



Jesus said in reply, "It is written,
'The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve.'"

MATTHEW 4:10

The Gift of Boredom

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Boredom is not a bad thing. It's a good thing. In fact, boredom is a gift. Lost in boredom, we begin to explore new interests and develop unrealized talents. We daydream and begin to form new hopes for our future. For these reasons, periods of boredom are especially good for children and why computers and mobile phones become distinct drawbacks for children and adults alike. It is also in the reverie of boredom that we find ourselves recognizing our limitations, faults, and weaknesses as human beings—the beginning steps to growth and wholeness.

Being bored can be like living in a desert, and that's not a bad thing to do once in a while. Deserts and their absence of anything to distract us become places where we come to know ourselves. It's what took place in Jesus on his journey into the desert. There, he was confronted by his humanity in the temptations he experienced.

There, he came to realize his calling and the beginnings of where it would take him. There, in the desert, he came to know himself.

The season of Lent, then, becomes an opportunity for us to create a desert for ourselves. Putting limits on our television and computer time can create a desert. Snacking between meals can become a mindless distraction; thus, fasting can become another desert. Setting aside time for quiet and prayerful reflection becomes one more such desert experience. A grace of this Lent would then become a fuller and more honest knowledge of ourselves—a kind of resurrection. ●

Reflect

Do you deal with boredom in a healthy way?



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9:30 am - 10:30 am at Cherry Church Hall
Sunday, February 26th - K thru 4th Grades
Sunday, March 5th - 5th thru 8th Grades
CCD email address is holytrinitycherry@gmail.com

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of February 27, 2023

Monday	2/27			† No Mass
Tuesday	2/28	9:00 am	STM	† Peter Fiocchi
Wednesday	3/1	5:30 pm	HT	† Jerry Joiner
Thursday	3/2	9:00 am	HT	† Doris Schwamberger
Friday	3/3	9:00 am	STM	† Liz Olivero
		6:00 pm	HT (Stations of the Cross)	

Mass Intentions for the weekend of March 3-4, 2023

Saturday	3/4	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Julie Taliani
Sunday	3/5	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Kathy Bonucchi
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Laurence Fonderoli
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	† For the Parishioners

THE "THREE PILLARS" OF THE LENTEN SEASON

The First Sunday of Lent serves as a milestone for the 40 days Lenten journey, during which we are encouraged to embrace a self denial and God-oriented spiritual attitude. We should strive to achieve this goal by following what is commonly known as the "Three Pillars" of the Lenten season: 1-Praying; 2-Fasting; and 3-Almsgiving. Practicing these activities will certainly help to deepen our relationship with God. Let's take a closer look at each of them.

The First Pillar - Praying: As Christians, we should have a good, vibrant and prayerful life. It is inconceivable for us not to spend any time in prayer daily, if we really want to be AUTHENTIC FOLLOWERS of Christ.

But our prayer time must also not be one that is merely reciting words in some of the well known prayers, such as the Our Father; the Hail Holy Queen; the Memorare; reciting the holy rosary; etc.....Certainly, saying these prayers daily is a good habit and commendable practice. However, if we don't pay full attention to the wording of the prayers, we may run into the danger of outward repetition without proper inward disposition! For instance, if you like to say the Hail Mary daily, may I recommend that instead of just mindlessly repeating the too well known words, you can reflect on the meaning of the wording, such as, where did these words come from? and, who said these words first? or why is Mary called "full of grace"? and so on. Doing these things may take some time. But if we really care about something, we should take the time to do it properly, and our prayers, as our personal communication with God, should be taken very seriously.

However, if you, like many others, think you are too busy to pray, then just say to God in your heart, "Oh Lord, I love you", or "Lord, thank you for another new and beautiful day", or "Oh God, I'm thinking of you." It only takes a few seconds to do it.

Next Sunday, "The 2nd Pillar".

Sausage Making Saturday, March 4th

Plain, Garlic, & Double Garlic

5 lb Bulk or Cased - \$20.00

Order forms in back of all churches or call

Ann Hunter 815-638-2691 or Lauren Koch 815-638-2224

Much help is needed on Sat March 4 at St Patrick's Bishop Franz Hall preparing sausage for sale, starting about 8:00 or anytime thereafter. Variety of jobs for parishioners, friends, and family.

Breakfast menu: pancakes, Nuco's homemade sausage, eggs, toast, & beverage



Pancake Breakfast

St Patrick's ~ Arlington

Sunday, March 12th

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

\$10 adults

\$5 children 6 yrs-10yrs

Children under 5 Free

LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND FEB 19TH

HT- \$1,101.00

SP- \$322.00

STM- \$931.00



CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS

WILL BE SAT. MAR 4TH

10:30 - 11:15 AM AT

ST PATRICK

IN THE CHAPEL

Dear Padre,

In the Scripture passages about Jesus in the desert, it says he was alone. How do we know about things that happened to Jesus when he was alone?

In today's Gospel, we hear one passage about the temptation of Jesus in the desert. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all refer to this incident, but none indicates that anyone was with Jesus.

There were witnesses to many incidents in the life of Jesus. But sometimes the disciples of Jesus depended on his instruction. The first Christians heard about Jesus' instruction and life from the apostles. This preaching of the apostles occurred before Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John wrote anything down.

Over time, the evangelists gathered this preaching together and put it in written form. Gradually these writings became accepted as the gospel, inspired by the Holy Spirit. The apostles were witnesses to what Jesus said and did, so Jesus did tell them things that others did not hear about until later.

Whatever Jesus experiences, he redeems. That means that while temptations are part of our life, they do not have to lead us away from God. Jesus shows us the way to meet them and overcome them. ●

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 27	February 28	March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>St. Katharine</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Second Sunday</i>
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18	Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15	Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12	<i>Drexel, Virgin</i> Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26	Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48	<i>of Lent</i> Gn 12:1-4 2 Tim 1:8-10 Mt 17:1-9



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

May this time of Lent also be a time of the desert for us. Let us take time for silence and prayer— just a little, it will do us good—in these spaces let us stop and look at what is stirring in our hearts....placing ourselves before the Word of God in prayer.

ANGELUS, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MARCH 6, 2022