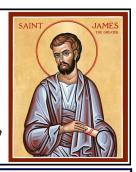
# 2ND SUNDAY LENT YR A 2023 5 MARCH

# ST JAMES PARISH COORPAROO

IS A PARISH OF ACCOMPANIMENT WHERE WE ENCOUNTER AND KNOW CHRIST, DEEPEN OUR FAITH, AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY





March 5, 2023 • 2nd Sunday of Lent • Matthew 17:1-9

# **Space Mountain or Bust**

Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain. He is transfigured before them. His face shines and his clothes are a dazzling white. With Jesus are Elijah and Moses. Peter tells Jesus they should set up three tents. As they come down the mountain, Jesus tells them not to tell anyone about the vision they experienced.

I was always after a mountaintop experience for our family. I can't tell you how many vacations I planned envisioning our whole family arm-in-arm declaring, "How good it is to be here!" It never happened. I remember one vacation in particular that I looked forward to for months.

Four of our five children were teenagers. With seven different schedules we hardly ever saw each other. I longed for a week away together, playing board games and enjoying each others' company. I just knew that

Disney World would be that dream vacation, so we piled into our old blue van and headed for the famed "Space Mountain." Nothing turned out as I had pictured it. The four teens spent a great deal of their time in the "Sunshine State" napping. When we finally got to the Magic Kingdom, my suggestions that we stay together went unheard. The kids took off like marbles dropped on concrete. I felt lucky to snap a picture or two whenever we regrouped.

That was the story of the whole week. The kids would go off in twos or threes to swim or hang out. Even our nine-year-old walked at least six feet behind us. I was pretty miserable. Where was all our together time? Finally, I began to realize that all those weeks I was planning how I wanted to spend our family vacation, but the kids had different ideas. Once I let go of my particular plan, I began to have fun. We even managed to play one or two board games. And we took great pictures. My favorite is of our five children, arm in arm,

all wearing big grins and Mickey Mouse ears. To-day, whenever I look at that picture I realize we can't force a mountaintop experience, but sometimes if we just let go, it may happen.





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

### Sheepish Question:

Where, recently, have I seen or experienced the glory (Godliness) of Jesus? How can that bolster me when times get tough?

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#### Date claimer... Friends of St Augustine National Lay Congress 7-9 July 2023 in Brisbane "Walking Together"

Join us to explore what it means to be a member of the Church of the third millennium **Venue**: Villanova College 24 Sixth Avenue Coorparoo, Brisbane. **Register** your interest or for more information email: <a href="mailto:laycongress2023@gmail.com">laycongress2023@gmail.com</a>

Pope Francis has called on us to "walk the Synodal way" to be a Church of solidarity, fraternity & welcome.

**Fr Joseph Farrell OSA** is an American Friar currently residing in Rome and a member of the General Council of the Order. Fr Joe has made and deep study of Augustinian spirituality and Synodality and we are very happy to have secured him as a keynote speaker. Hosted by Friends of St Augustine.

Participation via Zoom will also be offered.

This Sunday's Readings 2nd Sunday Lent (Year A/1)

First Reading Genesis 12: 1-4 The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

#### Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22 Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death. to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1: 8-10 God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.



Gospel Reading Matthew 17: 1-9 His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus

came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him. Copyright notice Copyright © 1996-2023 Universalis Publishing Limited: see www.universalis.com. Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible are published and copyright © 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton. Longman & Todd, Ltd and Doubleday, a division of Random House, Inc, and used by permission of the publishers. Text of the Psalms: Copyright © 1963, The Grail (England). Used with permission of A.P. Watt Ltd. All rights reserved.

From Ashes to Hope, Lent prayer book 2023 is at the side entrance for \$5 cash donation. You can use the parish tap machine to buy 2. Our Prayer Group for the Lenten Program will use this book -

This Lenten Resource will nourish and nurture your prayer, spirituality, and discipleship each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter - the perfect companion for daily prayer! The daily reflections will only require 5 -10 minutes to read, reflect and pray. This Lenten practice will lead you into a deeper questioning and examination of your daily life as you are invited to move into an encounter with the person of Jesus - in your family life, work life, and the community – as you walk as a 'missionary disciple' on the path to Easter, and beyond.



Social Justice LAUDATO SI Pope Francis'

climate encyclical (a public letter from the Pope developing Catholic teaching in light of current events.) Laudato Si' is addressed to "every living person on this planet". (LS.Para 3) - published in May 2015 – it's translation from Italian phrase means "Praise be to You.". It focuses on care of the natural environment and all people, as well as broader questions of the relationship between God, humans and the Earth. The encyclical's subtitle, "Care of our Common Home, reinforces these key themes. "All of us can co-operate as instruments of God for the care of creation and our fellow man each according to his own culture, experience, involvement and talent". (LS.14)

## **Project Compassion 2023**

Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died.

Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports.

Now, Anatercia can easily access clean drinking water, community members are able

to grow healthy crops all year round, and there is enough nutritious food to eat. Anatercia feels better supported by her community, has more time to study and do her homework, and hopes to fulfil her dream of becoming a nurse.

. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better

tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation

boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/projectcompassion, or call 1800 024 413.

Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased:

Emmanuel Pandy; Peter Korst; Slavi-

ca Ljubas; Cletus Davis; Florencio Gaudinez Jr; Veron Forsyth; Allan Solon; Eusebio Cabonilas.

And these anniversaries: Patricia Svensdotter; Eustaquia Elicano; Luke & Gerard O'Reilly; Elsie & Harry

Frampton; Merle Chapman;.

Please pray for these unwell: Irene Checa; Robbie Haley; Fr Kevin Tu'itti; Kerry See; Robby & Rachel Henry; Miriam Martin; Rosalie Pascual; Mary-Rita Deakin; Aoife Stephenson; Michael Simpson; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.

# Parish news

HOPE

\*Lenten Program—prayer group on Mondays after 8am mass. All welcome.

From Ashes to Hope, \$5 cash donation. You can use the parish donation tap machine (set at \$10 at entrances) to buy 2.

\*Way of the Cross—Wednesdays held in the Church during Lent, after 8am mass. All welcome.



# **Eucharistic Adoration—TUESDAYS:**

St James Church, Coorparoo (8.30am till

Wednesday 8am) Coordinator for St James Adoration: Vicky 0433 583 763. Vicky is reminding us of the need for more adorers but especially between 11 pm Tuesday and 3 am Wednesday. www.perpetualadoration.com.au brisbane.adoration@gmail.com



#### **Lenten Concert Series**

Each Thursday in March at 12noon, in St Stephen's Cathedral. Come explore the 40-day journey of Lent through music - featuring compositions inspired by the key themes and scripture readings of



Lent. A time of inspiration and reflection before the 12:30pm Mass. All welcome, free admission.





and the Archdiocese of Brisbane invite you to celebrate the difference women are making in diverse areas of mission.

Date: Wednesday 8th Mar 2023 Time: 10.00 am - 11.00am (9.45am for a 10.00am start) Venue: Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane

**GUEST SPEAKER** Josephine Cullen

International Women's Day





#EmbraceEquity





4 / 5 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (through Eventbrite); 2nd Sunday Lent (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); No Baptisms.

6 Monday Lenten Prayer group after 8am mass Tuesdays Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass: (8.30am till Wednesday 8am)

- 8 Wednesday Way of the Cross after 8am mass
- 9 Thursday St V de P meeting 6.30pm
- 10 Friday 9am mass
- 10 Friday Brass Cleaning after 9am mass

# Parish news

**Roster for Mass Ministry** has been emailed & in Sacristy. Choir Roster will be added to **Mass Ministry Roster.** 



Regina Caeli Parish Coorparoo Heights invites you to a Lenten Retreat in our beautiful grounds - 3-6 P.M. Saturday 11th March.

There will be two 20 minute presentations drawn from the Archdiocesan Lenten Program and Meditations, using "Ashes to Hope" Lenten book. There'll be time for personal space and journalling. 6 p.m. Mass for the 3rd Week in Lent. Please RSVP 0402 588 296 (Brian) for us to have materials for you. \$5 to buy 'Ashes to Hope' (Archdiocese)



Parishioners who donate directly from their bank account to the parish... Please note a change to the 2nd collection (no change to Priory account).

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 changed from Account #: 100005891 To Account #: 100018086 (see below)



#### Catholic Leader March 2023 (available now \$4)

Pope Francis prayer intention for March. Using Lent to grow God-given talents.

The effect of Francis' papacy has been prodigious, Cardinal says.

Tips on how to minimise stress in your relationship.

Pope visits Africa – "the future is in your hands". Farewell brother George.

Letting faith guide our hope for the future.

A little help is all it takes to stay independent.



Our parish trailer for sale—6'x4' 2011 Galline trailer. Good condition. Current registration valid till 31/3/2023. Roadworthy to be obtained by buyer.

Contact parish 33971671. Asking price \$499.



Planned Giving for the Week of 26 February, 2023							
Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total		
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$947.30	\$230	\$602	\$185	\$1,964.30		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100018086	\$629.50	\$255	\$685	\$185	\$1,754.50		

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Counters

March 4 / 5 Lenore & Brendon March 11 / 12 Paul & Cecilia

Next week 3rd Sunday Lent March 12	VIGIL CATUDDAY CDM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (2nd weekend)	Sylvia + Chris	n/a	YAM
COMMENTATOR	David P	Leslie S	Libby C
LECTOR	Helen D	John D	June S
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Karleen O'R Tisha K	Heather L	Sean H Ray M Cathy M
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe R / helper	Brendon G / John D	/ helper
POWERPOINT	Cecilia D	Gilbert / helper	June / helper
HOSPITALITY	Karen / Edward	Trish R / helper	Cathy M / John W

### Weekly Mass times

WEEKEND: Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm. Sunday 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am.

WEEKDAY: Friday 9am.

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 4.30—5.30pm... by Eventbrite link or call parish office. **HEALING + ANOINTING MASS:** Friday 5th May @ 9am (not Good Friday 7th April).

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 5th May @ 9am (not Good Friday 7th April).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: continues weekly @ 9am mass.

families.stjames@gmail.com Just a reminder that the school playground is out of bounds outside school hours. Children should be under parent supervision and remain in line of sight at all times.

## Next Sunday's Readings

3rd Sunday Lent (Year A/1)

First Reading Exodus 17: 3-7 Give us water to drink.

Second Reading Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel Reading John 4: 5-42 The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings





