



Living in Fantasy

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

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?



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



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St. Theresa's Gift Shop: 292-0416 **Shop Hours:** Tuesday's & Saturday's from 10:00am—2:00pm

Confessions: By appointment only, at this time

Baptisms: By appointment – 5 weeks in advance

Weddings: By appointment – 1 year in advance. Pre-Marriage Course is required for all weddings here or overseas

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DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS
Sat. Mar. 8th	6:30pm	+ Jeffrey Mark Medeiros
Sun. Mar. 9th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Aleyna DeSilva, Birthday wishes
	10:00am	+ Please see list on the right, above
	11:30am	
	6:00pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon. Mar. 10th	7:30am	
Tues. Mar. 11th	7:30am	
Wed. Mar. 12th	7:30am 12:10pm	Mary Lou DeSilva, Birthday wishes
Thurs. Mar. 13th	7:30am 12:10pm	In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima
Fri. Mar. 14th	7:30am 12:10pm	+ Stuart Wilson Sr.
Sat. Mar. 15th	6:30pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family
Sun. Mar. 16th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Carrie DeSilva
	10:00am	+ Joe & Theresa DoCouto
	11:30am	+ Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Arminda Garrafa & Victor Moniz
	6:00pm	+ Marshall A. Yokell & Special Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Garrafa

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : March 15th & 16th, 2025

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	C. Powell	C. Scarth	V. Turner	E. Mosley
Communion Ministers:	T. Fletcher C. Carreiro D. DeSilva J. Judd	I. Brackstone G. Lovecchio T. Sinclair B.D. Knights	C. Kieck J. Alcantara A. Cannonier	R. Ronquillo C. Sevilla D. Robiso
Song Leaders:	N/A	F. Wohlmuth	D. Mutch	O. Anderson

ADORATION: Saturday Adoration in the Chapel of St. Theresa's Cathedral: **9:00am** – Holy Mass in Portuguese followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration – **10:15am** - Benediction

LECTIO DIVINA: Mondays at 7:30pm via Zoom. Please contact Franz Wohlmuth on, fgwohlmuth@logic.bm to join. Meetings are led by Bishop Wes.

PORTUGUESE MASS INTENTIONS:

José Cunha, Joaquim Alberto Barreto, Jaime Rodrigues, Natália Pacheco, António Vincent Andrade, Diamantina Frias Feitor, Margarida Andrade Canto, Manuel Matos Madeira, Maria Odilia Sousa, Maria Teresa Franco, José Elias Serodo, Carlos Raposo, Abel Germano Cabral, Daniel Frangainho, António Daniel Pacheco Frangainho, Maria do Carmo Pacheco, Christiano Chibante, Joana Fontes, Joana Madeira

FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Theresa's Cathedral
7PM 1st Friday of the month (usually)
St. Patrick's Church
7PM 2nd Friday of the month
St. Joseph's Church
11AM 3rd Saturday of the month
Stella Maris Church
7PM Last Wednesday of the month

ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:



The Gift Shop just received a **new** shipment of Easter cards. This, in addition to many other cards for all of your special occasions. Not to mention many other gifts or home ideas — all at a great price!

Do stop by and support our Gift Shop!

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:

Looking for a way to share and assist others?

Please consider a direct deposit or cash donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Direct deposit to SVDP Society –BNTB 2000 6060 4767 1100

or use the **SVDP envelopes.**





WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT :

Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	Mar. 1st/2nd	\$3,546.00
Electronic offering:	Mar. 1st/2nd	\$1,955.00
2025 Collection To Date:	Week 9	\$44,674.50

Thank you for your support!



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

Mar 9th—15th, 2025

**Donation Given for Two 7- day Candles
& 2 Roses**

In loving memory of Deodato Rego



Please be advised that during the season of Lent the **12:10pm Mass** at St. Theresa's Cathedral will be celebrated from **Monday to Friday**. On Fridays it will be preceded by the **Stations of the Cross** at **11:40am**.

TO ALL LECTORS (new and existing):

We invite you to attend the orientation/refresher/workshop scheduled on **Wednesday, March 12th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**, St Theresa's Cathedral.

We appreciate your commitment and responding to the call of God's servant.

Please update your contact information for any changes and the time of the mass you wish to be added as Lector in the schedule



ST. PATRICK'S DINNER BINGO:

The St. Patrick's Parish Council are pleased to announce the return of Dinner BINGO! Come enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship after Mass on **Saturday, March 15th at 7:15 p.m. in the Church Hall as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day**. Tickets are available for purchasing from any of the St. Patrick's Parish Council members. The **cost is \$45.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children aged 12 and under**, which includes your meal plus one BINGO card. Dessert donations for this event would be most appreciated!



SHORT TERM RENTAL NEEDED:

A parishioner is bringing his wife and 9 year old child to Bermuda from April 11th to May 31st. He is looking for a short term rental of a small studio, or 1 bedroom apartment. Hoping to be close or around Hamilton. If you can assist, please contact via email, simplydelicious189@gmail.com or contact via WhatsApp at 519-6688.

THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

In his Message for Lent 2025, Pope Francis invites the faithful to "journey together in hope," and to take the opportunity of the upcoming Lenten Season to ask ourselves whether we are truly willing to heed God's call to change our lives. The central theme of the Message is encapsulated in the phrase "Let us journey together in hope," which ties into the broader theme of the Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope."

The Pope's reflection focuses on conversion and unfolds in three key dimensions: the importance of journeying, journeying together, and journeying with hope.

The Pope reminds us that our lives are a journey, one that should be directed toward God. This journey is not merely a metaphorical one but involves a constant call to conversion, "to leave behind the occasions of sin" and situations that degrade our human dignity.

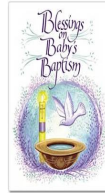
A fundamental aspect of the Lenten Message is the emphasis on community and synodality, i.e. Christians must walk together rather than in isolation. Pope Francis reminds us, "The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters. Journeying together means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded."

The third fundamental dimension of the Lenten journey is hope, anchored in God's promise of salvation and eternal life fulfilled in Jesus' Resurrection, the victory over sin and death. Do we concretely experience the hope that inspires in us "a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded."

The Pope concludes by entrusting this journey of hope to the intercession of the Virgin Mary, "Mother of Hope," praying that she may accompany the faithful as we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter.

Have a restful weekend and a blessed Lent!

Bishop Wes



BAPTISM:

We welcome **William Louis Medeiros**, son of Joshua & Melanni Medeiros who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend on, **Sunday, March 9th, 2025** .

Welcome to the Church Family, William!

JUBILEE 2025-MARRIED COUPLES CELEBRATION:



The next event within our Diocesan Jubilee 2025 Calendar is fast approaching. It is a Jubilee celebration for married couples that will take place on Saturday, 22nd of March at St. Joseph's Church in Sandys. We plan to have a special Holy Mass at 11am with a reception following in the parish hall. For those who plan to attend the reception, please RSVP to the Chancery by calling 232-4414.

Thank you!

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.



VATICAN MEDIA

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 6, 2022

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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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