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In the Desert with Jesus: Biblical Themes of Lent

When we think of Lent, we think of spring. That's because Lent comes from a German word for "springtime." In many other languages (e.g., Spanish: Cuaresma), the name for the season before Easter is derived from the Latin word for "40," a clue that something else important is happening, something that our Scripture talks about. The 40 days of Lent recall the 40 days of Jesus' being tempted in the wilderness (Mt 4:1-11; Mk 1:12-13; Lk 4:1-13). But when we look at the Gospel accounts of Jesus' temptations, always read on the first Sunday of Lent, we see that they in turn direct us further. Jesus' temptations recall the 40 years of Israel's temptation in the wilderness on their journey to the Promised Land.

Forty Years

The number 40 is a very familiar one in the Bible. In the story of Noah and the flood, it rains 40 days and 40 nights (Gn 7:4,12,17; 8:6). After the sealing of the covenant at Mt. Sinai, Moses is with God on the mountain for 40 days and 40 nights (Ex 24:18). When the prophet Elijah is being pursued by Queen Jezebel, he flees for his life and travels 40 days and nights until he comes to the mountain of God at Horeb (1 Kgs 19:8). The number appears also in the New Testament. Jesus is tempted in the desert for 40 days and nights; his ascension to heaven occurs 40 days after the Resurrection (Acts 1:3).

Numbers in the Bible are often not meant to be taken literally, but serve a symbolic function. What would be the symbolic meaning of the number 40? On one level, it represents a longer period of time, but there is more. The longer time has content: It is a time of need, of struggle, of testing. There is in fact extra-biblical evidence for this usage as well. But in the Bible, a third level of meaning appears. Forty denotes a period of preparation for some special action of the Lord; it is a time of grace.

Wilderness

Since the "time" of the wandering is more or less symbolic, what about the place? Israel certainly knew the real wilderness, since that would describe fairly well the regions to the south, southwest and east across the Jordan. The desert is a place of no water and no food since little vegetation can grow there. It is also the abode of dangerous animals. The desert is a place of extremes where choices are more clear-cut.

The wilderness also could carry symbolic meaning. In the religion of Canaan, a special god named Mot (a word that can also mean "death") was in charge of the hot, dry, barren place, the wilderness, and of the hot, dry, barren time, the summer. Rain ceases; vegetation dries up and dies. The wilderness is a negative place where the power of Death/Mot holds sway, where basic questions have to be dealt with. In the Gospels, Jesus is tempted in the wilderness to be a different kind of Messiah; to take the path of spectacle and power rather than that of humble service, but this temptation would continue throughout his ministry up to his death itself when he is taunted to come down off the cross.

Many spiritual writers today speak of a "wilderness experience." This is a kind of retreat experience, time set apart to focus on, to ask, to consider, to respond to basic questions of the spiritual life. Lent is the Church's annual "wilderness experience," its retreat to ask again the basic questions.

Place of Presence

The wilderness was a place of threats to life and of death. The Israelites are tested to see if, in fact, they will truly believe that their God, a God of life, is with them there.

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The Grand Knight's Message...

March begins the most Holy season of Lent. This is a time for reflection and prayer. To help celebrate the season, we are again planning to host Lenten meals every Friday from March 3 to April 7. Participation on the part of our membership has waned in recent years. We have often found ourselves short help, especially during clean-up. This year, Chris and I are appointing a captain for each meal who will be responsible for recruiting help, in addition to getting the ingredients.

The cooking for each Lenten meal begins at 4:30 p.m. Clean-up typically begins at 5:30 p.m. Our goal is to finish cleanup no later than 7:30 p.m.; in time to go to Stations of the Cross. If you have the ability to flex or leave early on from work on any of these Fridays, please consider volunteering your time. If you cannot, you are welcome to come help clean-up, even as late as 6:00 or 6:30 p.m.

As announced earlier this year, the three-year term of our Financial Secretary, Jim Copio ends this month. Jim has faithfully served in this position for the last six years and has decided to take a much deserved rest from the position. The Trustees, Deputy Grand Knight and I have begun to search for a member to succeed Jim. In this month's newsletter is a description of the duties of the Financial Secretary. This is an extremely important position that needs to be filled soon.

Also beginning this month, the Trustees and I will begin considering nominations for a slate of officers for the 2006-07 Columbian Year. In order for our Council to continue to operate and thrive, we need a group of dedicated men. We will be looking for current officers to move up the chairs to higher positions, and for individuals to fill in behind them. Having a strong rotation among our officers is essential. It insures we will always have a large base of members ready and able to take up the reigns of leadership. Please contact me if you have questions about any position.

Vivat Jesus!

A.J. Zadrozny

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From the Pen of the Worthy Chaplain...



Dear Brother Knights,

This past month I had the opportunity to visit our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. I make a personal pilgrimage to the shrine every year or so and find it a good way to pray to Our Lord, reflecting on the past and listening to what He may have to say that will help me in the future. It also allows me to step back from all of the daily activities of parish life and relax a little. I always come back refreshed, spiritually, mentally, and bodily.

We have begun the Season of Lent. If you are not able to make a retreat away from activities of work and family, please plan to spend some extra time with Our Lord each day.

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At the beginning of their exodus, God had called to Moses from the burning bush and sent him to lead the people out of Egypt. Moses replied, "When I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?" God replied, "I am who I am" (Ex 3:13-14). God's enigmatic answer implies that "I am with you/I am present to/for you" (see Ex 3:12, 16-17).

In addition to the assurance of God's presence, reflected in the "name," there were more tangible signs of God's presence: the Ark and the Tent. The Tent was a portable shrine that could be carried with them on their journey; the Ark, a portable throne for God, was kept in the Tent. These were visible reminders of the continuing presence of God in the midst of the people. Whether encamped or on the march, they should not be afraid because Yahweh was with them.

Jesus never wavered in his close relationship to God. We Christians are assured that Jesus indeed is "God with us" (Emmanuel, Mt 1:23), and he has assured us, "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). In the midst of our struggles, temptations, journeys, do we really believe that God is with us? The wilderness is a place to nurture our belief that God is truly with us.

I am in the middle of reading the book *Parish Priest*, by Douglas Brinkley, the story of the life of Father Michael J. McGivney. I find it very fascinating, and highly recommend it.

Thanks to our Brother Knights and their families that are preparing and serving the Lenten Meals on Fridays during Lent. I look forward to these each year. Thanks also the Sir Knights that participated in the flag ceremony for the Cub Scouts at their Blue and Gold Banquet. It was very impressive and I am sure it meant a lot to them.

Again, thank you for all of your hard work. May God bless each and every one of you and your families.

Fr. Weymes

During the 40 days of Lent, we share with the whole Church an annual "wilderness experience." The questions and issues we face are basically the same as those we have seen in the Old Testament and in the New. They are themes ripe for our Lenten practice, themes around which we can organize our traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

The Bible bears witness that it is all right not to know the details of the future. We do know the most important thing about it: We are not alone; "God is with us!" The words addressed first to Israel speak to us as well: "Do not be afraid, for I am with you" (see Gn 28:15; Ex 3:12). Whatever the future brings, we will make it together; we will persevere even through death itself. Lent, after all, looks forward to Easter!

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Looking For a New Financial Secretary!



Attention All Members! Our Financial Secretary, Jim Copio, has announced that he would like to retire from his position when his term expires this month. Jim has been faithfully serving in this position for the last six years.

The importance of this position is underscored by the fact that he is not elected by the membership, but appointed by the Supreme Council, for a term of three years, on the recommendation of the Grand Knight and Trustees of the Council. He is a vital link between our local Council and the Supreme Council.

In his role, the duties of the Financial Secretary revolve around two key areas of the Council's operation: financial records and membership records. The Financial Secretary collects and receives all moneys that come into the Council from any source. He then turns that money over to the treasurer for deposit into the Council's accounts. A large portion of the money collected is in the form of dues, from our members. He sends out billing notices at the start of the billing period and orders council supplies on behalf of the Grand Knight.

The compilation of membership records is the other important function of the Financial Secretary. He reports on all membership and insurance transactions to the Supreme Council. This is done through the submission of form 100's, and other necessary paperwork and forms of correspondence.

Brother Copio plans to remain an active member of our Council, and has offered to train and advise the new Financial Secretary during his first few months in office. Anyone who would like to be considered for this position should contact Grand Knight, A.J. Zadrozny or Deputy Grand Knight, Chris Moniz.

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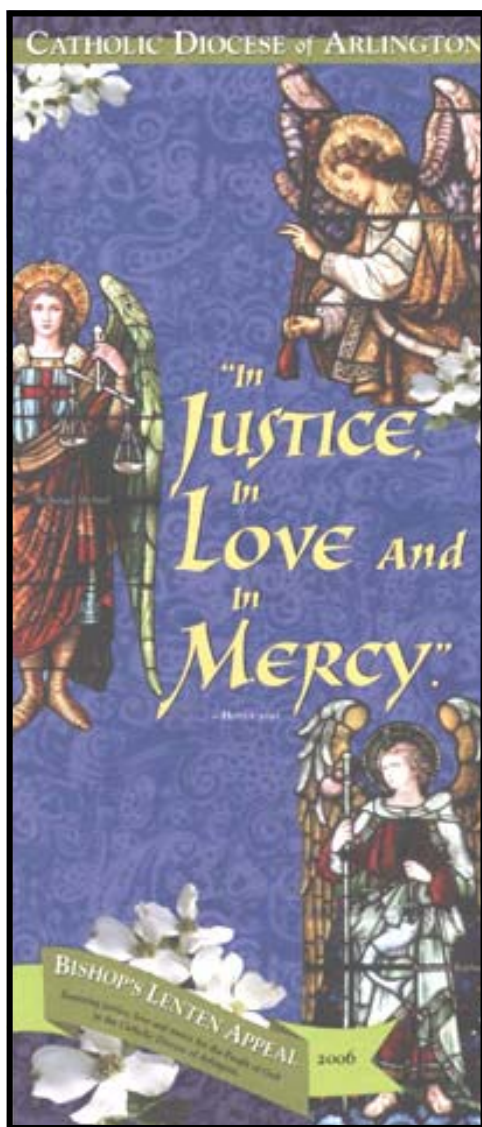
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February Knight of the Month

For conceiving and organizing a parish lecture program, to help us all grow in our understanding of our faith, I am proud to name **Brother Jim Beers** the February Knight of the Month.

February Family of the Month

For their service to our parish ushers, their involvement with our Columbian Squires and all the other little things that Byron and Kevin do for us throughout the year. I am happy to name **PGK Byron Beall and Kevin Jones** the February Family of the Month.



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5	6	7	8 7:30 PM Director's Meeting	9	10 6:00 PM Lenten Meal	11
12	13	14	15 7:30 PM Rosary and Council Meeting	16	17 6:00 PM Lenten Meal	18
19 Coffee and Donuts After Morning Masses	20	21	22 7:30 PM Degree Team Meeting	23	24 6:00 PM Lenten Meal	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 6:00 PM Lenten Meal	