



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



**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**

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Mass Intentions

Sat. Mar. 16 Vigil

5:00 p.m. Graces for Logan Jarrell - PD

Sun Mar. 17 Mass/5th Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. †Mary Ellen Uhrig - GS

12:00 p.m. †Jan Willich

Thurs Mar 21 Mass

5:30 p.m. Graces for Neil Wahlert - KE

Fri. Mar. 22 Mass

8:00 a.m. †Jim Ball - HB

Sat. Mar. 23 Vigil

5:00 p.m. †Robert Guzman Sr.

Sun Mar. 24 Mass/Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. †Miguel Lopez - ML

†Maria Guadalupe Pulido - EP

12:00 p.m. †Judith Esser - TP

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Joseph Wilson, Rosa Maria Santos, Gia Marquez, Jan Yokum, Kane Schrock, Deja Adam, Bernice Padilla, Rosemary Garcia, Sean Gleason, Marj Blatt, Ben Mettlen, Arabella Macias, Brianna Hill, Gina Mortenson, Margaret Mann, Paula & Delbert Meier, Sheryl Garvik, Izaac Morales, Kayla Albrant, Stan Prather, Ron Uhrig, Christy Chapman, Anthony Steven Villarreal, Shelby Daughenbaugh, Caiden Lee, Frank Laso, Fritz & Irene Ramirez, Norma Wolfe, Rodney Hergenreter, Stella, Amanda Weisensee, Daniel Hoffman, Alvin Vigil, Jessica Penner, Eloy Padilla, Nadine Odell, Jennifer Romero, Pennie Haller, Armando Saucedo, Jeffery Pieper, Carmona Family, Leo Millburg, Neil Wahlert, Chuck Blackwelder, Tina Trujillo

For the Soul: Tom Flores, Judith Esser, Sherri Picciano

The Divine Mercy Choir / March 25th
St. Helena - Ft. Morgan at 7 PM
(See flyer on the bulletin board)

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

LENT 2024

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 / Parish Hall

Mar. 22 - Chef's Choice

Wednesdays of Lent at St. John's:

6:00 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Lenten Soup to follow / March 20th & 27th

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

**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.

**Rachel's Vineyard Colorado
Hope and Healing After Abortion
Catholic Healing Retreat, April 5-7**

Are you or someone you know suffering
from the painful decision of an abortion?
You are not alone. There is hope and healing
after abortion. Please call to learn more
about our confidential Rachel's Vineyard
Colorado Catholic Retreat in Evergreen, CO.
For more information: Visit rvrcolorado.org
Call Lori (303) 904-7414 (no texts please)
Email lfrank.rvr@gmail.com

Divine Mercy Novena Schedule

March 29- after Good Friday Liturgy

March 30- Holy Saturday - Privately

March 31- Easter Sunday - before Mass

April 1- Monday - Privately

April 2- Tuesday - Privately

April 3- Wednesday - Privately

April 4- Thursday - After 5:30 p.m. Mass

April 5- Friday - After 8:00 a.m. Mass

April 6- Saturday - before Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7th

Pray Chaplet during Adoration before Mass.



**FEED THE
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Food Drive - Help feed families

Consider canned goods & items for
the Brush Food pantry.

Monetary donations welcomed.

Drop off at St. Mary's

Thank you for your support!

• Email: pastor@stmarybrush.org • Office hours: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM (Thursday & Friday, Brush)

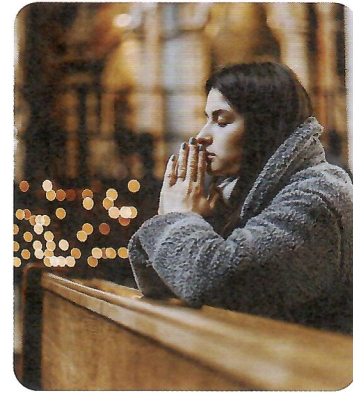
Dear Padre,

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. ●



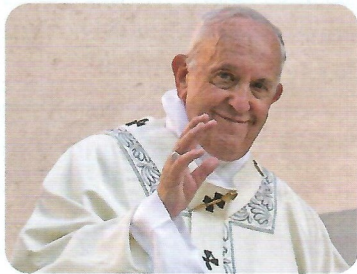
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23	March 24
Lenten Weekday	St. Joseph,	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Palm Sunday of
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 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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