



Living in Fantasy

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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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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

March 8	6:15 pm	Edith De Fontes+
March 9	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony
March 11	8:30 am	
March 12	8:30 am	
March 13	8:30 am	
March 14	8:30 am	Father Wallace Metcalfe+
March 15	6:15 pm	Palmira Victor+
March 16	11:30 am	Bernardino Moura Moreira+

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, collection counters, etc. if you can assist, kindly let Father Joe know.

WORDS OF LIFE – March 9

“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro- life”
(*The Gospel of Life* 28).

Stations of the Cross at St. Anthony's

Stations of the Cross at St. Anthony's will take place on Fridays during Lent at 7:00 pm in both English and Portuguese.

Bulletin for March 8-March 9, 2025

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

February 22/Feb 23	\$ 1,584.00
March 1/March 2	\$ 1,027.00

Online payments can be made directly into the Bank account of St. Anthony's – Butterfield Bank – BD \$ Current A/c – 20006060061567100 and US \$ Current A/c - 20006840061567100.

Please make sure to indicate what the donation is for in the memo field when making the payment i.e., Gen collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times that you are away or on vacation. Please note that we are charged \$20 for US checks drawn on a US Bank. Kindly do not place Canadian or British currency in the collection baskets.

Maintenance Collection – first weekend of the month

Counting Schedule:

This week: Annette and Alica

Next week: Annette and Gabby

Pastor's Point

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

SECTION III - THE SAMARITAN'S "HEART THAT SEES": HUMAN LIFE IS A SACRED AND INVIOLEABLE GIFT

Whatever their physical or psychological condition, human persons always retain their original dignity as created in the image of God. The ultimate foundation of human dignity lies in the reality that God became man to save us and calls us to communion with him. It is proper for the Church to accompany with mercy the weakest in their journey of suffering and guide them to salvation. The Church therefore regards “the service to the sick as an integral part of its mission.”⁴

In the example of the Good Samaritan we find “a heart that sees.” His example “teaches that it is necessary to convert the gaze of the heart, because many times the beholder does not see. Why? Because compassion is lacking.”⁵ The heart of the Good Samaritan sees where love is needed and acts accordingly.

Life is a sacred and inviolable gift and every human person, created by God, has a vocation to a unique relationship with the One who gives life. God offers life and its dignity to man as a precious gift to safeguard and nurture, and ultimately to be accountable to Him.

The Church affirms that the dignity of human life is something knowable by right reason. Life is the first and highest good because it is the basis for the enjoyment of every other good.

The unfringeable value of life is a fundamental principle of the natural moral law and an essential foundation of the legal order. Just as we cannot make another person our slave, even if they ask to be, so we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it. To end the life of a sick person who requests euthanasia is by no means to respect their autonomy, but, on the contrary, to deny the value of their freedom—now under the influence of illness—and their life by excluding any further possibility of sensing the meaning of their existence. Moreover, it is to take the place of God in deciding the moment of death.

God bless,

Fr. Joe, Pastor & Vicar General and Acting Pastor

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 isolation. Pope Francis 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 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

Hymn Suggestions Welcome

Music adds a special element to our collective liturgical worship and we continually strive to encourage full participation. With this in mind, we welcome your suggestions on hymns you love to sing by emailing Ruth Stovell at ruthiev1971@gmail.com. Please bear in mind that hymns are selected at the end of each month for the following month. "To sing is to pray twice." – St. Augustine

St. Patrick's Catered Dinner Bingo

Date: March 15, 2025

Time: 7:15 pm

Place: St. Patrick's Hall

Tickets: \$45 (adults) and \$20 (children ages 12 and older)

Includes one bingo card.

Tickets are available from Parish Council members.

See back bulletin board for further details.

The Peace and Social Justice Ministry

The movie called "Origin" will be shown at Mount St. Agnes Academy on Sunday March 9th from 2 pm to 5 pm. All are encouraged to attend. The event is free

Jubilee Celebration for Married Couples

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!

Important Announcement

Please be advised that during the season of Lent the 12:10 pm 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 11:40 am.

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

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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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