



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

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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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Mass Intentions

Sat. Feb. 25 Vigil
7:00 p.m. †Ramona Harris - JW
Sun. Feb. 26 Mass/1st Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Graces for Kraft and
Littleton Families - LVP
Tues Feb. 28 Mass
5:30 p.m. †Lewis Frenzl
Wed Mar 1 Mass
6:00 p.m. †Darlene Kraich - Altar &
Rosary Society
Sat. Mar. 4 Vigil
7:00 p.m. †Michael Lopez - LCL
Sun Mar. 5 Mass/2nd Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. †Mary Rose Pieper - LVP

In need of prayer support, call

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Rosemary Dreher, Kane Schrock, Blaire,
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Mary Ann Kreutzer, Barbara Wolf, Bobby
Dreher, Anayeli Arteaga, Leo Basler, Alvina
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Bridget Glosson, Carol Benjamin, Ed Basler,
Tracy, Don Mollendor, Matt Strand, Ken
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For the Soul: Lewis Frenzl

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph
Every Tuesday from 5:00 a.m. till 9:00 a.m.
you are invited to spend time with our Lord
in Adoration.

The 10 Principal Virtues of Mary

St. Louis de Montfort said the devotion to Mary "leads the soul to avoid sin and to imitate these virtues of the Blessed Virgin.

Profound humility. Our Lady was the most exalted of all creatures, yet also the most humble. Mary attributed everything good to God and saw her life's purpose as glorifying the Almighty.

Lively faith. Our Lady believed everything God revealed and in all His promises, without faltering.

Blind obedience. Our Lady was perfectly obedient to God, as exemplified by her *fiat* at the Annunciation.

Continual prayer. Mary never stopped praying. Whether she was baking bread, preparing dinner, cleaning her house, or visiting a neighbor, all was done in union with God.

Universal mortification. *Mortification* is the denial of one's own will. Our Lady's will is united with God's will.

Divine purity. To be pure of heart means that everything in your heart is of God and in accordance with His will.

Ardent charity. Mary's heart was the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

Heroic patience. Our Lady had difficulties in her life and the death of her Son was a trial she bore willingly-and *heroically*.

Angelic sweetness. She radiated kindness, generosity, peace to everyone-even the most difficult individuals.

Divine wisdom. Mary's contemplation of divine things caused her to see everything through the lens of the divine. Everything to her gained its proper perspective when viewed as part of God's plan.

Lay Minister Schedule

Sierra Mireles

March 5, 2023

Greeters/Gifts: Youth

Pianist: Julie Green

Cantor: Youth

Lector: Youth

Altar Servers: Youth

Head Usher: Chris Packer

Euch Ministers: Jim Kuemmerig, David Poss

March 5

Brian & Mary Etl

"Saint Joseph's corner"

"Saint Joseph, you raised Jesus with tenderness. Help me to follow your example that I may be gentle in my dealings with others. Amen."



Anointing of the Sick

February 25/26 after each Mass

Learning Church History

Tuesday, Feb. 28 in the Rectory at 6:30 p.m.

1st Sunday Adoration / March 5th

7:40 a.m. - Exposition

Individual prayers / Adoration

7:55 a.m. - Benediction

8:00 a.m. - Mass

LENT 2023 - Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:00 p.m. - Mass

6:30 p.m. - Lenten Soup

Dates: March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th

Lenten Penance Services at 6:00 p.m.

March 21, Tuesday / St. Joseph, Akron

March 23, Thursday / St. Mary, Brush

Email: office@stjosephsakron.org

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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 of Lent</i>
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:31-46	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	St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26	Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48	Gn 12:1-4 2 Tim 1:8-10 Mt 17:1-9



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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.

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