

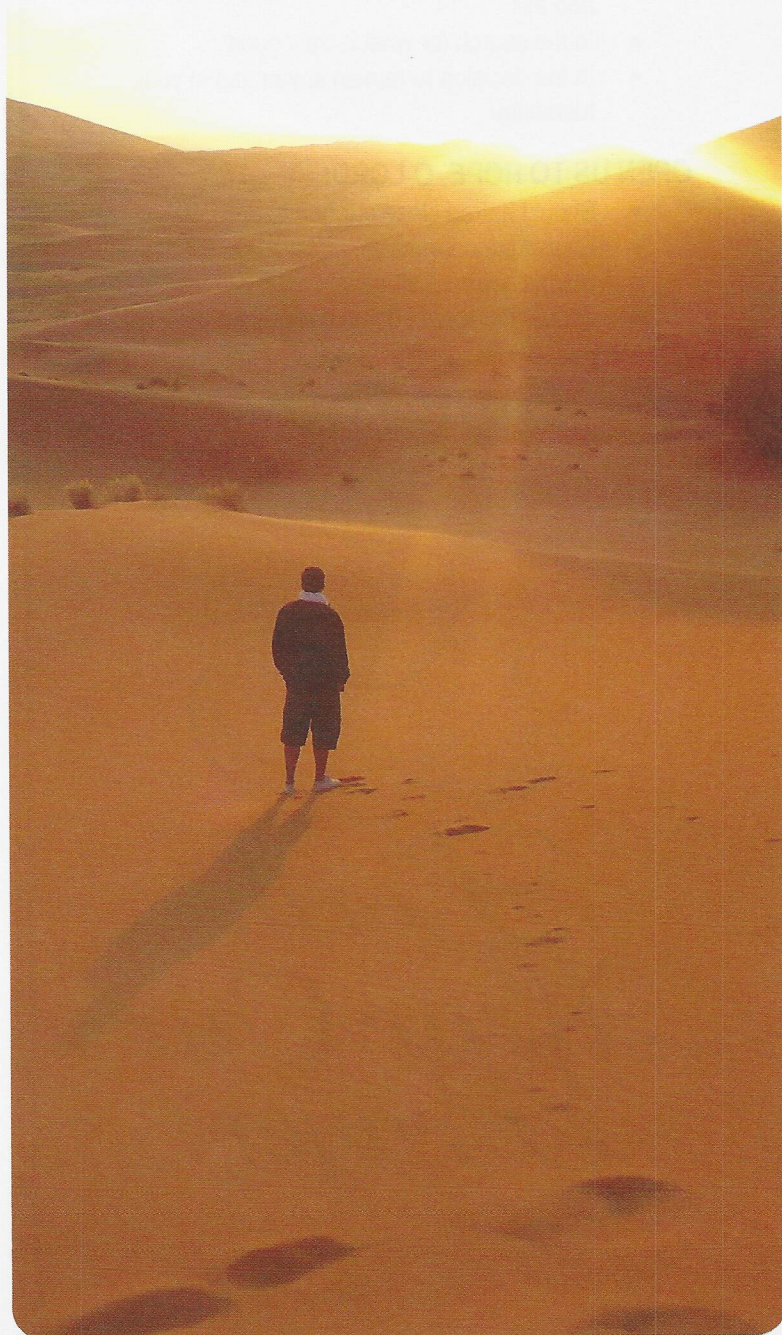


Living in Fantasy

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

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



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?

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REFLECTIONS

A Litany for Faithful Christians

WE ADORE YOU, O LORD:

- True God and true man, truly present in the Eucharist
- Our Savior, God with us, faithful and rich in mercy
- King and Lord of creation and of history
- Conqueror of sin and death
- Friend of humankind, Risen One, Living One who sits at the right hand of the Father

WE BELIEVE IN YOU, O LORD:

- Only begotten Son of the Father, descended from heaven for our salvation
- Heavenly physician, who bows down over our misery
- Lamb who was slain, who offer yourself to rescue us from evil
- Good Shepherd, who give your life for the flock which you love
- Living bread and medicine for immortality who give us eternal life

DELIVER US, O LORD:

- From the power of Satan and the seductions of the world
- From the pride and presumption of being able to do anything without you
- From the deceptions of fear and anxiety
- From unbelief and desperation
- From hardness of heart and the incapacity to love

SAVE US, O LORD:

- From every evil that afflicts humanity
- From hunger, famine and egoism
- From illnesses, epidemics and fear of our brothers and sisters
- From being deceived, from false information and the manipulation of others

GRANT US YOUR SPIRIT, O LORD:

- In the hour of trial and from confusion
- In temptation and in our battle against sin and evil
- In the search for what is truly good
- In the decision to remain in you and in your friendship

OPEN US TO HOPE, O LORD:

- Should hatred close our hearts
- Should sin oppress us
- Should sorrow visit us
- Should the fear of death overwhelm us

From Father Ken

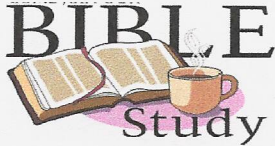


Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The first full week of Lent has begun. I was recently reminded that the key to fruitful observation of Lenten practices is to recognize our lives linked to Baptismal Renewal. We are called not to just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our heart and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died into sin, and evil, and began new life into Christ. At the heart of all penance is the call to conversion. In the words of Christ:

Repent and Believe in the Gospel (Mark 1:15).



Please join us for Bible Study
every Thursday at 1:30 PM
In the Video Room.

Thanks to Father Dan and Father Bob for filling in for Father Ken this week during his absence from the Village.

Please pray and walk the Stations of the Cross with us after the 9:00 AM Mass on Fridays during Lent.



If you wish to place Mass Intentions for this year, please contact Cat in the Chapel Office.



The Poor Box located at the entry to the Chapel helps us to provide assistance for Saint Francis Village residents who have various needs and to provide food for the Village Food Pantry.

*Please Remember I can,
You can, We can . . .*



The SFV Board is hosting a weekly Fish Fry every Friday during Lent (except for Good Friday). The meal is at the PAX Center from 5:00 to 6:30PM. Please sign up the Friday in the week prior to the meal that you will attend. The cost: \$5.00 for SFV residents; \$15.00 for guests.

Fish Fry Dates	March 14	March 21
March 28	April 4	April 11

Lenten Observation Opportunities This Week

Monday Thru Friday	Morning Prayers 8:30 AM Daily Mass 9:00 AM Evening Prayers 3:00 PM
Bible Study Thursday March 13	Video Room 1:30 PM
Friday March 14th	Mass 9:00 AM Followed by Stations of the Cross & Exposition /Adoration Confessions: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

In closing this week's reflections and updates, I share with you a reflection I came across for our Lenten Journey:

Prayer, Fasting, and Alms giving are the three pillars of Lenten discipline. At first glance Prayer may not strike us being as difficult as abstinence from meat on Fridays, or voluntary sacrifices of coffee, sweets, and / or social media. Likewise we may feel less challenged by prayer than by the call to monetary tithes. Yet as we reflect a little longer we will readily admit that prayer is the hardest of the three pillars. If we want to learn to pray as we ought, we should turn to Christ the teacher. It is recommended we take some time to slowly pray the Our Father and reflect on the powerful words of this prayer Jesus has given us.

May Christ's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

*God Give You Peace.
Mike Pierson*



*It is written:
You shall worship
the Lord, your God, and
Him alone shall you serve.*

Mass Intentions

Mar. 9, 2025	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
Mar. 10, 2025	Repose of the Soul of Elizabeth Reding By Bill Ruzicka
Mar. 11, 2025	Father Bob Strittmatter
Mar. 12, 2025	Repose of the Soul of Manus Donahue By Pat Donahue
Mar. 13, 2025	Repose of the Soul of Ambrose Williams By Suzanne Williams
Mar. 14, 2025	Repose of the Soul of Tom Williams By Suzanne Williams
Mar. 15, 2025	Repose of the Soul of Richard Hesse By Suzanne Williams (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)

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.



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Monday	Thursday	Saturday
March 10 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Lv 19:1–2, 11–18 Mt 25:31–46	March 13 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Est C:12, 14–16, 23–25 Mt 7:7–12	March 15 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dt 26:16–19 Mt 5:43–48
Tuesday	Friday	Sunday
March 11 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Is 55:10–11 Mt 6:7–15	March 14 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Ez 18:21–28 Mt 5:20–26	March 16 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> Gn 15:5–12, 17–18 Phil 3:17–4:1 or 3:20–4:1 Lk 9:28b–36
Wednesday		
March 12 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jon 3:1–10 Lk 11:29–32		

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