



**“Behold, the Lamb of God, who
takes away our scapegoats”**

Rene Girard's Mimetic Theory tells a story of the history of the human race in light of its meeting God on his terms rather than on ours. The archaic gods and goddesses emerged through the unseen scapegoat mechanism, which saved humanity from unlimited violence through its limited sacrificial violence. Traces of these things hidden from the foundation of the world burst out brightly in the Paschal Mystery. The events of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost have changed us forever. At the same time it entails a challenge to learn to live without scapegoats.

21 February, 2026

SCHEDULE

1000-1030 Arrive

1030-1115 Session 1

Break

1130-1215 Session 2

Lunch

1315-1400 Session 3

1400-1430 Q & A

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**SATURDAY.
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VENUE

English-Speaking United Methodist Church
Sechshauser Strasse 56, 1150 Wien

COST

€20 (or €7 for students)

The cost includes a meal plus coffee and tea throughout the day, as well as helping towards offsetting costs.

All are welcome.

TRANSPORTATION

Take bus 12A or 57A to Stieergasse bus station. Or, take the U-bahn (lines U4 or U6) to the Längenfeldgasse station. Exit toward Storchenteg.

REGISTRATION

Registration is required. Contact us at
office@christchurchvienna.org

Registration closes on
Monday, 16 February

Space is limited

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SPEAKER

Fr Elias Carr Can.Reg. was born in New York City, USA, in 1968 and grew up on Long Island. He earned a BA in history from Binghamton University and an MA in politics from The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. During this time, he discovered his priestly vocation, which led him to seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, and Rome, Italy. He was ordained a priest on May 15, 1999, and served for three years at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Annandale, Virginia, USA.

Fr Elias entered the novitiate of Klosterneuburg Abbey on August 27, 2002. He was one of three canons sent to establish the abbey's branch in Glen Cove, Long Island (USA) in 2011, where he served as Pastor of

Saint Rocco for six years. In 2022, he received his doctorate in theology from the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow. He now serves as the treasurer of Klosterneuburg.

