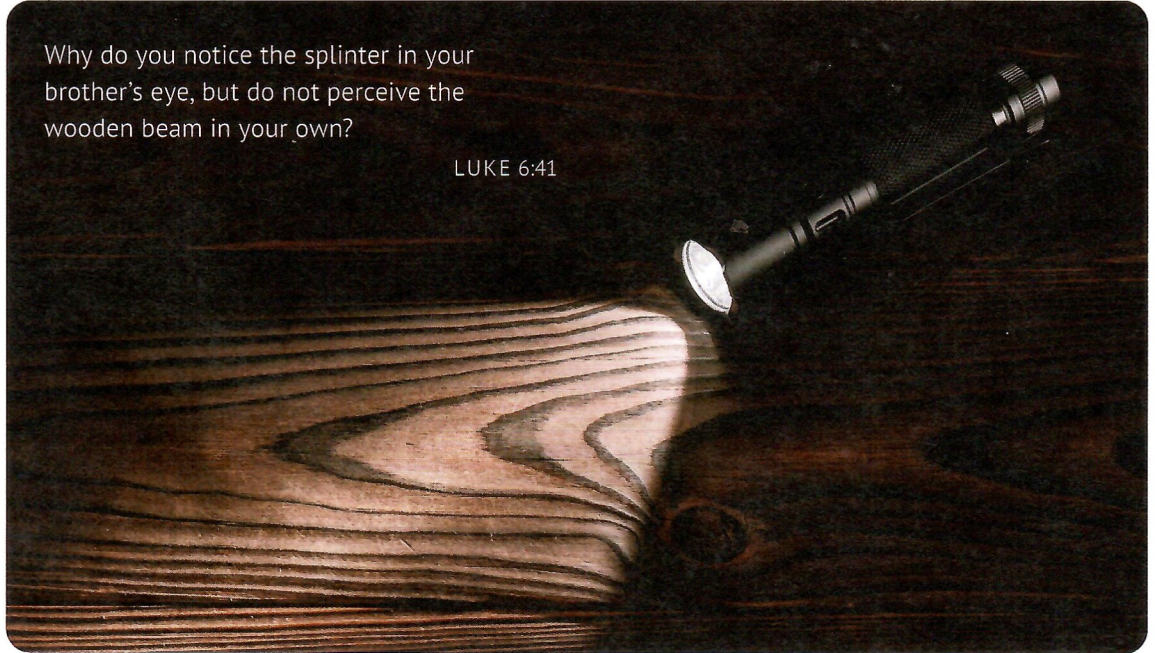




Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?

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?

**St. Mary's & St. John's
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Mass Intentions

Sat Mar. 1 5:00 p.m.	Vigil †Robert Guzman Sr. - TG
Sun Mar 2 10:00 a.m.	Mass/8th Sunday Ord. Time †Mark & †Tony Perez - Acosta/Perez family
12:00 p.m.	†Sherri Picciano - JJ
Wed Mar 5 8:00 a.m.	Mass/Ash Wednesday For Parishioners
6:00 p.m.	For Parishioners
Thur Mar 6 5:30 p.m.	Mass ...
Fri Mar. 7 8:00 a.m.	Mass ...
Sat Mar. 8 5:00 p.m.	Vigil Graces/Tyler Daughenbaugh
Sun Mar 9 10:00 a.m.	Mass/1st Sunday of Lent †Max, †Gilbert, & †Antonio Garcilazo - MG
12:00 p.m.	†Jan Willich - GAB

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Joseph Wilson, Gia Marquez,
Rosa Maria Santos, Jan Yokum, Deja Adam,
Kane Schrock, Bernice Padilla, Rosemary
Garcia, Sean Gleason, Ben Mettlen, Arabella
Macias, Brianna Hill, Gina Mortenson, Paula
& Delbert Meier, Sheryl Garvik, Caiden Lee,
Izaac Morales, Kayla Albrant, Stan Prather,
Christy Chapman, Anthony Steven Villarreal,
Shelby Daughenbaugh, Norma Wolfe, Stella,
Fritz & Irene Ramirez, Amanda Weisensee,
Eloy Padilla, Nadine Odell, Jennifer Romero,
Pennie Haller, Armando Saucedo, Carmona
Family, Leo Millburg, Gary Bloemker, Josie
Contreras, Emmalyn Potts, Elizabeth Trujillo,
Anne Mertens, Carter Wiedrich, Apolonio
Ramirez, Felix Acosta, Aurelia Lopez, Dave
Willich, Chuck Blackwelder

For the Soul: Marcella Schumacher

March 3 / 3-Hour Perpetual Adoration
Monday 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Come, spend time with the Lord!

March 4 / Bible Study
6:30 p.m. in the RE building
All are welcomed!

Lent books

The little Black Book (purple for children) and The Word Among Us with daily readings for reflection are available in the vestibule.

Please help yourself.

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.

LENT 2025

Fridays of Lent at St. Mary
A Day of Abstinence

5:30 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6:00 p.m. - Knights dinner
Parish Hall (basement) /good-will offering
Dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11

Tuesdays of Lent at St. John's:

6:00 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Dates: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15



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.

Pilgrimage to Marian Shrines

One is being planned by
St. John's (Yuma) & St. Andrew's (Wray)
April 7 thru April 12
(leave Monday & return Saturday 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."
at St. Helena's Catholic Church
917 W. 7th Ave. Fort Morgan, CO
from 8:15am and close with the 5 pm Mass.

The cost is \$20 per person. REGISTER
ONLINE NOW @[https://](https://www.stmarybrush.org/lenten-retreat.html)
[www.stmarybrush.org/lenten-](https://www.stmarybrush.org/lenten-retreat.html)
[retreat.html](https://www.stmarybrush.org/lenten-retreat.html). Register by March 28th.

No computer > use registration form

For more information or to volunteer
please contact **Jeanett Baker 303-902-9994**
or **Bridget Link** at nocoretreat@gmail.com



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!

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	Ash Wednesday	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	Lent
Mk 10:17-27	Mk 10:28-31	2 Cor 5:20-6:2	Dt 30:15-20	Is 58:1-9a	Is 58:9b-14	Dt 26:4-10
		Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Lk 9:22-25	Mt 9:14-15	Lk 5:27-32	Rom 10:8-13
						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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