

Adult Faith Formation Lent 2018

In your home and on your time...

Sacred Heart's Lenten Movie Festival

No time to read a book or join a faith sharing group? You can still find spiritual inspiration this Lent! Each week check the bulletin, the website, or your email for the Sacred Heart Lenten Movie Festival selection!

Note: These movie selections are not suitable for children. They are intended for viewing for ages 13 and up.

Week 1: February 14 through February 17

The Confession (2016), this short foreign film from South Korea focuses on the radical call to the heart that is really the core of Christian faith. Best Short Film 2016, International Catholic Film Festival, Director John LaRaw, South Korea, Subtitles, 20 min., Available for free <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dz4GLEcaA-o>



- 1) Were you surprised by the priest's connection to the man's sinful past?
- 2) Try to imagine yourself in a similar situation. What are the thoughts that run through your mind? What do you feel? How do you respond?
- 3) The priest modeled for us what we should do when we are confronted with situations in which we have a choice to respond either in anger or with mercy and compassion. What did you notice about his example?
- 4) Have you faced a situation of this magnitude? How did you respond?

Week 2: February 18 through February 24

Entertaining Angels: The Dorothy Day Story (1996), the fascinating story of Dorothy Day, a young journalist who finds her life's vocation in the harshness of early twentieth century New York, 1 hr. 51 min. Available for rent on Netflix, Amazon video, Vudu, iTunes, GooglePlay, and youtube.com for free and for rent, for purchase on FIOS and on DVD.



- 1) At the beginning of the movie, what are Dorothy's values? What is the "more" that she seeks?
- 2) Do you agree or disagree that the Church is very different from Jesus, as Dorothy suggests?

- 3) How does Peter challenge Dorothy?
- 4) What are some of the hard lessons Dorothy learns throughout her life?

Week 3: February 25 through March 3

The Conflict (also known as Catholics: A Fable) (1973), made for TV film starring famed actor Trevor Howard and a young Martin Sheen, deals with questions of authority and freedom of conscience in the Church, 77 minutes. Available on Retrovisiontv.com and youtube.com for free, also for rent on DVD.Netflix or for purchase on DVD.



- 1) What is essential for faith? For identity as a Catholic?
- 2) Obedience or freedom? Which is more important? Which is preferable? What kind of balance does there need to be?
- 3) How do the ups and downs of the interior spiritual life affect/inform the decisions we make?
- 4) What kinds of sacrifice on behalf of others can be worthwhile? Too costly?

Week 4: March 4 through March 10

Full of Grace (2015) the imagined story of the final earthly days of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as she helps the apostle Peter, who has been preaching and leading the Church for ten years after Jesus's return to his Father. 1 hr. 23 min. Available for rent on Netflix, Amazon Video, iTunes, GooglePlay, Vudu, and Youtube.com. Available for purchase on FIOS and on DVD.



- 1) What type of person is Mary portrayed as?
What one thing stood out for you about her?
- 2) How is Peter portrayed? Did this surprise you? Did you imagine him differently?
- 3) What advice does Mary give Peter?
- 4) How can Mary's example lead you through tough spiritual times?

Week 5: March 11 through March 17

Of Gods and Men (2010), French drama directed by Xavier Beauvois, starring Lambert Wilson and Michael Lonsdale. Eight French Christian monks live in harmony with their Muslim brothers in a monastery perched in the mountains of North Africa in the 1990s. When a crew of foreign workers is massacred by an Islamic fundamentalist group, fear sweeps through the region. The army offers them protection, but the monks refuse. Should they leave or should they stay? 2 hrs. Available Comcast On Demand, for rent on Netflix, Amazon Video, iTunes, GooglePlay, and Youtube.com. For purchase on FIOS and on DVD.



- 1) What is the film's vision of freedom? Do you agree with this?
- 2) What is the relationship between religion and violence?
- 3) What are some of the reasons the monks have for staying? For going? What would you have voted for?
- 4) Where does real power reside?

Week 6: March 18 through March 23

Called and Chosen (2017), this docudrama produced by EWTN recalls the life and heroism of Maryknoll Father Vincent Capodanno, a Staten Island native who was serving as a Navy chaplain when he was killed in Vietnam in 1967. A recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, his cause for canonization was opened in 2002. 90 min. For purchase, DVD.



Alternative: Father Capodanno: Ultimate Missionary of Mercy, 10 min. Available for free, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQ5zGDT6Zz4>.

- 1) What is the main thing that strikes you about Fr. Vincent's story?
- 2) What is heroism? Do heroes always win?
- 3) If a saint is defined as someone who displays heroic virtue, what virtue might Fr. Capodanno be said to have shown?
- 4) What characteristic do you have that you can develop to meet the needs of others more than you do now?