



Coming of Age, Coming of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is said we never become a believer before age thirty-five. I don't think there is anything magical about that age. Some in their seventies still have not yet come to be people of faith, and there are those who, at a very young age, seem to have entrusted their lives to God. What the age of thirty-five does say, however, is that most people need to have lived a while and experienced a few ups and downs to recognize there is a power in their lives greater than themselves.

This week's Gospel story of the man born blind encapsulates a lifelong journey of coming to see who Jesus is, compressed into a few days. When asked who cured him of blindness, the man first says the man Jesus did it. Brought to testify before the Pharisees, he says that Jesus must be a prophet. Confronted by the

Pharisees a second time, he testifies that Jesus must be of God. Finally, when he sees Jesus again, he calls him Lord, a name for God. The story is a parable of sorts about how we come to have faith, to see with new and different eyes.

Faith involves trusting, sometimes trusting an unseen Power who feels absent at times; about surrendering control over our lives to God, as we come to see in an entirely new way. It can take a lifetime to begin seeing in such a way. ●

Reflect

*Where am I on the journey of faith?
How open are my eyes?*



[The man who had been blind] replied, "...One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."

JOHN 9:25

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WEDDINGS: Please contact at least 6 months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call any time or by appointment.

Bishop McKnight's March prayer intention for our Local Church

For a greater respect for the dignity of all human life; may our Catholic Faith inspire us to recognize all human beings — no matter their age, race, or condition — as our brothers and sisters in the Lord.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mar. 18	4:00 PM	Francis Knaebel
Mar. 19	9:45 AM	Annunciation/St. Andrew
	11:15 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Mar. 21	8:00 AM	Arlene Distler
Mar. 23	8:00 AM	Scheidt/Bestgen Family
Mar. 25	4:00 PM	Annunciation/St. Andrew
Mar. 26	9:45 AM	LeRoy & Kathy Welch
	11:15 AM	Souls in Purgatory

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, March 18th 4:00 pm

Lector:	Elaine Anderson
Servers:	Need Volunteer
Greeter:	Lisa Anderson/Kaye Pearson
Song Leader:	Larry Dahler
Organist:	Ruth Ann Jobe
Rosary:	Ruth Ann Jobe

Sunday - March 19th 9:45 am

Lector:	Jacob Hoellering
Servers:	McCumber Family
Greeter:	Darrell & Tammy Hoellering
Song Leader:	Alicia Taube
Organist:	Ruth Ann Jobe
Rosary:	Charles Roll

Saturday, March 25th 4:00 pm

Lector:	Becky Bloch
Servers:	Need Volunteer
Greeter:	Joyce Ziehmer/Denise Gerlt
Song Leader:	Larry Dahler
Organist:	Betty Pringer
Rosary:	Russ Anderon

Sunday - March 19th 9:45 am

Lector:	Rita Henley
Servers:	Shane Bax/Clay Sangster
Greeter:	Linda/Larry Imhoff
Song Leader:	JoAnn Bestgen
Organist:	Betty Pringer
Rosary:	Rita Henley

PRAYER LIST

Please Pray for these and all who are in need of prayer. Call the office to add someone or take someone off.

Larry Peck; Terry McCann; Linda Rodick; Patrick Fischer; Donna Arauz; Jennifer Bax; Linda Reichel; Mary Jo Garnett; Liz Schlup; Tucker Clough (great-grandson Linda Bardwell); Baby Harrison Luebbert; Steve Gerlt; Mark Bardwell; Dylann Henley; Lanny Wingate; Baby Lillian (granddaughter of Lori Heather) Vickie Schroeder; Marilyn Durk; Cody Schmidt; Betty Pringer; David Strickfaden; Ruth Ziehmer, Brenda Irely; Joann Ponder; Jamie Bax; Stephanie Marshall; Jim Imhoff; Barb Glenn; Darrell Bolin; Chris Schoenthal; Larry Hoback; Sister Leona Bax; Roger Borgmeyer; Carol Baker; Amanda Imhoff; Connie Sack; Jeff Johnson; Gary Fleischmann; John & Barbara Reichl (parents of Bill Reichl); Louis Forck (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Bob Winkler; Special Intention; Rachel Frank; Abe Baepler; Andrea Tilbury; Carol Rackers; Keith Connell; Alfred Rhodus

THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION

Saturday, Mar. 18	St. Cyril	
̄Mass 4:00 PM	Francis Knaebel	
Sunday, Mar. 19	Fourth Sunday of Lent	
̄Mass 9:45 AM	Annunciation/St. Andrew	
	11:15	Souls in Purgatory
	8:30 - 9:30 AM	Religious Education
Monday, Mar. 20	St. Joseph	
	5:45 PM	Rosary
	8:00 PM	AA-Alon
Tuesday, Mar. 21		
̄Mass 8:00 AM	Arlene Distler	
	6:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Mtg
Wednesday, Mar. 22		
	6:00 PM	Kindergarten Mtg - St. Andrew
Thursday, Mar. 23		
̄Mass 8:00 AM	Scheidt/Bestgen Family	
		Food Truck
	7:00 PM	Holy Hour - Spanish
Saturday, Mar. 25	The Annunciation	
̄Mass 4:00 PM	Annunciation/St. Andrew	
Sunday, Mar. 26	5 th Sunday of Lent	
̄Mass 9:45 AM	LeRoy & Kathy Welch	
	11:15 AM	Souls in Purgatory
	8:30 - 9:30 AM	Religious Education

Happenings in the Parish

March 21 –Knights of Columbus meeting 6 PM

March 23 – Food Truck

Stations of the Cross – Friday evenings 6:30 PM thru Lent

Adult Faith Formation Classes will be meeting on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent at Annunciation with Deacon Bob. There will not be one this Wednesday because of Confirmation.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday - April 6 - 7pm
 Good Friday, April 7 - 3pm Stations - 7pm Service
 Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 8 - 8:30 PM
 Easter Sunday – April 9 - 9:45 AM
 Easter Sunday - 11:15 AM Spanish

Easter Lilies – If anyone wants to donate money for Easter Lilies in memory of their loved ones, please place money in envelope and put in collection plate.

Fish Fries:

Russellville – St. Michael – 31st 4:30 – 7:00
Tipton – St. Andrew CYO – March 24 – 4:30 – 7:00
 Tipton Farmers & Sportsman – March 31 - 4:30 – 7:00
St. Martin’s - March 24th – 4:30 – 7:30

Chicken Dinner

Bonnots Mill – St. Louis of France Catholic Church – March 26 – 12:00 – 6:00 PM

1st week: \$4,436.00 3rd week: \$
 2nd week: \$7,268.00 4th week: \$

Candles \$29.00 Hispanic \$240.00
 Mustard Seed \$5.00 Bldg Fund \$10.00

Kindergarten Information Night on March 22 at 6:00pm in the St. Andrew School cafeteria.

Confession Schedule Lent 2023

City	Date	Confession Time
Pilot Grove	3/29/2023	7:00 PM
Eldon	3/21/2023	6:30 PM
Mary's Home	3/19/2023	3:00 PM
Lake Ozark	3/20/2023	
Sedalia	3/26/2023	4:00 PM
Tipton	4/4th-5th/2023	6:00 PM
California	3/21st-22nd/2023	6:00 PM
Warsaw	3/21/2023	6:00 PM
Cole Camp	N/A	N/A

Dear Padre,

Why should I bother to be more religious? I'm a good person. Isn't that enough to get me into heaven?

When asked for advice about how people should decide on a vocation, St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, said they should do an imagination exercise. "Imagine that you are on your deathbed," he said. "From that point of view what would you wish you had done in your life?" That is still good advice.

Here's another exercise: Imagine you have a grandmother who is completely generous and caring toward you. Throughout your childhood, she was always there for you. But as a teen you belittled her and, in effect, told her that all she had offered is worthless to you. In a saner moment, won't you feel terrible about how you treated her?

Our life with God is much the same. God has given us absolutely everything, from our existence to every breath we take. God has also given us a way to know him through his Son, Jesus (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 73). And one way we know Jesus is through the Church and the celebration of the sacraments (CCC 1085). To refuse these gifts, to say, "I am already a good person. I don't need these gifts from God" is a bit presumptuous, don't you think?

To be "religious" is not just an outward show of piety. It's the way we have been given to learn God's language: the language of forgiveness, of faith, hope, and love. ●



Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26
<i>St. Joseph</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16	Ez 47:1-9, 12	Is 49:8-15	Ex 32:7-14	Wis 2:1a, 12-22	Is 7:10-14; 8:10	Ez 37:12-14
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 /	Jn 5:1-16	Jn 5:17-30	Jn 5:31-47	Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	Heb 10:4-10	Rom 8:8-11
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a					Lk 1:26-38	Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We complain about things that are wrong in society, in the Church, in the world, without first questioning ourselves....Every fruitful, positive change must begin from ourselves. If we are blind, we cannot claim to be guides and teachers for others: indeed, a blind person cannot lead another blind person....

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