

When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance. The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't really yet know what this means. In the Transfiguration, they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus' identity and yet they're half asleep and we're told Peter doesn't know what he's saying when he starts talking about building tents. The following failure by the disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven't understood fully who and what Jesus is. What a great reading for the season of Lent!

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom
I am well pleased; listen to him.