



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?

**St. Mary's & St. John's
Brush CO & Stoneham CO**

Pastor: Rev. Marek Ciesla, S. Chr.
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Maurice Okeke

Masses:

Brush: Sat. - 5:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM
Thurs. - 5:30 PM, Fri. - 8:00 AM
Stoneham: Sun. - 12:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Brush: Sat. - 3:00 PM
1/2 hr. before weekday Masses
or by appointment
Stoneham: Sun. - 1:00 PM

Adoration & Benediction: 1st Friday of the
month immediately after Mass (till 9:00 a.m.)

Anointing of the Sick: - call the Office

Office: Thursday & Friday
Leave a message **970-842-2216**

Website: www.stmarybrush.org

Sign up for Flocknote

www.flocknote.com/stmarybrush

or text **Brush** to **84576**

Facebook: www.facebook.com/STMBrush

Donate Online: Visit www.stmarybrush.org
Click "Donate" and select your church.
Thank you for your ongoing support!

Visit Formed.org & watch for free!
Sign Up & Select "I belong to a Parish"
Enter 80723 / select St. Mary's
Enter your e-mail - and you are in!

Mass Intentions

Sat. Feb. 25 Vigil
5:00 p.m. †Beba Romero
Sun Feb. 26 Mass/1st Sunday of Lent
10:00 a.m. †Lloyd Blackwelder
12:00 p.m. †George Esser - BTP

Thur Mar 2 Mass
5:30 p.m. †Glen Springer - JW

Fri. Mar. 3 Mass
8:00 a.m. †Helen McDaniel

Sat. Mar. 4 Vigil
5:00 p.m. †Angelina Springer

Sun. Mar. 5 Mass/2nd Sunday of Lent
10:00 a.m. †Mary Ellen Uhrig - GS
12:00 p.m. †Graces for our Priests

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Joseph Wilson, Tom Flores, Rosa Maria Santos, Gia Marquez, Jan Yokum, Jennie Meja, Kane Schrock, Deja Aldama, Bernice Padilla, Rosemary Garcia, Ben Mettlen, Arabella Macias, Sean Gleason, Brianna Hill, Gina Mortenson, Marj Blatt, Margaret Mann, Paula Meier, Sheryl Garvik, Izaac Morales, Kayla Albrant, Stan Prather, Christy Chapman, Ron Uhrig, Anthony Steven Villarreal, Shelby Wolever-Milleson, Caiden Lee, Frank Laso, Fritz Ramirez, Rodney Hergenreter, Marj Chapman, Stella, Amanda Weisensee, Norma Wolfe, Sandra Mantey, Fr. Blach, Daniel Hoffman, Alvin Vigil, Jessica Penner, Irene Ramirez, Robert Guzman Sr., Shorty Stieb, Jerri Blackwelder

For the Soul: Angelina Springer, Nieves Ortiz, Helen McDaniel

Thank You!

Altar Servers for your service to St. Mary's. It is very appreciated.

May you and your parents be blessed!

New altar servers: Logan Jarrell, Ava Goff, Talon Hodgson, and Emmalyn Potts.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Mary's: Every Weekend of Lent

Saturday

4:30 p.m. - Exposition / Individual prayers / Adoration

4:50 p.m. - Benediction

Sunday

9:30 p.m. - Exposition / Individual prayers / Adoration

9:50 p.m. - Benediction

St. John's: Second Sunday of each month

11:30 a.m. - Exposition / Individual prayers / Adoration

11:57 a.m. - Benediction

Please mark your calendar!
March 5th after Mass

This meeting is for students receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion this year.

Students and parents are to meet with Fr. Marek and RE Director, Erica Pena, in the Parish Hall.



Anointing of the Sick
February 25/26 after each Mass

Adult Catechism Study
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. - RE Building

Youth Group (7th-12th grade)
Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m. - Church basement

Divine Mercy Prayer Group of St. Mary's
Friday, March 10, after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Dynamic Catholic
Sign-up for Your Best Lent Ever!
<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever>

LENT 2023
Fridays of Lent at St. Mary:
A Day of Abstinence
5:30 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6:00 p.m. - Lenten video
after video - Knights dinner
Dates: March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
March 3rd menu: Breakfast Dinner

Lenten Penance Services at 6:00 p.m.
March 21, Tuesday / St. Joseph, Akron
March 23, Thursday / St. Mary, Brush

Please Note!
If you donate online by credit card, please update online information if your recently updated your credit card. **Thank you**



Food Drive - Help feed families

Consider canned goods & items for the Brush Food pantry. Monetary donations also welcome.

FEED THE HUNGRY

Drop off at St. Mary's
Thank you for your support!

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. ●

[The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org](http://TheRedemptorists/DearPadre.org)



CHRIST IN THE WILDERNESSES BY IVAN KRANSKOY, 1872

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

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	Is 55:10-11	Jon 3:1-10	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25	<i>Drexel, Virgin</i>	Dt 26:16-19	Gn 12:1-4
Mt 25:31-46	Mt 6:7-15	Lk 11:29-32	Mt 7:7-12	Mt 5:20-26	Mt 5:43-48	2 Tim 1:8-10 Mt 17:1-9



POSTCREATIVE / SHUTTERSTOCK

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



© 2023 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 65057-9999. Printed in USA. *Imprimatur*: "In accordance with CIC 827, permission to publish was granted on April 28, 2022, by the Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of St. Louis. Permission to publish is an indication that nothing contrary to Church teaching is contained in this work. It does not imply any endorsement of the opinions expressed in the publication; nor is any liability assumed by this permission." No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from the *New American Bible*, revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved. To download our latest catalog, visit Liguori.org or call 800-325-9521.