

# Dear Padre,

## What is the rationale for believing in God?

While Scripture tells us in story form how God created heaven, earth, and humanity, science tells how he has really done so: from a Big Bang of unharnessed energy; to the formation of Earth and the universe; to the evolution of life; and finally, to us! Creation's unfolding is like a magnificent symphony formed from nothing by a powerful, omniscient composer. This "musical score" of evolution rises and falls, inexorably leading to its culmination—intelligent beings who can ponder the beauty and awe of God's creation.

The odds are totally against an accumulation of "lucky breaks" that make creation possible: our Earth being in a narrow habitable zone, neither too near nor too far from the sun; the appearance of oxygenating plants, allowing us to breathe; a dinosaur-destroying asteroid collision permitting mammals—and eventually us—to evolve. How could all of that be accidental?

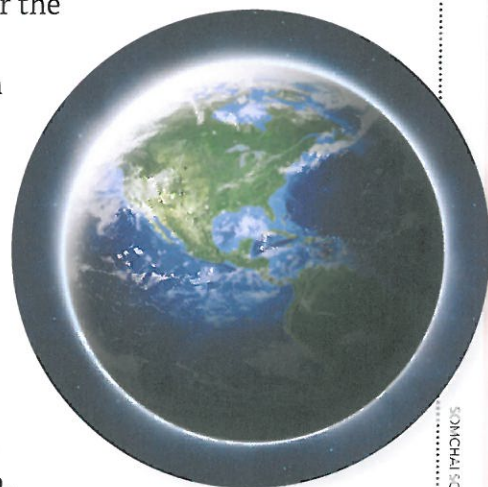
Indeed, multitudes have dedicated their lives to God's existence. For more than two millennia, our Church has taught about a loving God in the person of Jesus Christ. Not only do we learn Jesus' teachings regarding God's compassion, forgiveness, and the promises of eternal life, but we see that compassion and forgiveness at work in today's ministry.

A loving relationship with anyone is impossible without trust and faith. So it is with God. We must entrust ourselves to him, opening ourselves to knowing and loving him. For this reason, belief in God is always a grace, a gift freely given from God, which we ask for ourselves.

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### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



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### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Belief in God and the worship of God are not enough to ensure that we are actually living in a way pleasing to God. A believer may be untrue to everything that his faith demands of him, and yet think he is close to God and better than others.

ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP  
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## Calendar

**Monday**  
MARCH 14  
Lenten Weekday  
Dn 9:4b–10  
Lk 6:36–38

**Tuesday**  
MARCH 15  
Lenten Weekday  
Is 1:10, 16–20  
Mt 23:1–12

**Wednesday**  
MARCH 16  
Lenten Weekday  
Jer 18:18–20  
Mt 20:17–28

**Thursday**  
MARCH 17  
Lenten Weekday  
Jer 17:5–10  
Lk 16:19–31

**Friday**  
MARCH 18  
Lenten Weekday  
Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a,  
17b–28a  
Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

**Saturday**  
MARCH 19  
St. Joseph, Spouse of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary  
2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16  
Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22  
Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a or  
Lk 2:41–51a

**Sunday**  
MARCH 20  
Third Sunday of Lent  
Ex 3:1–8a, 13–15  
1 Cor 10:1–6, 10–12  
Lk 13:1–9

**Know Someone**  
**Overly Anxious About Sin?**  
Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit [ScrupulousAnonymous.org](http://ScrupulousAnonymous.org).

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 13, 2022

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

Gn 15:5–12, 17–18

Phil 3:17–4:1 or Phil 3:20–4:1

Lk 9:28b–36

## Who Was This Man?

**P**eter, John, and James must have asked this question themselves. This Jesus was certainly not the man they had come to know. Here he was radiant, and his clothing was dazzling. Furthermore, he was in deep conversation with two of the greatest heroes of the religious tradition: Moses, the agent of the law, and Elijah the prophet. And then there was that voice that identified Jesus as "my chosen Son" and commanded them to "listen to him" (Luke 9:35). What were they to think? What would anyone think? Who was this man?

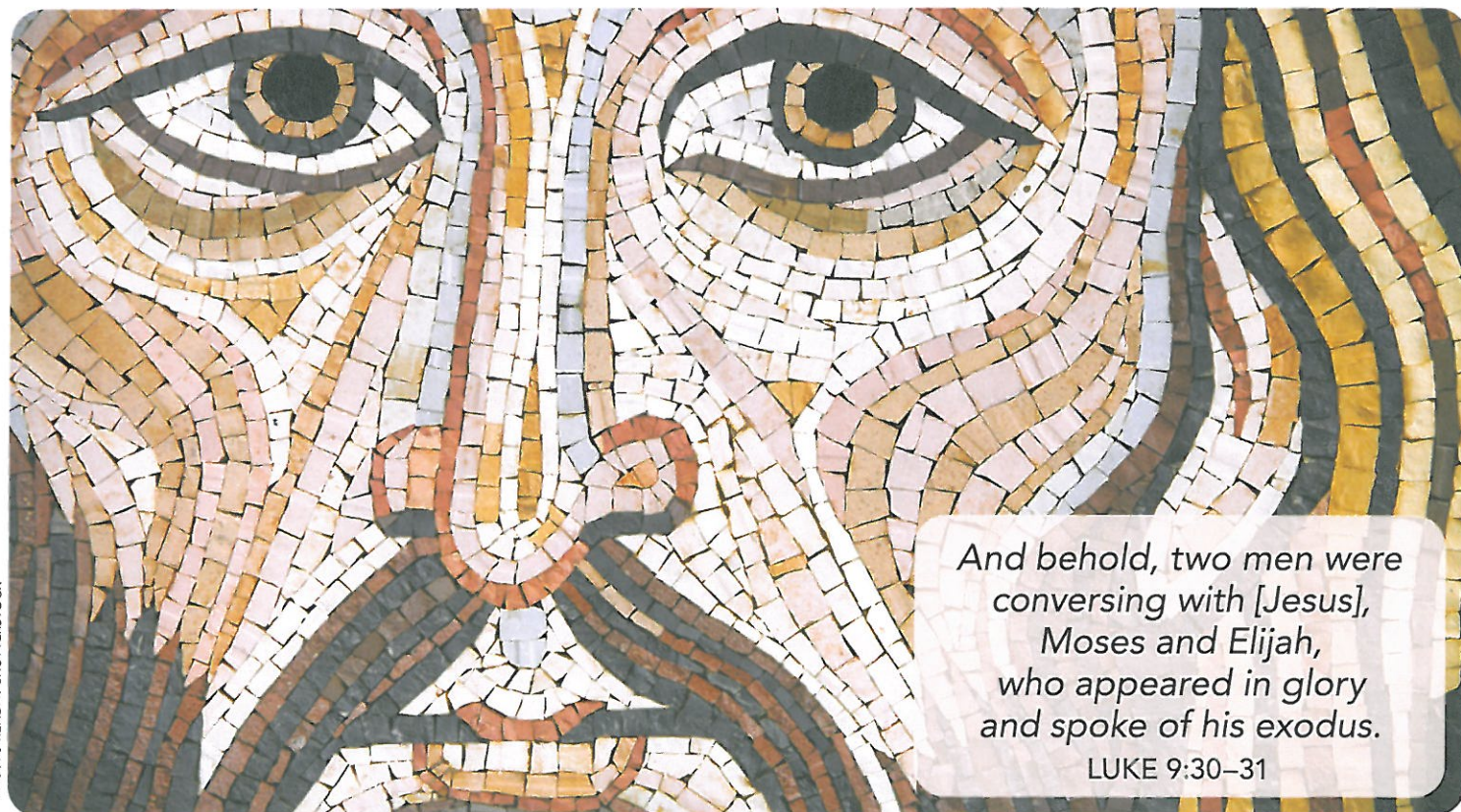
Jesus' own experience was quite different. While he prayed, he was transfigured, and in that transformed state he engaged Moses and Elijah in conversation. They discussed his future death in Jerusalem, his exodus, his deliverance. It is important to note that they maintain that his exodus was to be his own accomplishment—not a deed done to him. Who was this man?

It was the mysterious voice from the cloud that provided an answer to that question: "This is my chosen Son." But what did "my Son" mean? Unlike we who profess faith in the Trinity, it's likely the disciples still had to learn what being God's Son was all about. However, they must have realized that it meant something about Jesus' relationship with God. Every aspect of this mystifying experience told them so. When they came to their senses, the light had disappeared, the ancient men were gone, the voice was silent. And there he was again, the man they had come to know. But who was this man?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ Give praise and glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
- ★ What does Jesus mean in your life?



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And behold, two men were conversing with [Jesus],  
Moses and Elijah,  
who appeared in glory  
and spoke of his exodus.  
LUKE 9:30–31





## Parish of St. Vincent De Paul

"We as a community rooted in the Catholic faith seek to imitate Christ's Examples of love and service to others and spread the light of our faith to others."

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### 2nd Sunday of Lent

Mass Mar. 13, 2022

Lector: Marv Grassl

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Stacy Ferguson

**Greeters & Presentation of Gift**

Wally & Marla Goade

**Altar Servers:**

Brandy F. & Ruby B.

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

Mass Mar. 20, 2022

Lector: Molly Kunkel

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

James Freitag

**Greeters & Presentation of Gift**

Martin & Maria Garcia Family

**Alter Servers:**

Josh B. & Mackenzie P.

### Pope's Prayer intentions:

**For a Christian response to bioethical challenges,**

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

### Mass Schedule

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's in Eltopia

10:30 a.m. @ St. Vincent's (English)

12:00 p.m. @ St. Vincent's (Spanish)

**Saturday:** 7:00 p.m. @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)

**Fridays:** 8:00 a.m. Adoration @ St. Vincent's

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Vincent's

**Confessions:** Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ St. Vincent's

Saturday 6:30 pm @ San Juan Diego

**Church Secretary:** Elida Fernández - [secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com](mailto:secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com)

**Tues, Weds. Thurs 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm**

Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917 - 12 – 3:30 pm on Tues. Weds. Thurs.

**Prayer Chain:** Call Carolyn Nordhus @ 509-234-5972

**Breezeway Calendar:** If you have any parish events or meetings that you would like on the all parish calendar that is posted in the breezeway please contact Marla Goade @ 539-5354 [wmgoade73@gmail.com](mailto:wmgoade73@gmail.com)

**Weekly Bulletin:** Please email Elida Fernández [secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com](mailto:secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com) by WEDNESDAY EVENINGS for information to be included in the upcoming Sunday bulletin. Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917

**Website:** To add or send information, pictures or news to the website please email Jaeniffer Kaiser @ [jaeniffer2002@hotmail.com](mailto:jaeniffer2002@hotmail.com)

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### FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR WEEK: Mar. 13, 2022 - Mar. 20, 2022

#### Sunday Mar. 13:

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

#### Monday Mar. 14:

Fr. Gus' Day off

#### Tues. Mar. 15:

5:00 pm Penance Service @ Eltopia

No Confessions/Mass @ Eltopia

#### Wed. Mar. 16:

No Confessions @ Connell

8:00 pm Meet w/ Lectors @ Basin City

#### Thurs. Mar. 17:

No Adoration @ Eltopia

No Mass @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Meet w/ Guadalupanas

#### Fri. Mar. 18:

Fr. Gus @ Tricity Prep @ Pasco

No Adoration @ Connell

No Mass @ Connell

7:00 pm Marriage Prep @ Eltopia

#### Sat Mar. 19:

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Adult Sacra. Prep @ Connell

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Confessions @ Basin City

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

#### Sun. Mar. 20:

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

**Please keep Fr. Gus  
In your daily prayers.**

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM THE PASTORAL PATTERNS BY JS

### PAULISH CO:

How are your priorities affected by your faith in Jesus Christ? When you have important choices to make, do you and your family pray to make the right choice?

### STEWARDSHIP

*"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (GENESIS 15:7)*

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

### Thank you for your generous Weekly contributions

Feb. 20, 2022	Feb. 27, 2022
10:30 am - \$490.00	10:30 am - \$511.00
12:00 pm - \$415.00	12:00 pm - \$461.70
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## Connell Food Bank

**Seniors: Tuesday**

**March 8 & 22**

**10:00 am – 11:00 am**

**General Public: Wednesday**

**March 9 & 23**

**9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Prison Ministry is opening up this coming March. Volunteers interested in helping please contact Fr. Gus for more information.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Altar Flowers

Mar. – Altar Society Guild #2

April – Guadalupanas

## GUADALUPANAS MEET

Thursday, 17 of Mar.

@ 5 pm

## Wednesday Confession Hour

**No confessions Wed. Mar. 16th**

## Request of Sacrament Certificates

**Please be advised, there is a 10-day minimum needed to search for records. Please be timely in your request of a new certificate.**

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Beginning on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> all children in our religious education programs from Kinder to 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be presented the annual Safe Environment lesson as per Diocesan instructions. Any parent not wanting their children to participate in the lesson or more information please contact:  
Elida Fernandez 318-0917

## LENT FISH DINNER SPONSERED BY KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

Friday, March 25

5 pm – 7 pm

St. Vincent parish hall

All families are cordially invited.