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2nd Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

“Repent and believe the Good News”

Clarifying Sight

I thought that I had the perfect question to stop my dear friend from leaving his wife for another woman: “Are you willing to sacrifice your relationship with your teenage son and his future for your happiness?” He was. And the consequences of that choice still devastate his boy.

The condition of our soul shapes the choices we make and the actions we take. As parents know so well, our choices and actions in turn shape those entrusted to us.

There are critical moments when these choices and actions bring deep clarity to who we are and have profound affect on those around us. At these moments, the habits of virtue – or vice – that we have cultivated in our souls emerge crystal-clear. So, we must prepare now for such moments.

Today’s Scripture brings us to the pivotal moment in the life of Abraham “*our father in faith*”. Having sacrificed home and security on the basis of God’s promise of making him the “*father of generations*”, God now asks him to sacrifice his only child – the only way he could imagine himself a “*father of generations*”.

All alone with his son and with the horrible choice before him, Abraham has things very clear. Who he is – who his son is – what his future is – who his God is are all on the line. Yet, his habit of utter trust in God – his faith – leads him to trudge up the mountain to sacrifice his boy Isaac.

Hold on ... sacrifice his **son**? This is appalling. What kind of a God would ask this of a man?

When we hear this reading again in a few weeks at the Easter Vigil we will know what *kind of a God* this is. It is the God who does not ask of Abraham what He asks of Himself. For God the Father, there will be no last-minute reprieve before His Son’s sacrifice. For God the Son, there will be no ram to replace Him on the Altar of the Cross. Our appalling sins, that devastate others as the harvest of souls filled with vice, will be accepted in obedience even beyond the faith of Abraham. Jesus accepts the place of the “*ram, caught in a thicket by its horns,*” offering Himself up as a burnt offering instead of you and I receiving what our sins deserve.

Only at the Easter Vigil – in the light of the Resurrection, in the Light of the Holy Spirit – will we see the story of the sacrifice of Isaac for what it is: a shadowy foretaste of the depths of what love for me, love for you, will lead the Father to ask of Himself, what the Father will ask of the Son, and what the Son will do in obedience to the Father.

On the Mountain of Transfiguration, the disciples see the glimpse of this love and are terrified. Peter stutters, “*Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents.*” Peter’s Church, erects the tent of Lent with its three sides – fasting, prayer, almsgiving. Come into the tent of Lent. Let the Spirit **Clarify our sight** of how wondrous is God’s Love for us.



MONDAY, February 26, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Sharon Burant)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group
7:00 pm - Servants of Christ

TUESDAY, February 27, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Mark Ritchie)
7:00 pm - *Mulieris Dignitatem*

WEDNESDAY, February 28, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions, & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Boyd Parish)
1:00 pm - Eucharistic **Adoration** until 5:00pm
7:30 pm - Choir

THURSDAY, February 29, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Jeanine Pinel)
7:00 pm - RCIA
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, March 1, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († John Ford)
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group
6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm - Gregorian Chant Mass

SATURDAY, March 2, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Jenelle Davis)

SUNDAY, March 3, 2024 23rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 am - **Mass**
10:00 am - **Mass**
5:00 pm - **Eritrean Mass**
7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers**
8:00 pm - **Mass**

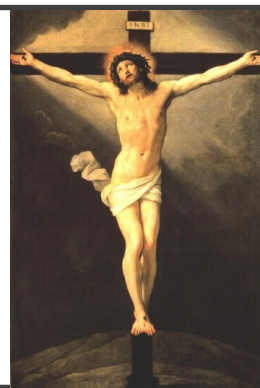
Monthly Devotion To The Holy Face Of Jesus

Tuesday, March 5 @ 7:45 pm

All are welcome!

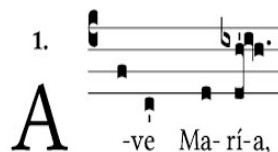
Stations of the Cross

*"We adore Thee O Christ
and we praise Thee,
because by Thy Holy Cross
Thou hast redeemed the world"*
Fridays at 6:30pm during Lent



Gregorian Chant Mass

Friday March 1st
at 7:00pm



Followed by **Chanted Night Prayer**

Marriage Preparation: *Christ in the Middle* Registration is now open!

7- week program on Tuesday evenings at 7pm
from April 23 to June 4

For more information or to register, please contact
Liz at marriageprep@stpaulcocathedral.ca

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 1 - 5 pm
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday to Saturday
11 am - 12 pm



OFFERING for February 18, 2024

Cash Donations	\$ 797.55
Envelope Donations	\$ 2855.00
Renovations	\$ 650.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 850.00