

INFORMATION : TANZANIA: We invite you to join with us in giving thanks for the celebration of Sr Clemencia Joseph Chacha and Sr Felista Gaspari Kimario first Vows which took place in Kilakala-Morogoro, on January 3, 2020. It is always too a reminder to pray for Sacramentine Vocations: the 8th of each month, and to entrust them to the intercession and protection of our Founder: *"Blessed Pierre Vigne, Master of the spiritual life and guide for pilgrims: pray for us and accompany us".*

BOUCIEU LE ROI, "Jerusalem of the Ardèche".

"Those who take the trouble to read ... this work, which looks at similarities between the new Calvary in Boucieu le Roi, and the holy places in Jerusalem, will have no trouble admitting that this is the most suitable place in the Kingdom to erect the Stations of the Cross which represent the Mysteries of Calvary."

Pierre Vigne wrote this book in 1713, to be used with the large number of pilgrims who came to follow "The Great Journey to Calvary", the Way of the Cross with its 39 stations of Christ's Passion and Resurrection. The journey begins in the church, first with Mary (near the tomb of Blessed Pierre Vigne) to ask her to accompany us as we travel the road to Calvary. Next Father Vigne's meditation directs us to the Cenacle, where Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles and disciples; here, before the Blessed Sacrament. At this station we give thanks for Christ's "boundless love" for us, made visible in his Passion, Resurrection and Eucharistic Presence. The Journey continues with its 37 Stations where the "conformities with the Holy Places of Jerusalem" are noted.

Certainly, our Missionary **Bl. Pierre Vigne invites us all to live the Lenten journey** by following in the footsteps of Jesus on his way to Jerusalem, his ascent to Calvary and his Resurrection which lead us to LIFE.

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***On Good Friday 10 April** today's pilgrims will follow the route of the "Great Calvary Journey" starting at 14.30. (To be confirmed)

*** An exhibition of contemporary Sacred Art** under the title "Jerusalem of the Ardèche" will be on view in Maison Pierre Vigne from 04 to 09 April. (also subject to confirmation)



MAILBAG: "I want to thank you for "Reflections" that you regularly send me. I really appreciated the last one on prayer, however they all offer food for thought and I try as much as possible draw inspiration from them for my daily life. I live in Livron where we are lucky to have Holy Mass every Sunday" Denise. Livron FRANCE

A FRUITFUL JOURNEY TO EASTER TO ALL..

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These two months bookmark Lent and Easter which help us deal with the countless experiences and events of everyday life, sometimes happy and sometimes difficult, where the uncertainty of tomorrow is tinged with illness, loneliness and the final departure of those who shared our time and our projects. The Paschal Mystery is a mystery of death and Life....that of Christ, who calls us to experience it with him. It's not bad to keep that before us ...when the media daily reminds us of the "coronavirus" and its ever increasing global threat!

Facing East

"O my Divine

Saviour, the Garden of Olives where you went to pray was located facing East. It is also on that same side, the East, that the High Priest entered the Sanctuary to offer Sacrifice.

"Now when the prince makes a voluntary offering to the LORD, the gate that faces toward the east shall then be opened for him;as he does on the Sabbath day" Ezechiel 46, 12..

The great high Priest of the old Law begins his sacrifice in a similar manner to the Great High Priest of the New Law of grace. It seems to me that I am beginning to discern- what the mystery is about: to teach me that I must do all I can and at all times, through prayer and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, to attain my goal, a life of eternal happiness in heaven, prefigured by the earthly Paradise,

MESSAGE of POPE FRANCIS for LENT 2020

Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus: the *kerygma*.

In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*:

"Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew".
(No. 123).



which was planted in the East and from which we were driven because of the disobedience of Adam, our first Father.

I also see that Sacrifice and Prayer are like the source and the East from which all light flows for soul and body, all that is good and perfect, the complete elevation of my soul towards God in holiness.

By such means, I begin to receive that sublime beauty with which it will one day shine brightly like the Sun in the Heavens. Jesus, my loving Saviour, you went to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane facing East to reveal yourself to us as “The Orient” par excellence, the source and splendour of all grace, which enlightens, vivifies and animates soul and spirit. St John reminds us that it is your grace that gives life and light to everyone who comes into this world. “He is the true light which gives light to everyone entering the world” John 1, 9

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LENT, OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER.

Peter Vigne contemplates Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. His meditation gives us some **pointers for our Lenten** journey which is a time of special commitment to grow in the Christian faith. We are all invited to personal conversion, to renew our Baptismal promises as we accompany Jesus on his journey to Calvary, to die with Him and rise with Him. It is a time of greater “christification” when we let the Grace of Christ transform our hearts and we mirror Him in our lives. Peter Vigne invites us therefore to live our Faith more intensely and to practice what we believe. Lent provides an opportunity to build our life on God and to be bearers of the light of faith in a society that seeks to airbrush God and the Good News of the Gospel from society. Where do we find the strength to do that? Peter Vigne gives us the answer when he says, **“Sacrifice and Prayer are like the source and the East from which all light flows, for soul and for body”**. Jesus Christ Himself is our Orient, our Rising Sun. From Him comes *“all perfection and the elevation of (my) soul towards God”* as well as the call to refresh and renew my Christian life. Lent is then a journey in and through the Paschal Mystery of Christ to the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) and then to the beautiful feast of EASTER! Yes, **“Jesus is the source of all grace which enlightens and gives life to everyone who comes into this world”**.

I wish you a fruitful Lenten Journey with Jesus and a Happy Easter B.R.

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is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer.



2.The urgency of conversion

Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a “face to face” relationship with the crucified and risen Lord “who loved me and gave himself for me” (Gal 2:20), in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. That is why prayer is so important in Lent. Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God's love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God's eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will. May we not let this time of grace pass in vain, in the foolish illusion that we can control the times and means of our conversion to him.

Francis

*He does much who loves much.
He does much who does a thing well.
He does well who serves the common good rather than his own interests..*

- Grant me, O Lord, the grace to know what should be known, to praise what is most pleasing to You, to esteem that which appears most precious to You, and to abhor what is unclean in Your sight.

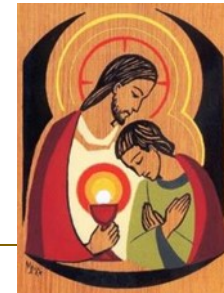
*Do not allow me to judge according to the light of my bodily eyes
Let me distinguish with true judgment between things visible and spiritual,
and always seek above all things Your good will and pleasure.*

*Imitation of Christ
Kempis Ch 15*

4. Putting the paschal mystery at the centre of our lives means feeling

compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth's goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry.

Francis



PRAY
with
PETER VIGNE

O Jesus,
you wished to
teach me by your
words, deeds and

example during your
lifetime and in the events
that followed your
death and Resurrection.
Grant me Lord, the grace to live
as you taught me.
May my heart be always
open and ready to
receive you worthily.
Then fill my mind and soul
with the joy you gave those
who were waiting for you.
Amen.

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