



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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**Confession Info**

Confessions: Saturday morning, alternating between STM & HT 10:30 am-11:15

**Upcoming/Ongoing Church Events**

Fundraiser: STM Rav/Tort | call 815-252-2215 (leave name/phone number/order) | \$9.00/bag

**CCD Classes**

Sunday, March 2nd - 6 & 7th Grade

Children's Mass- HT at 8:30am

Sunday, March 9th - K-5th Grade



**Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of March 3, 2025**

Monday	3/3			† No Mass
Tuesday	3/4	9:00 am	STM	† David Heath
Wednesday	3/5	8:30 am	STM-Ash Wednesday	† John Balma
		5:30 pm	HT	† John & Phyllis Hank
Thursday	3/6	9:00 am	HT	† Bernard Schwamberger
Friday	3/7	9:00 am	STM	† Minnie & Dan Cattani

**Mass Intentions for the weekend of March 8-9, 2025**

Saturday	3/8	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† For the Parishioners
Sunday	3/9	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Kathy Bonucchi



## Lenten Message From Bishop Tyka

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter into this Lenten season, the Church once again invites us to use this opportunity to share more fully in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. It is essential that we cultivate a deeper sense of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to better offer our lives to Our Lord.

As we make our way through the Triduum and to that glorious day of the Lord's Resurrection, I pray that all of us will be ever more attentive to our spiritual devotions and especially to the Word of God during these forty days. May the guidance of the Holy Spirit assist us in our Lenten journey.

### Regulations For Lent And The Easter Triduum

Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. Priests, religious and laity are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, attentiveness to prayer, and especially to works of charity and mercy.

Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, and all the Fridays of Lent.

Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, April 18, 2025.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter. May our Lenten journey bring us closer to the cross and our Resurrected Savior.

Peace and Prayers, Most Reverend Louis Tyka, Bishop of Peoria

### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Indulgence & Pilgrimage Sites

The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of the Peoria has begun on February 12, 2025 with the opening Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary's, Peoria and will continue until the closing Mass on May 22, 2027. The marking of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Peoria is meant to be a time of great spiritual, ecclesial and social significance in the life of our diocese at a part of this great celebration, the diocese has offered six pilgrimage sites along with a plenary indulgence. The Church's usual condition for gaining an indulgence apply in connection with the above Indulgence.

For more information of the pilgrimage sites and indulgence please take home a copy of the Anniversary flyer in the back of each church.

### Stations of the Cross

Stations will alternate between the 2 churches on Lenten Fridays.

Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> -STM at 6pm

Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> - HT at 6pm

Friday March 21<sup>st</sup> -STM at 6pm

Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> - HT at 6pm

Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> - STM at 6pm

Friday April 11<sup>th</sup> -HT at 6pm

**STM Rav Group** The Rav/Tort Fundraiser will be ending for the year at the end of March or beginning of April. Please place order **By March 15<sup>th</sup>**

### Latest Offering's

Feb. 23rd Weekend

HT - \$431

STM - \$982

SP- \$180

### Ash Wednesday, March 5th

#### Mass Times

STM Mass 8:30am

HT Mass-5:30pm

### Confessions

Sat. March 8th

10:30 am-11:15 am

Holy Trinity

in the confessional

150<sup>th</sup>  
Diocese of Peoria

# 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. ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org**



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<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
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 Mk 10:17-27	Sir 35:1-12 Mk 10:28-31	Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25	Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15	Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32	Dt 26:4-10 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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