

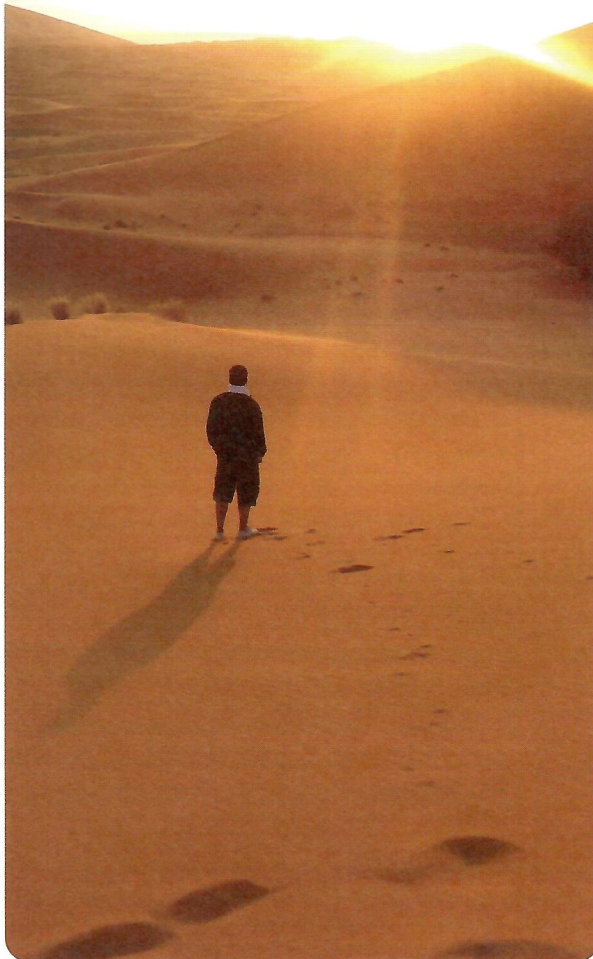


## Living in Fantasy

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Filled with the Holy Spirit,  
Jesus returned from the Jordan  
and was led by the Spirit into the desert  
for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

LUKE 4:1-2A



**I** *f I Were a Horse* by Elizabeth Bridgman is a children's story about Jenny, who daydreams about being a horse and then accepts her true reality, as she realizes no one will recognize her as a horse. In the end, she finds that she likes herself as she truly is.

The story may also be a metaphor for our human fantasy about sin, by which we try to redefine the world on our own terms, only to realize that life does not go so well when we do this. It is our stealing by which we pretend that something belongs to us rather than to another. It is our lying that attempts to redefine truth in terms of what we want life to be, rather than in what life really is. It is our addictions that redefine the source of meaning and life not as God, but as ourselves and our wants. Lent brings us face to face with who we are—which is not a horse (real or otherwise), but, by God's design, is a daughter or son of God.

The temptations Jesus experienced in the desert were temptations to define life on his own terms, just as we are often tempted to do. Yet, Jesus was the one who got it right. For him, stones were stones, not bread. Power and glory were God's, not his. He would not put God to the test, thinking he could manipulate God and get God to do what Jesus wanted. Jesus was the faithful one. ●

### Reflect

***What about my life do I struggle to accept?***

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**Mass Intentions**

**Sat. Mar. 8 Vigil**  
7:00 p.m. †...  
**Sun. Mar. 9 Mass/1st Sunday of Lent**  
8:00 a.m. †Adolph & Anna Theurer  
Family (deceased) - FBE  
**Tues Mar 11 Mass**  
5:30 p.m. ...  
**Wed Mar. 12 Mass**  
6:00 p.m. †Lilian Halligan - DKH  
  
**Sat. Mar. 15 Vigil**  
7:00 p.m. †...  
**Sun. Mar. 16 Mass/2nd Sunday of Lent**  
8:00 a.m. †Patrick Aaron O'Neil  
- Altar & Rosary

**In need of prayer support, call**  
**Linda Littleton:** 970-630-3267  
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**Please Pray For Our Sick:**  
Kane Schrock, Mary Ann Kreutzer, Barbara  
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Randy Kraich, Carol Benjamin, Don  
Mollendor, Maria Foy, Beverly Gebauer,  
Tricia Dreher, Bibiana Camacho, Robert  
McMillion, MaryAnne Middlebrook, John  
Stair, Ken Richards

**For the Soul:** Patrick O'Neil

**Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph**  
**Tuesdays / 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**  
*Spend time with our Lord....*

**Catholic Adult Enrichment Classes**  
**Thursdays at 7:00 pm in Coyne Hall**



**Daylight Savings Time**  
**Sunday, March 9th**  
 set your clock forward one hour

**March 9 / Black & Indian Missions**  
 A percentage of the collection will go to this fund. Also, checks may be made out to the parish, with a note in the memo line.

**St. Joseph's corner:**  
 "Saint Joseph, life is difficult. Help me to model your deep faith in God that I may readily obey His will. Amen"

**LENT 2025 - 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  
 Dates: March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16

**Lenten Penance Services at 6:00 p.m.**  
**April 3 / Thursday / St. Anthony, Sterling**  
**April 8 / Tuesday / St. Joseph, Akron**  
**April 10 / Thursday / St. Mary, Brush**



Icon to recognize the beginning of a 9-year novena, started by Archbishop last year and which will conclude in 2033, marking two thousand years since the Crucifixion. You are invited to join him, uniting your prayers to his in this novena. *(available at the entrance)*  
 Pastoral note, "Standing with Mary at the Foot of the Cross" accompanied the icon. For more visit: [archden.org/](http://archden.org/)

**Lay Minister Schedule**  
**March 16, 2025**  
**Natalie Gross 620-952-9208**

**Greeters/Gifts:** Terry & Rita Hart  
**Pianist:** Julie Green  
**Cantor:** M Hottinger, S Samber, E Friedly  
**Lector:** Monte Willeke  
**Altar Srvrs:** L Willeke, E Hart, K Hernandez  
**Head Usher:** Matthew Pieper  
**Euch Ministers:** C Schrock, L Littleton

**Saturday, April 5 / Lenten Retreat**  
**8:15 am - 5:00 pm / Jessica Navin,**  
*"There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love."*  
 St. Helena's Catholic Church, Ft. Morgan, CO  
**\$20 per person / REGISTER ONLINE by March 28th at @<https://www.stmarybrush.org/lenten-retreat.html>**  
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# Dear Padre,

***Who decided that fish isn't meat? I really dislike fish; also, it bugs me when my friends eat lobster for dinner on Fridays in the name of "sacrifice."***

Latin is the official language of the Catholic Church. Canon law, as written in Latin, states that we must abstain from *carne* (meat), a word that refers to warm-blooded animals that walk on the ground. By that definition, fish is allowed.

You make an excellent point about the lobster dinners and the nature of sacrifice. In the document "Questions and Answers About Lent and Lenten Practices," the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states, "While fish, lobster, and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer."

As we enter Lent, we must remember that our acts of penance should be more than thinking about just giving something up, like meat. Our fasting isn't just an external discipline—sacrifice for the sake of checking a box. It's supposed to be a sacrifice that leads us closer to God. When we take that deeper step ourselves, then we can invite our friends to go deeper, too. ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***Jesus opposes the attractions of evil...by responding to temptations with the word of God, which says not to take advantage...to obtain privileges. Because true happiness and true freedom are not found in possessing, but in sharing; not in taking advantage of others, but in loving them; not in the obsession of power, but in the joy of service.***



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### Monday

March 10  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18  
Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday

March 11  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Is 55:10-11  
Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday

March 12  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jon 3:1-10  
Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday

March 13  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Est C:12, 14-16,  
23-25  
Mt 7:7-12

### Friday

March 14  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 18:21-28  
Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday

March 15  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dt 26:16-19  
Mt 5:43-48

### Sunday

March 16  
*Second Sunday of Lent*  
Gn 15:5-12,  
17-18  
Phil 3:17-4:1 or  
3:20-4:1  
Lk 9:28b-36

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