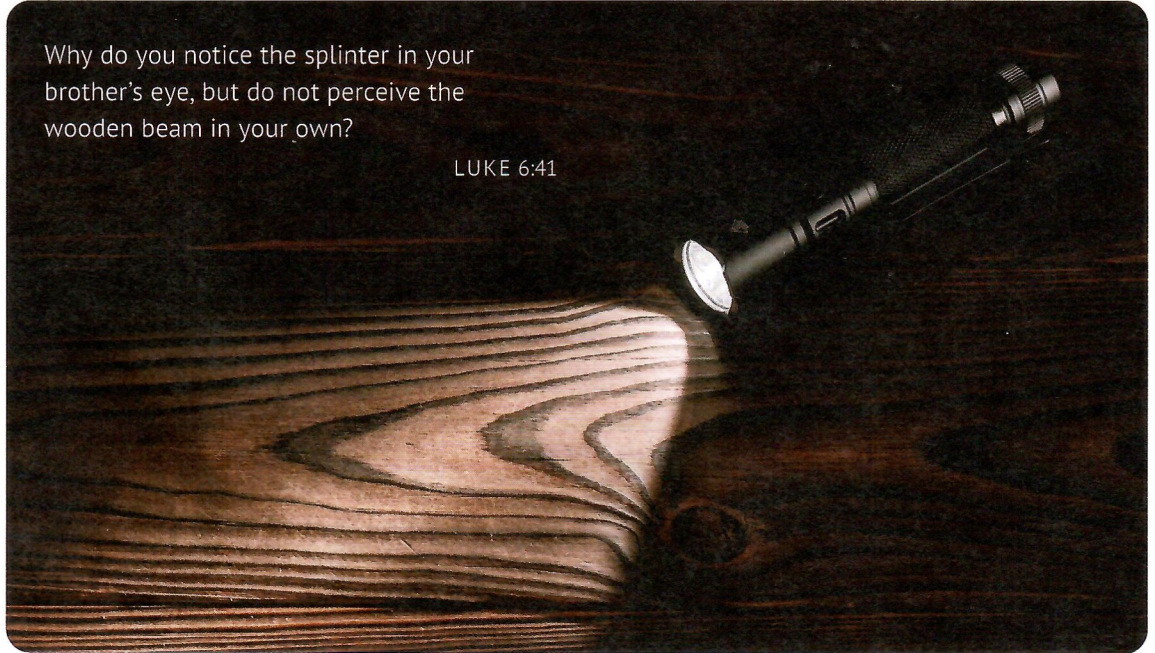




Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?

LUKE 6:41



Blindsided

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

T here are days when the darker side of who we are rises up and slaps us in the face. One evening, I decided to go to see a film. I bought a ticket, made my way into the theater, and found a seat that would give me an unobstructed view of the screen, one that had patrons on either side of the open seat in front of me. Fairly sure that no one would sit in front of me, I felt good about my maneuver. A few minutes before the film began, a group of four walked down the aisle, looking for a string of open seats in the crowded theater. One of them stopped at my row and asked if I would move down a seat. Immediately, I realized my predicament. If I moved, I'd be behind someone tall, with my vision of the screen blocked.

I'd spend the film gazing through someone's head. I said no. The woman who had asked was taken aback, said so, and then moved on. Just as quickly, I found myself shocked by my own selfishness. Where had that come from? Was I really not who I thought I was? I discovered that there are hidden pieces of who we are that seldom come to light, and when they do, we cringe. If we are fortunate, the Lenten journey we begin on Ash Wednesday might reveal to us what it is that lives in our hearts. ●

Reflect

What can I do for Lent that may help me see myself more clearly?

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Mass Intentions

Sat. Mar. 1 Vigil
7:00 p.m. †Patrick Aaron O'Neil - RTH
Sun. Mar. 2 Mass/8th Sunday Ord. Time
8:00 a.m. †Vi Verhoeff - JG

Tues Mar 4 Mass
5:30 p.m. Graces/Lydia Willeke - JW
Wed Mar. 5 Mass/Ash Wednesday
6:00 p.m. Parishioners-living/deceased

Sat. Mar. 8 Vigil
7:00 p.m. †...
Sun. Mar. 9 Mass/1st Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. †Adolph & Anna Theurer
Family (deceased) - FBE

In need of prayer support, call

Linda Littleton: 970-630-3267
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Please Pray For Our Sick:

Kane Schrock, 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, Maria Foy, Beverly Gebauer,
Tricia Dreher, Bibiana Camacho, Robert
McMillion, MaryAnne Middlebrook, John
Stair, Ken Richards

For the Soul: Patrick O'Neil

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph
Tuesdays / 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Spend time with our Lord....

Catholic Adult Enrichment Classes
Thursdays at 7:00 pm in Coyne Hall

St. Joseph's corner: "Saint Joseph, most obedient, pray for us! Amen"

LENT 2025

Ash Wednesday Masses - March 5

A Day of Fasting & Abstinence

St. Joseph - 6:00 p.m.

St. Mary - 8:00 a.m. / 6:00 p.m.

Fasting and abstinence regulations:

*All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

*All Catholics / age 18 thru 59 / are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

*To fast means to eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken for good health but together they should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted; liquids including coffee, milk and fruit juices are allowed.

LENT 2025 - 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



Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 9th

set your clock forward one hour

March 9 / Black & Indian Missions

A percentage of the collection will go to this fund. Also, checks may be made out to the parish, with a note in the memo line directing the donation to the Black & Indian Missions.

Lay Minister Schedule

March 9, 2025

Natalie Gross 620-952-9208

Greeters/Gifts: Linda Littleton

Pianist: Marcia Pieper

Cantor: Joan Pieper

Lector: Tracy Samber

Altar Servers: T Weis, A Willeke, K Schrock

Head Usher: Roger Kuntz

Euch Ministers: Terry & Rita Hart

Lent books

(The little Black Book and The Word Among Us with daily readings) for reflection are available at the entrances.

Please help yourself.

Pilgrimage to Marian Shrines

One is being planned by

St. John's (Yuma) & St. Andrew's (Wray)

April 7 thru April 12

(leaving on Monday & returning Sat. evening)

See flyer or call

Maureen 970-630-0177 or

Ginny 303-349-7330

Saturday, April 5 / Lenten Retreat

Provided by Northeast Colorado Parishes

Guest speaker will be **Jessica Navin**,

"There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love."

St. Helena's Catholic Church, Ft. Morgan, CO from 8am and close with the 5 pm Mass.

\$20 per person. REGISTER ONLINE

@<https://www.stmarybrush.org/lenten-retreat.html>. Register by March 28th.

No computer > seek registration form

For more information or to volunteer contact **Jeanett Baker 303-902-9994** or email

Bridget Link at nocoretreat@gmail.com

Email: office@stjosephsakron.org

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

Dear Padre,

Does pregnancy qualify as an exemption from abstinence and fasting in Lent?

Yes, it does. Just to be clear, abstinence is not eating meat on the Fridays of Lent and applies to Catholics over the age of fourteen. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine are obligated to fast, that is, eat only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not add up to a full meal. In addition to children and elders, exemptions from these disciplines include pregnant or nursing women and the physically or mentally ill, including those with chronic illnesses, like diabetes.

It is presumed that mature Catholics will seek balance and integration in the practice of the faith and will routinely make careful, informed decisions and apply them to spiritual practice. Obviously, being informed and aware of what the Church teaches, why the Church teaches something, and how it is to be applied and understood will only enhance a person's discernment.

The health of an unborn baby is a clear responsibility and of the utmost importance. Maintaining a healthy and balanced diet during pregnancy and adjusting any habitual practices that may endanger the health of the baby should be a primary concern. While exempt from fasting and abstinence, a pregnant woman may want to observe Lent by adopting another penitential discipline, something that would do no harm to the baby but would still be in the spirit of Lent. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March 3	March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>
Sir 17:20-24	Sir 35:1-12	Jl 2:12-18	Dt 30:15-20	Is 58:1-9a	Is 58:9b-14	Dt 26:4-10
Mk 10:17-27	Mk 10:28-31	2 Cor 5:20-6:2	Lk 9:22-25	Mt 9:14-15	Lk 5:27-32	Rom 10:8-13
		Mt 6:1-6, 16-18				Lk 4:1-13



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What Jesus says is true: we always find reasons for blaming others and justifying ourselves. And very often we complain about things that are wrong in society, in the Church, in the world, without first questioning ourselves and without making an effort to change.... Every fruitful, positive change must begin from ourselves. Otherwise, there will be no change.

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