



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 Schedule at St. Anthony's

March 1	6:15 pm	Parishioners of St. Anthony
March 2	11:30 am	Zelia & Ildeberto Martins++ and Genevieve & John Daniel++
March 4	8:30 am	
March 5	8:30 am	
March 6	8:30 am	Maria Espirito Santo+ and Manuel & Jose Manuel Silva++
March 7	8:30 am	Maria Morgado+, Jose Rego+, Ermelinda & Mariano Mederios++
March 8	6:15 pm	Edith De Fontes+
March 9	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, collection counters, etc. if you can assist, kindly let Father Joe know. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church for the Christmas and New Year's masses.

Mass Schedule for St. Anthony's

Weekday masses will be held at 8:30 am going forward.

Please be aware that St. Anthony's Church will be open prior and closed after each Mass.

Jubilee Prayer for 2025

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Bulletin for March 1-March 2, 2025

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

February 15/Feb 16 \$ 1,129.00

February 22/Feb 23 \$

Online payments can be made directly into the Bank account of St. Anthony's – Butterfield Bank – BD \$ Current A/c – 20006060061567100 and US \$ Current A/c - 20006840061567100.

Please make sure to indicate what the donation is for in the memo field when making the payment i.e., Gen collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times that you are away or on vacation. Please note that we are charged \$20 for US checks drawn on a US Bank. Kindly do not place Canadian or British currency in the collection baskets.

Maintenance Collection – this weekend

Counting Schedule:

This week: Annette and Dennis

Next week: Annette and Alice

Pastor's Point

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Cross itself symbolically looks like those afflictions that nail us to a bed. Those who lovingly “remain” near the sick allow the suffering person to experience the human gaze, which lends meaning to a time of illness. *For, in the experience of being loved, all of life finds its justification.* Christ was sustained in his passion by the love of his Father and his Mother. To gaze at the crucifix is to behold a scene in which Christ truly transfigures the darkest hours of the human experience. Those who “remain” at the foot of the Cross participate in the mystery of Redemption. In this manner, death can become the occasion of greater hope. The hope that Christ communicates to those suffering is that of his presence, of his true nearness. The Resurrection proves that the last word never belongs to death, pain, or suffering. Christ rises *in* history, and in the Resurrection the abiding love of the Father is confirmed. To contemplate Christ's suffering is to proclaim a hope that imparts meaning to the time of sickness and death. And from this hope springs the love that overcomes the temptation to despair. While palliative care is essential and invaluable, it cannot take the place of someone who “remains” at the bedside of the sick to bear witness to their unique and unrepeatable value. It is not enough to be merely “nearby” as the soldiers and

spectators were at the Cross, distracted, indifferent, or resentful.

For those who care for the sick, the scene of the Cross provides a way of understanding that *even when it seems that there is nothing more to do, there remains much to do*, because “remaining” by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains. The proclamation of life after death is not an illusion nor merely a consolation, but a certainty lodged at the center of love that death cannot devour. As we approach the season of Lent this week on Ash Wednesday, let us reflect upon the above and realize that the Lord in His love and mercy does not abandon us, but accompanies us on our journey with whatever crosses we are given in life. Make this Lent meaningful as it leads to Easter which is the greatest celebration of our Lord and life.

Fr. Joe, Vicar General and Acting Pastor

Bishop’s Corner

Dear Fellow Catholics,

On the coming Wednesday, 5th of March, we begin our Lenten journey that “is a fitting time to climb the holy mountain of Easter. The faithful are called to be ever more attentive to the word of God and prayer, and prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises” (*Ceremonial of Bishops*, 249).

I would like to share with you some points from the liturgical rubrics for the time of Lent in order to understand better the meaning of this season:

- Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord’s Supper;
- All Memorials of Saints occurring during Lent are observed as optional;
- *Alleluia* is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil. *Gloria* is omitted in Sunday liturgies;
- During Lent the church should not be decorated with flowers, and music should be played only to give necessary support to the singing.
- On the Fourth Sunday of Lent (“Laetare”) and on Solemnities, more festive music may be played and the church decorated with the flowers.
- The two Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation are appropriate for use during the season of Lent. Although these Eucharistic Prayers have been provided with a proper Preface, they may also be used with other Prefaces that refer to penance and conversion.
- Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence, health permitting, in the Church. On Fridays of Lent abstinence is recommended but

possibly not in the literal form of not eating meat in order to have lobster.

- The traditional works of mercy of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Enjoy the last days of Carnival and have a blessed Lent!
Bishop Wes

Hymn Suggestions Welcome

Music adds a special element to our collective liturgical worship and we continually strive to encourage full participation. With this in mind, we welcome your suggestions on hymns you love to sing by emailing Ruth Stovell at ruthiev1971@gmail.com. Please bear in mind that hymns are selected at the end of each month for the following month. “To sing is to pray twice.” – St. Augustine

Complimentary Movie Tickets

The Diocese has been offered complimentary tickets to the movie, Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin. (Angel Studios) showing at the BUEI starting **February 20th – 23rd at 6:30 pm**. This is a powerful WWII story of faith and courage!

For ticket requests please email, jfarrow7751@gmail.com

Please include your name, the date you would like to attend and number of tickets required. Tickets can be collected at the door.

St. Patrick’s Catered Dinner Bingo

Date: March 15, 2025

Time: 7:15 pm

Place: St. Patrick’s Hall

Tickets: \$45 (adults) and \$20 (children ages 12 and older)
Includes one bingo card.

Tickets are available from Parish Council members.
See back bulletin board for further details.

WORDS OF LIFE

The Gospel of Life is “meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” (*The Gospel of Life* 5).

The Peace and Social Justice Ministry

The movie called "Origin" will be shown at Mount St. Agnes Academy on Sunday March 9th from 2 pm to 5 pm. All are encouraged to attend. The event is free.

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</i>	<i>Friday after</i>	<i>Saturday after</i>	<i>First Sunday</i>
Sir 17:20–24	Sir 35:1–12	Jl 2:12–18	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>of Lent</i>
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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