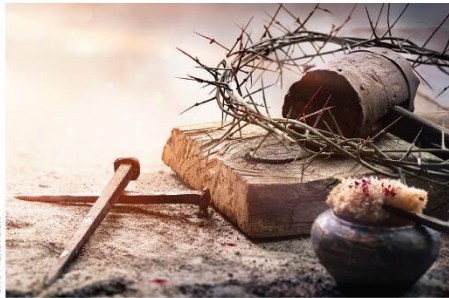


Dear Padre,

In Bible times why did people sacrifice animals, children, and other living beings for their own sins?

The practice of human and animal sacrifice is at least as old as written history, including in our own Scripture. Few stories are more chilling than when God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son, or when Jephthah sacrifices his daughter (Genesis 22; Judges 11). In scriptural theology, one's sins merited punishment and even death, but an animal or other person could be chosen to take one's place. God, in his mercy, instituted this animal sacrificial system as a symbol, foreshadowing Jesus' sacrifice for our sins (Genesis 8:20; Hebrews 10:1-18). In the New Testament, Jesus understood his mission as sacrificing his own life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was at the cost of death. However, to say that Jesus' death was payment for



our sins is not to say that a vengeful God was appeased by the sacrifice of his own innocent Son. Rather, Christ was willing to liberate us when he "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that... by his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

Thus, "it is love 'to the end (John 13:1)' that confers on

Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice that "completes and surpasses all other sacrifices" (CCC 614).

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The Catechism firmly states that human power has limits and that "it is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly." All such use and experimentation "requires a religious respect for the integrity of creation."

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME (LAUDATO SI'), MAY 24, 2015

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
Ezr 1:1-6
Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 22
Weekday
Ezr 9:5-9
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Hg 1:1-8
Lk 9:7-9

Friday

SEPTEMBER 24
Weekday
Hg 2:1-9
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 25
Weekday
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 26
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nm 11:25-29
Jas 5:1-6
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021



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Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of September 18 – September 24

Sat 6:00 pm Julie & David Griffin (Anniv)
Sun 11:00 am †Leonard Sumter
Sun 6:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased
Mon 8:00 am NO MASS
Tue 8:00 am †Darla Skipper
Wed 8:00 am †Diane Fisher
Thr 8:00 am †Jody Kilpatrick
Fri 8:00 am †Mark Jones

Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of September 18 – September 24

Sat 4:00 pm †Deceased Members of the Radich Family
Sun 9:15 am †Eric Salinas
Tue 6:00 pm †Special Intention

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment
1st Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm
at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel
Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 5:30pm-6pm

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