

*And this is the verdict,
that the light came into the world,
but people preferred darkness to light,
because their works were evil.*

JOHN 3:19

The Saving Game

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A long time ago, I came across a piece that I still remember because it's pretty much a commentary on how life is for most of us. It goes something like this: At the age of ten, we think we can live forever. When we're twenty, we think we can save the world. When the big thirty rolls around, we think we can save the company. When the fortieth birthday arrives, we think we can save our children. Then, when we're fifty, we think we can at least save our marriage. And by the time we're sixty, we think we should just save aluminum cans.

A bit flippant perhaps, but it reminds me that even given my own best efforts, I really do not save much of anything. It is always God who does the saving, not me.

It's a conversation replayed in our heads again and

again. We find ourselves unwittingly thinking that if we do all the right things, when we die and go to heaven, then God will have to take us in. If we say the right prayers and follow all the rules, then we will have earned salvation. Yet then we will have saved ourselves and there will have been no need for God's gracious goodness. Then we will have lifted ourselves up by our own bootstraps and not by the Lord Jesus.

Then we will proclaim ourselves as the light to overcome darkness, and it will not be the death and resurrection of the Lord which does so. ●

Reflect

***How have you been saved and
how do you need saving now?***

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Mass Intentions

Sat. Mar. 9 Vigil
7:00 p.m. †Gabriela
Sun Mar. 10 Mass/Laetare Sunday
8:00 a.m. †Adolph & Anna Theurer
Family - FBE

Tues Mar. 12 Mass
5:30 p.m. †Gabriela
Wed Mar. 13 Mass
6:00 p.m. †Gabriela

Sat. Mar. 16 Vigil
7:00 p.m. Littleton, Wolfe, & Nieburn
Families-living/deceased-ELL

Sun Mar. 17 Mass/5th Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. †Christine Lopez - CS

In need of prayer support, call

Linda Littleton: 970-630-3267
Kim Krause: 970-554-1459
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Please Pray For Our Sick:

Kane Schrock, Geneva Aguilar, Mary Ann
Kreutzer, Barbara Wolf, Bobby Dreher,
Terry Hart, Pauline Frenzl, Dan Killip, Ray
Hottinger, Deacon Taylor Elder, Bridget
Glosson, Ken Kuntz, Randy Kraich, Carol
Benjamin, Don Mollendor, Von Axtell, Art
Aaron, Maria Foy, Beverly Gebauer, Tricia
Dreher, Tracy Basler, Bibiana Camacho,
Robert McMillion

For the Soul: Marcella Hottinger

March 10th - Daylight Savings Time
set your clock forward one hour

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph
Spend time with our Lord...
Every Tuesday from 5:00 a.m. till 9:00 a.m.

1) **Shroud of Turin** / March 10th
Sacred Heart - Peetz, CO at 1 PM
Info: Melinda Beyer 308-249-1018
2) **The Divine Mercy Choir** / March 25th
St. Helena - Ft. Morgan at 7 PM
Info: Dottie Philips 970-380-3517 or
Joan Blossom 303-709-1012

Saint Joseph's corner: "Saint Joseph, teach me how to remain obedient to my call from God through daily acts of love. Amen"

LENT 2024 - Wednesdays

5:00 p.m. - Confessions
5:30 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6:00 p.m. - Mass
6:30 p.m. - Lenten Soup Supper
March 13th - Marjie H. & /need volunteer/
March 20th - Jenny W. & Heather W.

Holy Week 2024

Holy Thursday, March 28

6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph's

6:00 p.m. - St. Mary's

Good Friday, March 29

St. Joseph's

1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
from the cemetery

3:00 p.m. Liturgy

St. Mary's

6:00 p.m. Liturgy

St. John's

6:00 p.m. Liturgy

Holy Saturday, March 30

8:00 p.m. - St. Joseph's

8:00 p.m. - St. Mary's

Easter, March 31

8:00 a.m. - St. Joseph's

10:00 a.m. - St. Mary's

12:00 p.m. - St. John's

Lay Minister Schedule

Sierra Mireles

March 17 2024

Greeters/Gifts: Terry & Rita Hart

Pianist: Julie Green

Cantor: M Hottinger, S Samber, E Friedly

Lector: Monte Willeke

Altar Servers: L Willeke, E Hart, K Hernandez

Head Usher: Matthew Pieper

Euch Ministers: C Schrock, L Littleton

March 17 - Keisha & Cody Hardy

Lenten Penance Services at 6:00 p.m.

March 12, Tuesday / St. Joseph, Akron

March 14, Thursday / St. Anthony, Sterling

March 21, Thursday / St. Mary, Brush

March 19th - Feast Day of St. Joseph

6:00 p.m. - Mass

After Mass - Refreshments / Dinner

Main course prepared by Pilar.

Parishioners are asked to bring a desert dish.

Before St. Joseph's day, all parishioners are invited to "**The Novena to St. Joseph**" at home. Take a copy of Novena prayers from the vestibule.

REQUEST FOR MASS INTENTIONS

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

There is no charge for Mass; however, a customary offering of \$10 is appreciated.

Intention Name: _____
_____ Living _____ Deceased

Requested by _____

Phone _____

Date Wanted _____

Email: office@stjosephsakron.org

* Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM (Tuesday, Wednesday)

Dear Padre,

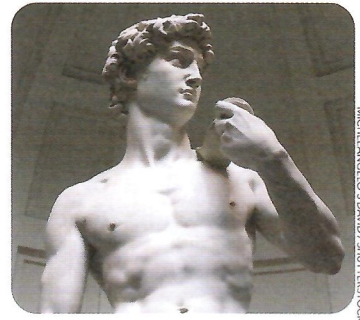
In the Church's eyes, what constitutes pornography? Art museums have statues of nude men and women, some of which are quite explicit. Is the only difference the respectability of the venue?

The "respectability" of the location or publisher doesn't matter. A product is pornographic if it was created to sexually arouse users of the product regardless of the venue. Michelangelo's intention in carving his famous statue of David was not to arouse the people who look at it, so the Church does not call it pornography.

Pornography has existed for centuries, but it didn't arrive in our homes uninvited until recently. People with internet access are regularly confronted by pornographic images and literature, and many find it a very powerful temptation. In response, the US bishops issued a helpful document, which is available online at uscbb.org: *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography*.

From this document: "Using and/or producing pornography is a sin against chastity and against human dignity....The sin of pornography needs the Lord's forgiveness and should be confessed in the sacrament of penance. Pornography objectifies people and brings hurt and pain. It is an illusory substitute for real relationships and intimacy, which in the end bring true joy. Many good people struggle with the sin of pornography and [strive] to cultivate chastity. You are not alone. Jesus is with you, the Church offers you love and support. Trust in the Lord's mercy and his power to free and heal you." ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

If God is the God of life...

then it is wrong for us to kill our brothers and sisters in his Name.

If God is the God of peace...

then it is wrong for us to wage war in his Name.

If God is the God of love...

then it is wrong for us to hate our brothers and sisters.

PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF WAR, IRAQ, MARCH 7, 2021



MONDAY

March 11
Lenten Weekday
Is 65:17-21
Jn 4:43-54

TUESDAY

March 12
Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1-9, 12
Jn 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY

March 13
Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8-15
Jn 5:17-30

THURSDAY

March 14
Lenten Weekday
Ex 32:7-14
Jn 5:31-47

FRIDAY

March 15
Lenten Weekday
Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SATURDAY

March 16
Lenten Weekday
Jer 11:18-20
Jn 7:40-53

SUNDAY

March 17
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jer 31:31-34
Heb 5:7-9
Jn 12:20-33

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