

*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?***

**St. Mary's & St. John's
Brush CO & Stoneham CO**

Pastor: Rev. Marek Ciesla, S. Chr.
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Maurice Okeke

Masses:

Brush: Sat. - 5:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM
Thurs. - 5:30 PM, Fri. - 8:00 AM
Stoneham: Sun. - 12:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Brush: Sat. - 3:00 PM
1/2 hr. before weekday Masses
or by appointment
Stoneham: Sun. - 1:00 PM

Adoration & Benediction: 1st Friday of the
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Mass Intentions

Sat. Mar. 9 Vigil

5:00 p.m. †Park Russell - Shaver family

Sun Mar. 10 Mass/Laetare Sunday

10:00 a.m. Graces/Tyler Daughenbaugh

12:00 p.m. †Gabriela

Thurs Mar 14 Mass

5:30 p.m. †Glen Springer - JW

Fri. Mar. 15 Mass

8:00 a.m. Graces for Justin Crego

Sat. Mar. 16 Vigil

5:00 p.m. Graces for Logan Jarrell - PD

Sun Mar. 17 Mass/5th Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. †Mary Ellen Uhrig - GS

12:00 p.m. †Jan Willich

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Joseph Wilson, Tom Flores, Rosa Maria Santos, Gia Marquez, Jan Yokum, Kane Schrock, Deja Adam, Bernice Padilla, Rosemary Garcia, Sean Gleason, Marj Blatt, Ben Mettlen, Arabella Macias, Brianna Hill, Gina Mortenson, Margaret Mann, Paula & Delbert Meier, Sheryl Garvik, Izaac Morales, Kayla Albrant, Stan Prather, Ron Uhrig, Christy Chapman, Anthony Steven Villarreal, Shelby Daughenbaugh, Caiden Lee, Frank Laso, Fritz & Irene Ramirez, Norma Wolfe, Rodney Hergenreter, Stella, Amanda Weisensee, Daniel Hoffman, Alvin Vigil, Jessica Penner, Eloy Padilla, Nadine Odell, Jennifer Romero, Pennie Haller, Armando Saucedo, Jeffery Pieper, Carmona Family, Leo Millburg, Neil Wahlert, Chuck Blackwelder, Tina Trujillo

For the Soul: Rita Marie Flores, Tom Flores, Judith Esser, Sherri Picciano

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

- 1) **Shroud of Turin / March 10th**
Sacred Heart Parish - Peetz, CO at 1 PM
- 2) **The Divine Mercy Choir / March 25th**
St. Helena - Ft. Morgan at 7 PM
(See flyers on the bulletin boards)

LENT 2024

Fridays of Lent at St. Mary:

A Day of Abstinence

5:30 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:00 p.m. - Lenten video

after video - Knights dinner / Parish Hall

Mar. 15 - Soup / Mar. 22 - Chef's Choice

Wednesdays of Lent at St. John's:

6:00 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Lenten Soup to follow / Mar. 13, 20, & 27

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
/Exposition / Adoration / Benediction/

St. Mary's: March 9th/10th after Mass
/ adoration + Holy Face Chaplet + procession
by the Celebrant + Benediction /

St. John's: March 10th
Second Sunday of the month
11:30 a.m. - 11:57 a.m.



Sundays thru Lent at St. John's
Noon - Mass / afterwards confessions,
luncheon and Eucharistic video

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



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

Food Drive - Help feed families

Consider canned goods & items for
the Brush Food pantry.

Monetary donations welcomed.

Drop off at St. Mary's

Thank you for your support!

REQUEST FOR MASS INTENTIONS

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

Intention Name:

_____ Living _____ Deceased

Requested by: _____

Phone: _____

Date wanted: _____

Which church? ____ St. Mary ____ St. John

Dear Padre,

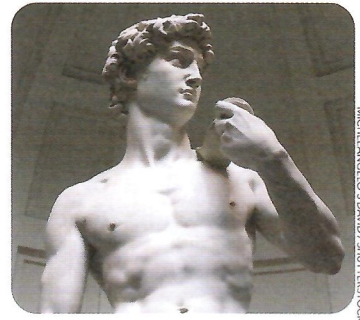
In the Church's eyes, what constitutes pornography? Art museums have statues of nude men and women, some of which are quite explicit. Is the only difference the respectability of the venue?

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 usccb.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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