

God Meets Us Where We Are

Nathan D. Mitchell

The great twentieth-century theologian, Karl Barth, once advised Christians to pray with the Bible in one hand and the daily newspaper in the other. He meant, in part, that faith and daily life interpret each another. “Drink deeply of the Word,” St. Ambrose once told his people. “Soon you’ll find yourself craving more.” He was right, of course. God’s word forever illumines our path—a shining “pillar of fire” by night, daily bread for our journey. Yet our experience of the world’s perils and opportunities also shapes our response to that word. We’re reminded that God’s love for the world didn’t result in indifference and neglect, but in the word sent to “pitch a tent among us,” to share our flesh, to taste the world in all its salty, roiling complexity. Word and world: they belong together.



The God of Sarah and Abraham, Rebecca and Isaac, Rachel and Jacob is passionately focused on humankind, intent on participating in our history, hungry for relationship with every person. The God we meet in the stories of creation is a “God with skin on,” one

who understands that our primary mode of perceiving reality—of interacting with God, world, and each other—is flesh and body. Every day we meet the holy in the homely; the divine in the daily; the saving God in blood, sweat, and tears; in soil and labor; in sex, seed, and harvest; in fertility and childbirth. Lent reminds us that Christians form a community gathered in contemplation around God’s Word—and that means we’re also gathered in meditation on the world, its goodness and grandeur, its beauty and brutality. Lent is a call to pay attention, to see creation as God does, to gather our faith not only from God’s promise (where it begins), but also from God’s presence in the low, vast murmur of human life that tugs at our hearts, heads, and hands. Be prepared for some surprises. †

Source: *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter*, 2010



Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday of Lent (B)  
February 25, 2024

Future Gazing

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Some spiritual writers and psychologists tell us how important it is to live in the present. Still, many of our decisions are made with an eye toward the future. Life commitments are always future oriented. Each newborn child carries promises for the future. Because we are part of the emerging universe, we are always called into the future. Today’s readings also carry implications for the future. Isaac was not only Abraham’s beloved son; he was Abraham’s legacy and future dynasty. Isaac’s death would have put an end to Abraham’s memory in the future.

Consequently, this was more than a test of obedience. Abraham was presented with a choice: Choose Isaac and all that the future might bring to your family and memory through him. Or trust that the promise God made—that your descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky—would be fulfilled even if Isaac dies. God asked Abraham to place his future in God’s hands. Some scholars believe that the real meaning of Jesus’ transfiguration lies in its effects on the disciples who witnessed it. In this experience they came to see Jesus in a significantly new way. They saw that he has somehow associated with Moses, an agent of the law, and Elijah, a great prophet. In other words, Jesus was somehow associated with the very core of Jewish religion. The disciples did not understand how, nor did they grasp what “rising from the dead meant.” Still, they placed their future in his hands. †

**A Word from Pope Francis**  
We are called to experience the encounter with Christ so that, enlightened by his light, we might take it and make it shine everywhere. Igniting little lights in people’s hearts; being little lamps of the Gospel that bear a bit of love and hope: this is the mission of a Christian.  
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Sunday Readings  
Genesis 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18

I will bless you and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore.  
**Romans 8:31b–34**  
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?  
**Mark 9:2–10**  
And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white.

God asked Abraham to place his future in God’s hands.



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Do you believe that God has a plan for you?
- Do we trust God’s plan more than our own?

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

Excerpt from *Lenten Customs: A Journey to Conversion* by Rev. Lawrence E. Mick  
The key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: baptism. Preparation for baptism and for renewing baptismal commitment lies at the heart of the season. When the Second Vatican council issued the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy in 1963, the bishops called for the renewal of the season of Lent. Since then, the Church has reemphasized the baptismal character of Lent, especially through the restoration of the catechumenate and its Lenten rituals. Our challenge today is to renew our understanding of this important season of the Church year and to see how we can integrate our personal practices into this renewed perspective. †  
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So that we may witness to the light of God’s love and the sacredness of this life, we pray—Lord, let us be like you.  
The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

February 26—March 2

**Monday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Dn 9:4b–10 / Lk 6:36–38  
**Tuesday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Is 1:10, 16–20 / Mt 23:1–12  
**Wednesday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Jer 18:18–20 / Mt 20:17–28

**Thursday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Jer 17:5–10 / Lk 16:19–31  
**Friday**, Lenten Weekday: Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a / Mt 21:33–43, 45–46  
**Saturday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Mi 7:14–15, 18–20 / Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

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"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."

Parish phone: 509-234-2262 Feb. 25, 2024 website: [stvincentconnell.org](http://stvincentconnell.org)

Fr. Lutakome Deo Nsubuga

Deacon Arturo Biebrich parish phone: 509-222-9223 after 5 pm only

### 2nd Sunday of Lent

Mass Feb. 25, 2024

Lector: Greg Hart

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Mike R. Eloisa M.

#### Greeters & Presentation of Gift

Mike & Jeannie Reimers

#### Altar Servers:

Adrian & Giselle

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

Mass Mar. 3, 2024

Lector: Danny Holt

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Stacy F., Greg H.

#### Greeters & Presentation of Gift

Stacy Ferguson Family

#### Alter Servers:

Isabella & Nadia Holt

### Pope's Prayer Intentions:

For the terminally ill;

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

### 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)

2:00 pm @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)

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

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

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

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

Friday 4:30 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 pm – 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  
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email Jaeniffer Kaiser @ [jaeniffer2002@hotmail.com](mailto:jaeniffer2002@hotmail.com)

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see photos of all the activities that have been happening. If you want to post church happenings on  
Facebook, please email Onna Pollock at [olpollock@yahoo.com](mailto:olpollock@yahoo.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### Altar Flowers

Feb. – Guadalupanas

Mar. – Altar Society

#### CONFESSIONS

No this Wednesday Feb. 28th

@ St. Vincent Parish

Yes this Friday Mar. 1st

@ San Juan Diego @ 4:30 pm

### Confession Schedule

@ St. Pat's –Pasco

Wednesdays

5 pm – 8 pm

@ Sacred Heart- Othello

Wed. @ 5 pm

### Connell Food Bank

### Banco de Comida

### Seniors: Tuesdays

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Edad- Tues. / Martes

Feb. 27

10:00 am – 11:30 am

General Public:

El público en general:

Wed. / Miércoles

Feb. 28

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

### Thank You for Your Generous Contributions

Feb. 4, 2024

10:30 am - \$949.96

12:00 pm – \$857.00

Basin City – \$1744.37

Feb. 11, 2024

10:30 am - \$3918.53

12:00 pm – \$676.25

Basin City – \$884.00

Feb. 18, 2024

10:30 am - \$799.00

12:00 pm – \$903.25

Basin City – \$2846.45

Feb. 25, 2024

10:30 am - \$

12:00 pm – \$

Basin City – \$

### MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Meets this Monday, the 26th

See everyone tomorrow

@ 6:30 pm

High School Rel. Ed

Meets this Wednesday 28th

See everyone on this Wednesday!

@ 5:30 pm

### ANNUAL LENT FISH DINNER

Friday, March 8th

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Everyone is invited.

This community event is sponsored by  
the Knights of Columbus, all proceeds  
go towards community projects.

### DESERT WAY OF THE CROSS

Sunday March 24, 2024

Meet at St. Vincent's back parking lot  
and for bus transportation at 2:00 pm  
Further details on the clipboard sign-up  
sheet at the entrance of the church.

### FR. LUTA'S SCHEDULE FOR the WEEK:

Feb. 25, 2024 – Mar. 3, 2024

Keep Fr. Luta in your prayers

#### Mon. Feb. 26:

Fr. Luta's day of rest

6:30 pm Middle School Program meets

#### Tues Feb. 27:

4:00 pm Confessions @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia

#### Wed. Feb. 28:

7:30 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

No Confessions @ Connell

5:30 pm Hi School Religious Ed. @ Connell

#### Thurs. Feb. 29:

10:00 am Adoration @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Eltopia

#### Fri. Mar. 1:

8:00 am Prison Ministry @ Connell

4:30 pm Confessions @ Basin City

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross @ Connell

#### Sat. Mar. 2:

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

#### Sun. Mar. 3: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

2:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Fridays at 6:00 pm

at St. Vincent Parish

Followed by a light supper, all are  
encouraged to bring some soup (no  
meat) to share with all participating  
parishioners.