



Learning How to Die

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It has been pointed out that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well, that is, to go where we would rather not go, to love when we know it will cost, to offer ourselves even when we know we will be used. If we die a bit every day, sometimes with struggle and sacrifice in those situations that may call for such, then at our final moment we will be able to stand before that specter face to face and not run, simply because we have met before and have been able to walk away the victor.

Dying well does not mean we do so without fear. Courage blossoms when we stand in a field of fear. Even the Lord Jesus “offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears” to God, as the Letter to the Hebrews notes. Dying well does not mean we do so cleanly. Dying is often messy, and it is always an uprooting that disrupts and scatters everything nearby.

Nor does dying well mean we do so in control of the event. That is what is so devastating about death. It has complete and total control. At its best and at its worst the only way to die well is to say “yes” to it every time it demands our submission. And like the eye of stillness at the center of the hurricane, it is at the heart of death where we embrace resurrection and where the holy offers life. It is where we can have a deep encounter with the Lord Jesus. ●

Reflect

*Can you accept the little deaths
along the way as preparation
for the final passing from this life?*

*Unless a grain of wheat falls to
the ground and dies, it remains
just a grain of wheat; but if it
dies, it produces much fruit.*

JOHN 12:24



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Mass Intentions

Sat. Mar. 16 Vigil
7:00 p.m. Littleton, Wolfe, & Nieburn
Families-living/deceased-ELL
Sun Mar. 17 Mass/5th Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. †Christine Lopez - CS

Tues Mar. 19 Mass/St. Joseph
6:00 p.m. Parishioners (living/deceased)
Wed Mar. 20 Mass
6:00 p.m. Parishioners (living/deceased)

Sat. Mar. 23 Vigil
7:00 p.m. Richter & Kraft Families
-living & deceased - ELL

Sun Mar. 24 Mass/Palm Sunday
8:00 a.m. Graces/Rebecca McFadden
-WKM

In need of prayer support, call
Linda Littleton: 970-630-3267
Kim Krause: 970-554-1459
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Please Pray For Our Sick:
Kane Schrock, Geneva Aguilar, Mary Ann
Kreutzer, Barbara Wolf, Bobby Dreher, Terry
Hart, Pauline Frenzl, Dan Killip, Ray
Hottinger, Deacon Taylor Elder, Bridget
Glosson, Ken Kuntz, Randy Kraich, Carol
Benjamin, Don Mollendor, Von Axtell, Art
Aaron, Maria Foy, Beverly Gebauer, Tricia
Dreher, Tracy Basler, Bibiana Camacho,
Robert McMillion

For the Soul: Marcella Hottinger

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph
Spend time with our Lord....
Every Tuesday from 5:00 a.m. till 9:00 a.m.

The Divine Mercy Choir / March 25th
St. Helena - Ft. Morgan at 7 PM
(See Flyer in the vestibule)

Lenten Penance Services at 6:00 p.m.
March 21, Thursday / St. Mary, Brush

March 19th - Feast Day of St. Joseph
6:00 p.m. - Mass
After Mass - Refreshments / Dinner
Main course prepared by Pilar.
Parishioners are asked to bring a desert dish.

LENT 2024 - Wednesdays
5:00 p.m. - Confessions
5:30 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6:00 p.m. - Mass
6:30 p.m. - Lenten Soup Supper
March 20th - Jenny W. & Heather W.

Holy Week 2024
Holy Thursday, March 28
6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph's
6:00 p.m. - St. Mary's
Good Friday, March 29
St. Joseph's
1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
from the cemetery
3:00 p.m. Liturgy
St. Mary's
6:00 p.m. Liturgy
St. John's
6:00 p.m. Liturgy
Holy Saturday, March 30
8:00 p.m. - St. Joseph's
8:00 p.m. - St. Mary's
Easter, March 31
8:00 a.m. - St. Joseph's
10:00 a.m. - St. Mary's
12:00 p.m. - St. John's

Lay Minister Schedule
Sierra Mireles

March 24, 2024 / Palm Sunday
Greeters/Gifts: Layne & Sam Crumley
Pianist: Volunteer
Cantor: Volunteer
Lector: Jordan Willeke
Altar Servers: C & G McFadden, E Gardner
Head Usher: Tracy Samber
Euch Ministers: Monte & Peggy Willeke

March 28, 2024 / Holy Thursday
Greeters/Gifts: Volunteer
Pianist: Volunteer
Cantor: Volunteer
Lector: Mark Hart
Altar Servers: Volunteers
Head Usher: Volunteer
Euch Ministers: C Schrock, L Littleton

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March 24 - Youth Group-Fundraiser
Dave Poss

Saint Joseph's corner: "Dear St. Joseph,
help me to be obedient to God's will
especially when my plans fail. Amen"

April 6th - Northeast Colorado Annual
United for Life Walk: 1-3 p.m.
Fort Morgan Fieldhouse, auxiliary gym
Join us to show support of the Sanctity of
every human life God. Free family event to
promote life from conception to natural death!

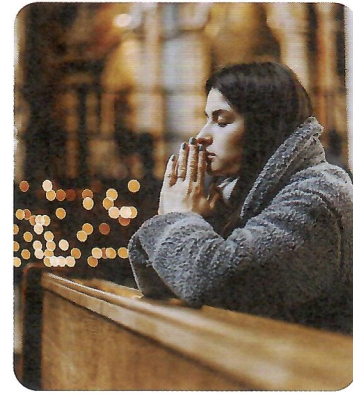
Dear Padre,

What is the difference between temptation and sin?

The temptations of Jesus, as they are recorded in the Gospels (Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1, and Matthew 4:1), give us the proper direction with regard to sin and temptation. Jesus was tempted three times, but he did not sin. More than that, Jesus put his trust in God during the temptations. Jesus' message is clear: if you feel tempted, call out to God!

The Church teaches that sin is a deliberative process. Temptation is something that happens to you without your consent: a thought or desire pops into your mind. For temptation to become a sin, you have to entertain that thought or desire, or plan to act on it, or do it. That's when temptation "turns a corner" and becomes sin.

Although the sacrament of penance is available throughout the year, the Church places a special emphasis on it during Lent. There may be a communal penance service in your area. Perhaps you can commit now to participating in the service. If it's been a while since you've been to confession or you're not sure what to do or say, just tell the priest. He will show you. ●



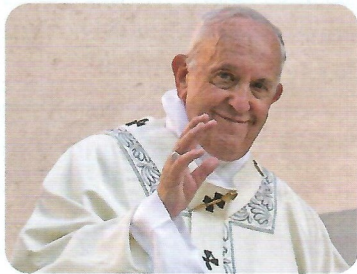
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23	March 24
Lenten Weekday	St. Joseph,	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Palm Sunday of
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62	Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95	Gn 17:3-9	Jer 20:10-13	Ez 37:21-28	the Passion of the Lord
Jn 8:1-11	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16	Jn 8:31-42	Jn 8:51-59	Jn 10:31-42	Jn 11:45-56	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16
	Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22					Is 50:4-7
	Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or					Phil 2:6-11
	Lk 2:41-51a					Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are called to take on the paschal law of losing life in order to receive it renewed and eternal. And what does losing life mean?... It means to think less about oneself, about personal interests and to know how to "see" and to meet the needs of our neighbors, especially the least of them.

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