

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?

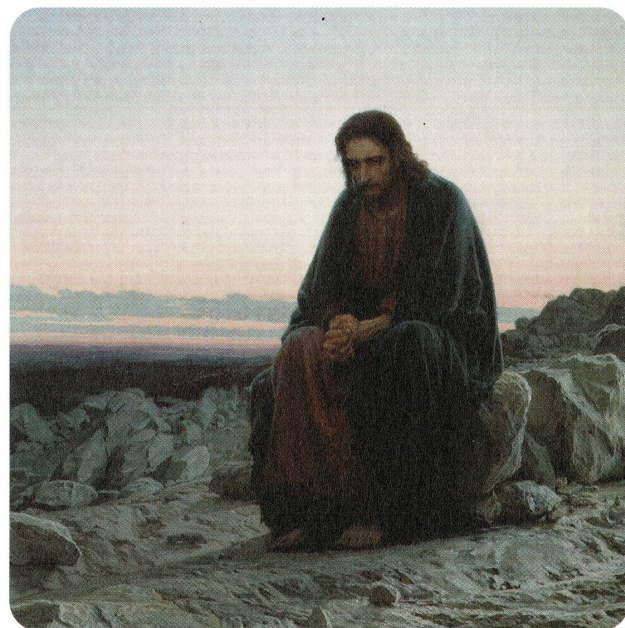
In today's Gospel, we hear one passage about the temptation of Jesus in the desert. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all refer to this incident, but none indicates that anyone was with Jesus.

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. ●

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CHRIST IN THE WILDERNESS BY VAN KRANSKOV, 1872

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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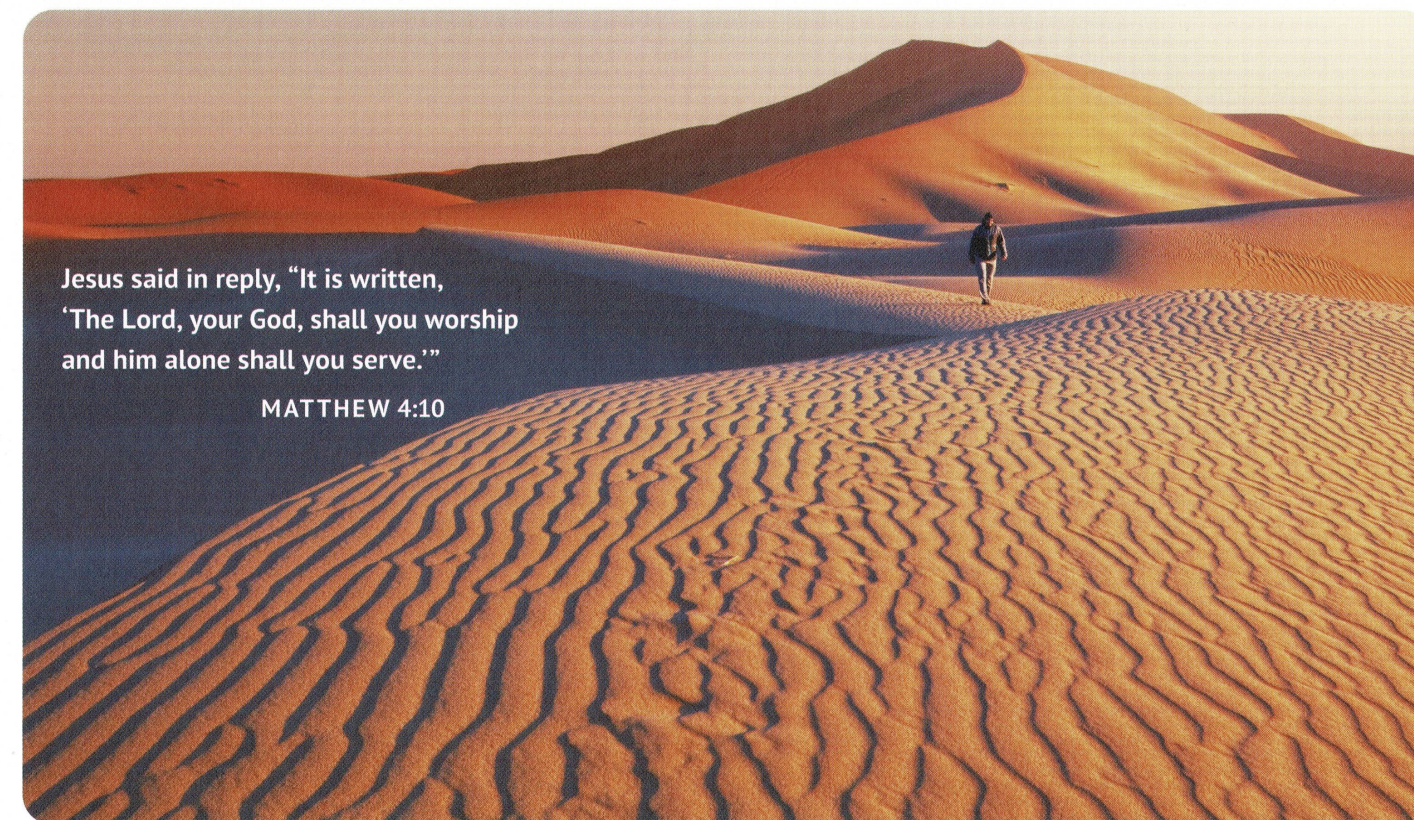
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 27	February 28	March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	St. Katharine	Lenten Weekday	Second Sunday of Lent
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18	Is 55:10-11	Jon 3:1-10	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Drexel, Virgin	Dt 26:16-19	Gn 12:1-4
Mt 25:31-46	Mt 6:7-15	Lk 11:29-32	Mt 7:7-12	Ez 18:21-28	Mt 5:43-48	2 Tim 1:8-10
				Mt 5:20-26		Mt 17:1-9

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent (A)

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 / Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 / Matthew 4:1-11



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?



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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

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Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon	No Mass
Tues	8:00 AM
Wed	8:00 AM
Thurs	8:00 AM
	6:00 PM
Fri	8:00 AM
Sat	9:00 AM
	4:30 PM
Sun	8:00 AM
	10:00 AM

***HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:**
Please check the Bulletin for Mass times.

Confessions:

Saturday: 8:00 - 8:30 AM
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:10 PM
Thursday: 5:00 - 5:30 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: February 27, 2023

MON	8:00 AM	No Mass
TUE	8:00 AM	Nadine Morgan (7 yrs)
WED	8:00 AM	Jeremy Mathis
THU	8:00 AM	Beverly Sampson
THU	6:00 PM	Elaine Dix & Family
FRI	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Hoechst
SAT	9:00 AM	Jim Schloemer (Birthday)
SAT	4:30 PM	Dana Calloway (birthday)
SUN	8:00 AM	Parish Family
SUN	10:00 AM	Joseph & Nancy Richardson



Week of: February 19, 2023

Envelope.....\$	4987.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	50.00
Loose.....\$	362.00	On-Line donations.....\$	90.90
SVDP.....\$	311.25	St. Louis Review.....\$	
Votive Lights.....\$	73.00	Black/Indian Miss.....\$	100.00
Light House.....\$			

Special Ministers
Week of: March 4 & 5, 2023

Lectors:
Sat: 4:30 pm Laura Allen
Sun: 8:00 am Sharon Forrester
10:00 am Danny Mueller



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Saturday 4:30 pm **Sunday 8:00 am** **Sunday 10:00 am**
C: Annette Portell **Don Thompson** **Nikkie Warden**
L: Judy East **Jamie Thompson** **Jamie Warden**
R: Vikki Neier **Glenda Farrow** **Charlie Schloemer**

Servers:
Sat. 4:30 p.m. Lane & Madison Battreal
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Volunteers please
Sun.10:00 a.m. Cole & Joshua Kearns

Music:
Sat. 4:30 p.m. Chala Short
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards
Sun.10:00 a.m. Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.

Heavenly Duster: 3/03: Nedra Villmer
Altar Linens: 2/27: Sharon Forrester

Mass Offerings -

Masses can be said for the living also; birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Come by the office or write the name & any preferred date on paper, put in envelope with \$10 for each Mass & drop in drop box or put in the collection basket at Mass. If the chosen date is available, I will schedule for that date, if not I will schedule next available.

Have you encountered God in your own life? Won't you share your "God Encounter"? Your encounter may be exactly what someone else **NEEDS** to hear. Send your stories to: stjameschurch@centurylink.net. If you want to remain unnamed, we can do that. Let's just start sharing our stories.

Word of Life

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent
usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection

May every human person,
from conception to natural death,
be recognized as precious and beloved
in the eyes of the Lord;
We pray to the Lord:

Lenten Study: FEARLESS: Lent 2023, don't walk the journey alone. Time & again, the people of God are called to be courageous and "be not afraid". Yet, we live in a time where fear seems to guide our very existence. Don't miss this exciting series with a special guest each week as we follow Jesus into the wilderness. Let's make this the most impactful & spiritually fruitful Lent of our lives. **(no cost!)**

Judy Wright's house, Tues evenings, 6:00 pm, potluck, pls RSVP

Upcoming Events

Feb 28: FEARLESS Lenten Study, 6:00 pm @ Judy Wright's house, Potluck, RSVP, No cost!
Mar 02: First Thursday Adoration, Mass of Reparation & healing prayer
Mar 04: First Saturday Marian Mass **8:00 AM**
Mar 12: Daylight Savings Time begins, Set your clocks ahead Sat night!!!!

My Encounter with God,

Once while attending Mass at a friend's parish, I was overwhelmed by God's immense love when receiving Communion. I had an intense urge to prostrate myself before the Blessed Sacrament. However, out of embarrassment I did not do it.

While back in my pew I was expressing my sorrow to the Lord that I did not honor Him as I wanted to. Then I heard a voice singing that sounded like an angel. The voice was so beautiful and clear. I looked over my shoulder and noticed this strikingly beautiful woman in line for Communion. She had remarkable features and long beautiful hair below her waist. She was wearing a long skirt and was dressed unlike anyone else I had seen before. When she got to the Blessed Sacrament, she prostrated herself quickly and gracefully. After receiving Communion, she looked directly at me and smiled the sweetest smile.

I asked after church to surrounding parishioners who that woman was. It is not a large parish so I figured someone knew her. No one even noticed her or knew of anyone that fit her description in their parish.

I came to believe God sent an angel on my behalf, to give Him the honor I wished for Him.

(Keep your "stories" coming)

*****FORMED*****

Formed this week!

FORGIVEN: THE Transforming power of Confession, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself. Forgiven communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of reconciliation

RESTORE: Take a healing journey with /sr. Miriam James Heidland, as she helps you turn away from what wounds you and toward God who heals you and makes you whole.

- Meeting God In Prayer

To sign up for "Formed",
Go to: <https://signup.formed.org/>
Enter our parish's zip code
Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you're in.

Dynamic Catholic Alive! The Power of Fasting

Jesus provides a marvelous example for us as we continue the beginning of our Lenten journey. Many of us have forgotten the great blessing and strengthening that fasting provides for us. When we fast from food, we understand more vividly how each meal is a blessing from God and God shows us our need to rely on Him for sustenance. Fasting must not simply pertain to food however. We can fast from false gods like our Lord did in the desert. We can fast from overuse of social media, technology, desire for power or recognition, sloth, or selfish use of our material resources. As we enter into the desert with the Lord for the next 40 days, let us pray for the gift of generosity and the grace to lead more simple lives, lives that radiate joy and hope in the most important thing: salvation in Christ. Pope Benedict XVI stated that "through fasting and praying, we allow Him (God) to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God."

In your loving Kindness, please remember the Family of Michael & Mary Pratt in your prayers.



March 2nd:
First Thursday Adoration
"The only time our Lord asked the Apostles

for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship." "During a Holy Hour we grow more and more into His likeness." "The purpose of the Holy Hour is to encourage deep personal encounter with Christ. "

First Saturday Marian Devotion Mass March 4th @ 8:00 am



First Five Saturdays Devotion to our Lady
"You have seen hell, where souls of poor sinners go. To save them God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace."



Bake Sale
St. James Ladies Auxiliary are hosting bake sales during Knights' Fish Fry Lunches. Homemade baked goods by the piece or whole dessert for sale. Just drive by and pick out your dessert. Thank you for your support!



ALL THINGS NEW SECOND DRAFT MODEL - WINTER 2023 UPDATE

The All Things New planning committee has refined the draft models to one model per planning area. Armed with the feedback summaries, parish workbooks and financial data, the team has analyzed each model to ensure each one has the resources to sustain the new structure. **The Second draft model options have been shared with the priests last week**, with a period of feedback. Those draft models are now available for viewing on the All Things New website at <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/>. Other factors will come under consideration, including redrawing maps of the archdiocese and priest reassignments. **Please take a few minutes to watch the short video from Fr. Martin as he gives insight to these draft models.**

It is expected that by the end of April, Archbishop Rozanski will have met with Consultors to review final draft models, and then he will have a month to pray and discern before announcing a final decision on May 28, the feast of Pentecost. Implementation of these plans will take effect beginning in fall 2023 through 2026. Please continue to pray for the gift of true discernment so that we may continue to do the Will of God in all things.

St. James PSR NEWS

Family Catechesis Helping Build Faithful Families!
Next Class will be March 12th! Unit 6 is due. (Daylight Savings Time begins March 12th also, so set your clocks ahead 1 hour)

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