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Is Lent A Time For Us To Invent Sins?

During Lent, we reflect on the role of sin in our lives. But we often look too narrowly at what constitutes sin.

In Japan, on New Year's Day, the bells are struck 108 times because in Buddhist teaching there are 108 earthly temptations and each strike of the bell drives out one of them. Buddhists clearly have much more creative imagination than Catholics. Catholic kids generally admit to two sins: disobeying their parents and fighting with their siblings. And many of us adults remain in childhood and limit our consciousness of sin to the private realm. Apart from sex-related matters, "sin" is often conceived as failing to say prayers or go to church. We limit our guilty consciences to individual private matters rather than social or communal ones. But Christianity is always plural. It is a matter of "we and God," not "me and God." Jesus said, "Pray then in this way: Our Father."

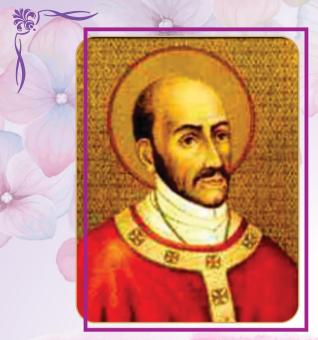
Therefore, I must take into account the entire family, not just the one member I see in the mirror. That means that my examination of conscience must include my personal as well as communal involvement in political, economic and social sin. Do I question myself on my prejudices against people of other religions and of lower castes, whether my political choices are really for the common good, my failure to protect the environment, my response to the climate crisis, how I make my living, whether I give a just wage

to people who work for me, my refusal to follow the guidance of government authorities regarding the pandemic and other such sins that affect or afflict my sisters and brothers, the other children of God?

Besides sins of commission (what I have done) there are sins of omission (what I have failed to do). Especially once we get past the "I disobeyed my parents" phase, they are probably our most common. So, my Lenten reflection must look beyond myself to see if and how my sin affects others and how I benefit from the unjust structures of society. In the context of the horrific consequences of the war against Ukraine, how do I contribute to violence in society by keeping silent when I notice it done to others? If we approach our examination of conscience in this way, we may find that Buddhists are not all that different from us after all. We will not need to invent sins!

Fr. Frazer Mascarenhas SJ (adapted from Fr. Bob Grimm)





Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo (1538-1606)

Feast **23rd MARCH**

Turibius of Mogrovejo dedicated his life to the upliftment of the poor and oppressed peoples of Peru, South America. Born in Spain, Turibius became a brilliant lawyer, Professor of Law at the University of Salamanca and then Chief Judge of the Inquisition at Granada. Because of his strength of character and holiness of spirit, this Layman was suddenly chosen to become Archbishop of Lima in Peru. Mogrovejo was ordained a priest and later consecrated as an Archbishop before setting off for Peru to begin his mission.

The Archbishop was a staunch advocate for Archdiocesan reform. He worked for the renewal of the Diocesan clergy and founded a Seminary where learning indigenous languages was a prerequisite in their formation. He also assembled thirteen Diocesan Synods during his tenure working to implement the Decrees of the Council of Trent and made evangelization a core theme in his episcopal career. He produced a trilingual Catechism in Spanish/Quechuan/Aymara, implementing Trent's call for preaching in indigenous languages.

He was a charismatic preacher. His favorite topic was: "Time is not our own, we must give a strict account of our Time". He began the long and arduous visitation of his immense Archdiocese, on foot and alone, studying the local language, staying two or three days in each place, exposed to tempests and torrents as well as the wild beasts and tropical heat. He also had to deal with fevers, and often with threats from hostile tribes. He countered these, all the while baptizing and catechizing the natives and confirming almost one and a half million people, including Rose of Lima and Martin de Porres.

Though very poor, his people were sensitive, dreading to accept public charity from others. Turibius solved the problem by helping them anonymously. He built roads and schools as well as chapels and hospitals, and established houses for them to live in. In Peru, Turibius found colonialism at its worst. The Spanish conquerors were guilty of every sort of oppression of the native population. He learnt the local dialects and was seen as a champion for the rights and liberties of the common people. He proved to be a Good Shepherd - liberating the native peoples from the oppression of Spanish Colonialism.

It was in Pacasmayo during a pastoral visit that he contracted a fever. He continued labouring to the last and arrived at Zaña in a critical condition. He dragged himself to receive the Viaticum and died soon after on 23 March 1606 (Holy Thursday). His final words were those of Jesus on the Cross: "Lord, into Thy hands I commend my spirit". His remains are interred in the Archdiocesan Cathedral.

Pope Benedict XIII canonized him a Saint. His cult was once confined to South America but is now widespread because of his pioneering reforms. Pope John Paul II proclaimed him Patron Saint for the Latin American Episcopate.

Fr. Aubrey A. Mascarenhas SJ





John the beloved disciple reflected deeply on Jesus. There are 4 parts to his Gospel: The Prologue, The Book of Signs, The Book of Glory and the Epilogue. The Prologue described the relationship as the Word which is always with God and through which God acts in the world. In the narrative Jesus appears as the unique son of the Father. The Son is the only one who can reveal the Father. The Father and Son are united by a common love and the son's obedience to everything the Father requires.

We have the 7 Signs: The turning of water into wine at Cana, the healing of the royal official's son, healing of the paralytic at the pool, the feeding of the 5000, the walking on the water, the healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus from the dead. John attaches many symbolic discourses to his miracles. The miracles are signs. Taken literally they cannot lead a person to faith. But seen as signs pointing to Jesus' identity with God, they may serve as a beginning point for faith.

In Chapter 3, the Pharisee Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night. Jesus tells him "No one can see the Kingdom of God without being born again". Nicodemus is confused. Jesus explains "be born of water and the Spirit". In Chapter 4 Jesus tells the Samaritan woman "Whoever drinks the water I give will never thirst". Jesus means the Spirit. In Chapter 6 the people look for Jesus. They want more bread. Jesus reminds them to work for food that gives eternal life. No one who persists in taking Jesus' words literally can understand the truth, the truth that Jesus reveals viz. that he is the unique Son of God. Jesus' whole life has been moving to his hour of Glory: his return to the Father. In the Last Supper discourses Jesus prepares his disciples for their future life as a community of believers. There is only one ethical command in John's Gospel: "Love one another as I have loved you". Throughout the arrest and crucifixion Jesus is in complete control. When the soldiers ask for Jesus the Nazorean, he identifies himself with the divine "I AM". It is the name of God. The soldiers fall to the ground. Details of the Crucifixion demonstrate that everything is happening according to God's plan. Jesus provides for the faithful by entrusting his Mother to the 'beloved disciple'.

Jn 19:30 "It is finished and bowing his head he handed over the spirit". John understands the crucifixion as the moment of Jesus' life-giving exaltation and return to the Father. How do we understand exclusive statements of Jesus in the Gospel? For example Jn 14:6 "No one comes to the Father except through me". This has created a lot of misunderstanding and division. Vatican Council II states that the people outside the Church can also achieve salvation. Pope John Paul II has said that "all who live a just life will be saved, even if they do not believe in Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church".

This statement of Jesus Jn 14:6 must be seen in the larger context. In Ch 8 of John's gospel Jesus says to the Pharisees "before Abraham came to be, I AM". Jn 8:24 Jesus says "If you do not believe that I AM you will die in your sins". Jn 8: 26 Jesus says "When you lift up the Son of Man then you will realise that I AM". What is this I AM that Jesus is referring to? This I AM is the name of God. The same words Yahweh speaks to Moses "Go tell the Pharaoh that I AM has sent you". What Jesus is really saying is: "No one can come to the Father except through the conscious sense 'I AM'." The I AM is not a person, it is the presence of God. In the understanding of Jesus, the I AM and himself were not different.

The gospel is John's gift to the world. It is a mystical gospel written by a mystic. As Karl Rahner says "The Christian of the future will be a mystic or he will not exist at all". I end with the words of Jesus "Believe me woman, the hour is coming, when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth".

Fr. Baptist Pinto SJ



Pope Francis' Lenten Message



Sow Seeds Of Goodness

Pope Francis based his *Message for Lent 2022* on a passage from St Paul's Letter to the Galatians, "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all"

God's co-workers

Beginning with the image of sowing and reaping, the Holy Father points out that "Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness."

God, he explains, is the first to sow, sowing "abundant seeds of goodness in our human family." During the period of Lent, "we are called to respond to God's gift" by listening to His Word, so that it might "bear fruit in our lives." In this way, we become "God's co-workers," which is a grace of sharing in God's own "bountiful goodness."

Reaping the harvest

This, in turn, leads to a harvest. When we sow seeds of goodness and kindness, "no matter how small," in our own lives, we radiate light and carry "the fragrance of Christ to the world." Recalling the Gospel proverb, "one sows, while another reaps," Pope Francis reminds us that "we see only a small portion of the fruits we sow." The Pope explains that "sowing goodness for the benefit of others frees us from narrow self-interest, infuses us our actions with gratuitousness, and makes us part of the magnificent horizon of God's benevolent plan."

Prayer, fasting, and charitable giving

The Holy Father goes on to connect Paul's words to the Galatians to the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. "Let us not grow tired of praying," he says, realizing that we need God and others. "Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives," embracing fasting in order "to fortify our spirit for the battle against sin," especially through the sacrament of Confession and by fighting against concupiscence. "Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbour," giving joyfully and generously to others, especially those in most need.

Pope Francis says that each year during Lent "we are reminded that 'goodness, together with love, justice, and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day."

Do not grow tired of doing good.

He concludes his message by reminding us that "the soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer, and enriched by charity." He invites us, once again, not to grow tired of doing good, and calls us to "believe firmly that 'if we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time,' and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised, for our salvation and the salvation of others."









Refill Revolution

Today's buzz words...



SHARE SUBSCRIBE



We are all consumed by Social Media; more so, in these pandemic years. Our connections have become more "virtual" than ever before. Be it Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Twitter.. our interactions are just a click away. All we need to do is... Like, Share, Subscribe

Well, the Care for Creation Group has a project in the pipeline and we earnestly request you to *Like, Share* and Subscribe to it.

REFILL Is Our Buzz Word

Here is a preview of the project; it is a work in progress.

We are partnering with Refillable India; our common goal is to reduce single use plastic.

Refillable India is the brainchild of 5 young, enthusiastic individuals who have researched and collaborated on a simple, sustainable strategy of saving our environment by discontinuing the use of plastic. Our mindless, collective dependency on plastic and worse, our careless "disposal" practices, is choking our systems, polluting our land and sea and causing catastrophic damage, disease and death.

Can you and I change the course of our die-hard habits?

The "Refill Revolution" is our answer.









This Group have set up Refillable Mobile Vans, supplying us with everyday essential household products... without the needless plastic packaging. In fact, they have a "Pay by Plastic" scheme. They are more than happy to be gifted all this plastic.

The CCG of St. Peter's, invited Refillable India for a live

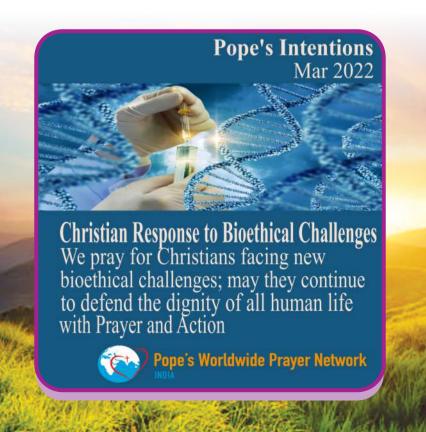
The CCG of St. Peter's, invited Refillable India for a live Demo on Tuesday 15th February and this was well received by all who attended. RI have tied up with a few reputed companies to bring quality, fuss-free products to you at affordable rates in quantities of your choice. Can it get any easier? Just bring your own glass containers. Payment options are equally simple.

Watch out for further updates on the REFILL REVOLUTION.

Do check them out on social media platforms.

Janet D'Souza, CCG Member









1. Lenten Programme: Parish Associations – SVP, Jesus Club, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, BCS – will conduct the Stations of the Cross on the five consecutive Fridays following Ash Wednesday in English after the 7 pm mass. Stations on Thursdays will be in Konkani. The Confraternity will arrange for the Passo on Sundays. The Youth will be asked to conduct the Stations on Good Friday April 15th.

It was decided to focus on a theme for each of the four Lenten weeks following Ash Wednesday. Suggested themes are – i) Ignatian discernment ii) Solidarity with the Poor and Justice issues iii) Care for the Environment iv) Working with and encouraging the Youth.

- **2. Environment Care:** The Archdiocese has chosen St. Peter's Church as the model for Care for Creation for the Deanery, so that it can be replicated by other Parishes. Fr. Luke who is in overall charge of this initiative will host a session with the PPC, Jesuits and other leaders on how to take this movement forward. Our Parish CCG has started a group comprising of people of other Parishes to work out joint programmes for strengthening CCG activities.
- 3. Parish participation in the Synod: Fr. Frazer's session on YouTube, videos from Archdiocese by Bishop Allwyn D'silva and Royston Braganza sent to all family clusters, have explained the background, rationale and objectives of the synodal process. The Church would like to listen to the views and suggestions from everyone, believers and unbelievers, to adapt and adopt practices that will help us in our spiritual journey together. While this will be deliberated by Bishops from all over the world at the Synod at Rome next year, the Church has invited participation from Parishes the world over. Towards this end, our Parish has designed a questionnaire in consultation with the PPC to elicit personal views of parishioners. This questionnaire will be made available through the family clusters to every family member 18 years and above. Copies will be made available in Hindi, Gujarati or Konkani on request. Parishioners are urged to fill in this questionnaire and submit it in a sealed envelope to the Parish office latest by February 27th.



Zonal Communities & Associations: Some members will be completing their extended tenure by June next year. Parishioners, especially youth, interested in joining Core groups of their respective Community or an Association may contact their Community Coordinator / Parish office to enable quick replacement of retiring members.

Fr. Frazer Mascarenhas SJ





Rest in Christ

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Contributions from Grade 6

ST. JOSEPH



St. Joseph is a guardian of our redeemer, patron of the Catholic church. He is the patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people, among others. He is also the patron of a Happy Death. He was the husband of our dear Mother Mary and the foster father of Jesus. He was a worker, a carpenter by trade. St. Joseph was a righteous and a "just man".

He was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He was guiet, yet courageous. To protect Jesus from Herod, Joseph dwelt as a foreigner in Egypt and then returning to his country he led a hidden life in the tiny and obscure village of Nazareth in Galilee. St. Joseph is the epitome of an ordinary person, working behind the scenes. On March 19th, we celebrate the first of two feast days in the Church's calendar that honour St. Joseph, recognizing him as the Guardian of our Redeemer and Patron of the Catholic Church. This date is also International Workers' Day and believed to reflect Joseph as the patron saint of workers.

DWAYNE DSOUZA

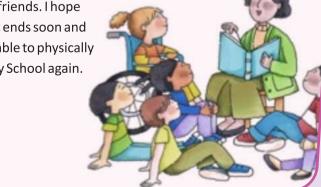
Coming to Sunday school has always been a joyous experience for me.

I love coming to Sunday school and learning more about the Bible. All of the teachers that I have, met online and have been very kind to us. The online lessons have been fun and interactive. Since the lockdown has started, I have been sad that I am unable to physically come to Sunday school and have much more interactive classes than the ones online.

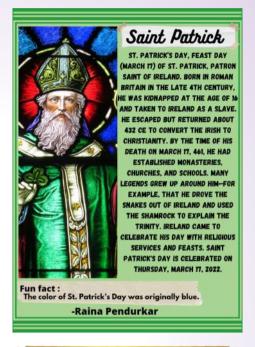
I miss coming to Sunday school and not only learning about the Bible but also being able to interact with my teachers and friends. I hope the pandemic ends soon and

we will all be able to physically attend Sunday School again.

JOHN MARK







HUMAN CURIOSITY

Why do the stars twinkle? How do birds fly? When do the waves run to the shore? I often wonder why.

How do bees make honey? Why does a firefly glow? Why do peacocks have so many colours? I would really like to know.

Why do magnets attract? Why does the earth turn around? Why does everything that is thrown up Fall back onto the ground?

My curious brain has so many questions. I wonder how it thinks! Our universe Insync and harmony, Coexisting and all linked.

RAPHAEL FERREIRA

Why I Love Sunday School!

I like being with my friends and like to learn about Jesus when we are together. I like my teachers and the way they teach. I like to attend mass on Sundays.

In Sunday school, we celebrate feasts together and have lots of fun. We get to do drawing. We learn new prayers at every class. Hike my Sunday school and hope everything gets back to normal and Sunday school is offline again.

ZIDANE W FERNANDES

Studying in the 6th standard catechism class has been a wonderful experience. I have learnt a lot of new things and have really enjoyed it.

I enjoyed learning with Teacher Lynette and Teacher Sandra about Adam and Eve, Noah, Moses, etc. from the Old Testament and The birth of Jesus Christ and lot more about him from the New Testament. I am always going to remember this wonderful experience.

KIARA MASCARENHAS

ST. JOSEPH'S WORD SEARC

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A descendant from, King of Israel	St. Joseph's flower
Foster father of	An angel appeared to Joseph in a
St. Joseph's profession	Patron of the Universal Church & Families
St. Joseph's wife's name	St. Joseph's home town

St. Joseph's was a man

SUZANNE MIRANDA

LENTEN ACTIVITY SHEET FOR CHILDREN :By Heirs of Heaven

Lenten Activity sheet is prepared for the 7 weeks of Lent with the focus to help the children to grow Lenten extrust states to prepared to the "weeks of Lent" with the focats on the pure clinication to grow
in virtues. Each week they will be studying a Word of God along with a small equalitator prayer
which they have to pray daily. Activities are assigned for each week to help them to practice and grow
in a particular virtue during Lent. Each day they will colour a bead once they finish their prayers of
that day. They will finish colouring 7 beads at the end of a week.

Dear Parents, children need our encouragement and this Lent will be a blessed one if we could do this

Everyday spent 5 minutes in silence before Jesus sharing with Him all that happened during the day and then colour the bead for the day.						
1st Week of Lent	Word of God:	Ejaculatory Prayer:	Lenten beads			
We pray for the virtue of Humility. Activity: Obey your parents in whatever they ask of you without answering back or complaining	1 Peter 5:6 – "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time". (pray atleast 3 times a day)	Jesus, make me humble, (Pray at least 10 times a day)				
2 nd Week of Lent	Word of God:	Ejaculatory Prayer:	Lenten beads			
We pray for the virtue of Charity. Activity: Share your toys/ games/other possessions with friends/siblings happily.	Acts 20:35 – "It is more blessed to give than to receive". (pray atleast 3 times a day)	Jesus, help me to be charitable in my words and deeds. (Pray at least 10 times a day)				
3rd Week of Lent	Word of God:	Ejaculatory Prayer:	Lenten beads			
We pray for the virtue of Patience. Activity: Don't be angry with your parents/siblings/classmates. Be patient in everything you do.	Proverbs 14:29- "Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but one who has a hasty temper exalts folly". (Pray atleast 3 times a day)	Jesus, help me to be patient. (Pray at least 10 times a day)				



St. Joseph's feast month

programs on kids, abstain from watching SCHENELLE FERREIRA

4th Week of Lent Word of God: Ejaculatory Prayer: We pray for the virtue of **Diligence.** Proverbs 10:4-Jesus, help me be to be "A slack hand causes diligent in everything I poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes Activity: Don't be lazy and do all things carefully. Be happy (Pray atleast 10 times a rich" to do your studies. (Pray atleast 3 times a 5th Week of Lent Word of God: Eiaculatory Prayer: We pray for the virtue of Enhesians 4:32 Ephesians 4:32"Be kind to one
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forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has
forgiven you" Jesus, help me to be kind Activity: Help your parents/ teachers/siblings/classmate /friends when you find ther in need. Forgive any wrongs they have done to you. (Pray atleast 10 times a day) (Pray atleast 3 times a day) 6th Week of Lent Word of God: Ejaculatory Prayer Proverbs 25:28-"Like a city breached, the virtue of temperance (self control). without walls, is one who lacks self control" (Pray atleast 10 times a favourite food / snacks /chocolates for the love of Jesus and offer it for the (Pray atleast 3 times a 7th Week of Lent Word of God: Ejaculatory Prayer: We pray for the virtue of 1 Corinthians 3:16-Jesus, give me the grace "Do you not know that to grow in holiness and you are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells in you?" chastity. Activity: Always dress in a dignified (Pray atleast 10 times a manner and abstain from watching your favourite (Pray atleast 3 times a ision/internet, Younge

I love Sunday School, where I learn the importance of making God, the most important person in my life. I like to join the online classes in which I am taught about God's love, God's teachings and how Jesus sacrificed Himself for us. The main reason that I like Sunday School is because I learn about the free gift of God's grace which helps us to be good and kind to everybody.

LEON LOUIS



