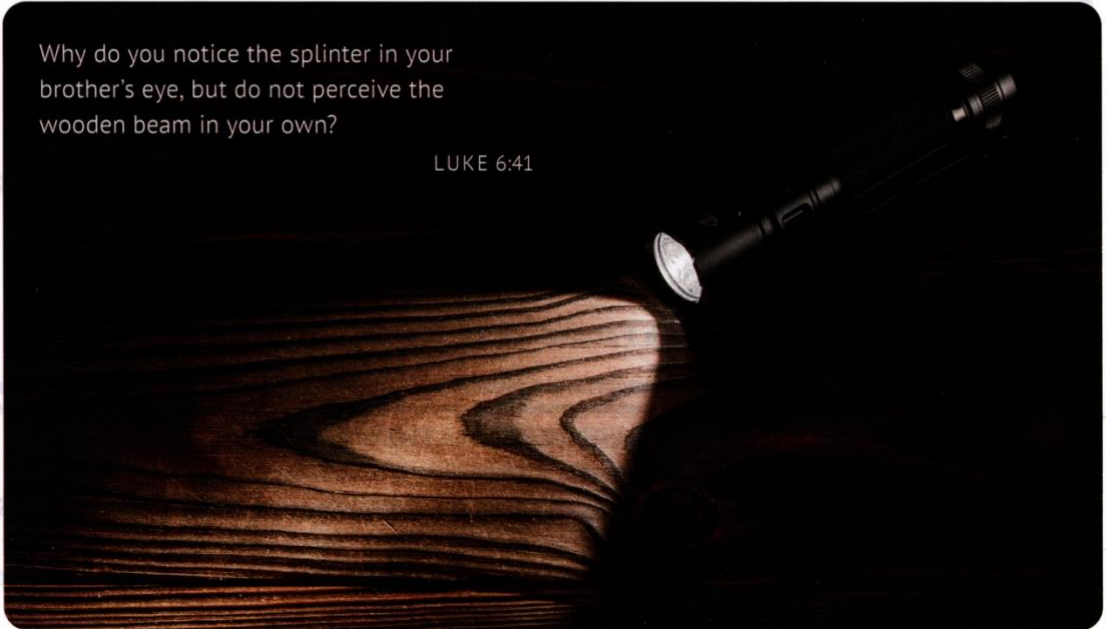




Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?

LUKE 6:41



Blindsided

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There 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?

Saint Benedict Catholic Church
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Parish Office Hours: 9:00am-2:00pm on Wednesday and Friday

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: As the Roman Catholic Mother Church of Greensboro, St. Benedict's Parish mission, responding faithfully to Christ's call, is to bring all people closer to God through liturgy, fellowship, service, outreach, and works of charity.

Rev. James Duong, Pastor

Lynne McGrath, Secretary & Faith Formation Coordinator

Weekend Mass

Sat. Miraculous Medal

Novena at 4:45pm

Mass at 5:00pm

Sun. Mass at 8am & 11am

Chaplet of Divine

Mercy after 11am

Mass

Confessions

Weekdays before 12:15

Mass

Saturday 4 - 4:30pm

Weekday Mass

Rosary at 11:45am

Mass Monday - Friday

12:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

after Mass

NO MASS on Thursday

Bulletin requests must be in the Parish Office by noon Wednesday, ten (10) days in advance of the weekend of publication.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Welcome all new families and individuals. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at St. Benedict, and for the parish to issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors. You must be a registered, contributing member for at least three (3) months before a certificate will be given. Registration forms are available in the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you are seriously ill, going in for surgery or weak from old age, you may receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Please contact Fr. Duong if you desire to receive this sacrament.

HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME & SHUT-IN VISITS: If you or any members of your family are sick and, in the hospital, or a nursing home, and you'd like Communion brought to them, please call the parish office.

FAITH FORMATION: All classes from pre-K to high school are on Sundays from **9:15-10:30am** in the parish hall. For more information call Lynne McGrath.

RCIA: Please call the parish office for more information.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements must be made with a priest/deacon at least six (6) months in advance. Call the parish office for more information.

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARCH 2, 2025

For all married couples:
That they may witness to the generous love of God,
through openness to new life by joyfully welcoming the gift of children.

MASS SCHEDULE

INTENTIONS

3/1	Saturday	5:00pm	Kimberly Oliver - healing
3/2	Sunday	8:00am	For the Parishioners
		11:00am	+ Tina Fantigrossi
3/3	Monday	12:15pm	Carol Wolf's friends
3/4	Tuesday	12:15pm	Room at the Inn
3/5	Wednesday	12:00pm	+ William & Mary McCutcheon
		6:00pm	+ Robert & Nora Snyder
3/6	Thursday	NO MASS	
3/7	Friday	12:15pm	Brendan McGrath family
3/8	Saturday	5:00pm	Kimberly Oliver - healing
3/9	Sunday	8:00am	For the Parishioners
		11:00am	+ Tina Fantigrossi

+ denotes deceased

Keeping Our Military in Our Prayers

Kharll Skycer Villarin
Sgt. W.R. Williams III
Maj. Russel Henderson
Sgt. Bryanna Spade
Sgt. Kyle Spade
April Ducote
Aaron Gaither
Phillip Kiniery
Christopher Simmons
Kris Guffey
Jennifer Kmiecinski

Sick and Shut-In

Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers and at Mass: Lynn Clay, Richard Collings, Virgil Dotson, Lupina Doyle, Janice Drasler, Martha Eakes, Tracy Edwards, Bonnie McIntyre, Kimberly Oliver, Barbara Parsons, George Pickett, Dan Popik, Cam Reitzel, Luke & Heather Robinson, Manny & Laura Rodrigues, Kim Snyder, Vivian Speetjens, Marvin Tomlin Jr., Teresa Thu Tran, Robin VanPelt, Frank Williams, Wilson, Brian Wilson, Jean Wilson

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Offertory

\$ 3,334.00

***** This weekend we will have a second collection for our Maintenance Fund *****
THANK YOU!

MINISTER SCHEDULE: MARCH 8 AND 9

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>E.M.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>CANTOR</u>
5 pm	Danielle Hayes	Geoff Hayes	Emily, Gloria	Tom Garcia
8 am	Christine Gnaster	Trudy Menzzentto	Raul, Mary, Jose	
11 am	Pat Nolan	Bill McCutcheon	Ava	Choir

REFLECTION



Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

LEAVE A LEGACY

Do you have an IRA? If your family's needs are being met, you may wish to include St. Benedict's as a beneficiary. Contact your plan administrator and ask for change of beneficiary form to include St. Benedict's as a recipient of your good stewardship.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What bean in my eye will I remove this Lent? What fruit will I produce during Lent? In other words, what two concrete things will I do to see more clearly and to contribute to Jesus' mission?



PARISH NEWS

**DIOCESAN
SUPPORT
APPEAL** 2025

Reflecting God's Light

THE DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL (DSA) 2025 is underway. This year's theme is "Reflecting God's Light". We are all called to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters both here in our parish and in the diocese. **The target for St. Benedict's is \$31,234.** Thank You!

THANK YOU! to all those who made my 20th anniversary celebration a special day with good wishes, gifts, attendance at the luncheon, cooking and bringing food, setting up and cleaning up afterwards. It was very meaningful and it is my priviledge to serve at St. Benedict's ~ *Father Duc*



ASH WEDNESDAY is this Wednesday, March 5. Mass will be celebrated at noon and 6 p.m. with ashes distributed at each Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY is this week. We will have the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction and Adoration following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no Faith Formation on Sunday, March 2. Classes resume next Sunday.

This week we say **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to:

Joyce Dorley (3/1), Lisa Monforton (3/2), Bailey Rose Garcia-Espitia (3/2)



A JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE 2025

Fr. James Duong at St. Benedict Parish in Greensboro,
Fr. Tien Duong at St. Francis Assisi in Franklin,
Fr. Tri Duong at St. John University in New York,
invite you to join them on a 12-day pilgrimage to ITALY...
... to visit PADRE PIO, St. FRANCIS, St. CLARE, St. BENEDICT...
... to have a Papal audience with Pope Francis...
... to visit JUBILEE DOORS at 4 major basilicas...
... and Our Lady of Medjugorje.

For further information, please call Fr. James Duong at 336-272-0303

or djduong@rcdoc.org or check here for details: trip.nativitypilgrimage.com/np4256

Brochures are available in the vestibules of the church.





LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:

These are days of *Fast and Abstinence from meat*. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Weekdays of Lent:

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent)

All who have reached the age of 14 are bound to totally abstain from meat.

LENTEN SCHEDULE AT ST. BENEDICT

Ash Wednesday (March 5)

Ashes will be distributed at all both Masses – 12 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday of Lent at 6 p.m. (Beginning Friday, March 7)

Penance Service:

St. Benedict's TBA

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:



Telling the story of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus was an important part of the early Christian's experience. In the late fourth century, people began making pilgrimages to the Holy Land, where they would follow the path that Jesus took to Calvary. During the Middle Ages, when outbreaks of war made it impossible for people to travel to the Holy Land, people created a Via Dolorosa, or "Sorrowful Way," in their towns and villages. They erected paintings or sculptures depicting the Passion of Christ along a processional route or inside a church. By the mid-18th century, the number of stations was fixed at 14 and the devotion known as the Stations of the Cross, also called the Way of the Cross, became widespread.



March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Sir 27:4-7 | 1 Cor 15:54-58 | Lk 6:39-45

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It can be uncomfortable to admit, but our speech habits can truly reveal our interior life. Too often, I've fallen prey to the temptation of gossip or other alluring but unbecoming forms of conversation. Perhaps we all have to some degree, which is why today's words from Sirach capture our attention: "When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks." This theme of speech being connected to our hearts is woven throughout Scripture, and it both challenges and encourages us. Before God came to us in the flesh, he came to us as the *Word*. Our words carry eternal weight; they have the power to bless or to curse. For this reason, the Scriptures today challenge us to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, in order to grow in virtue so that our speech may reflect his glory and our words echo his truth.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today's parable from Luke's Gospel, Jesus asks, "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Ouch. Am I the only one who shifts uncomfortably when reading this? How often and how easily do we fixate on the way others have caused us frustration, discomfort, or hurt? While those things may (or may not) be true, it feels so easy to dismiss personal responsibility. In this passage, Jesus lovingly teaches us that when we live this way, we remain stuck in our patterns of sin. But he also gives us another option: "Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly." It is through this honest examination of conscience and cleansing of our own sin that we come to know God more fully, and as our vision is cleared, become more aware of how his beauty and mercy surround us.

REFLECT

Today, let us pray for a deeper personal conversion through an honest examination of conscience, so that as we empty ourselves from our sinful ways, we may become more tethered to God's holy will, speaking his truth and living in his light. Commit to praying an Act of Contrition each day this week and ask the Holy Spirit to help you grow in virtue.

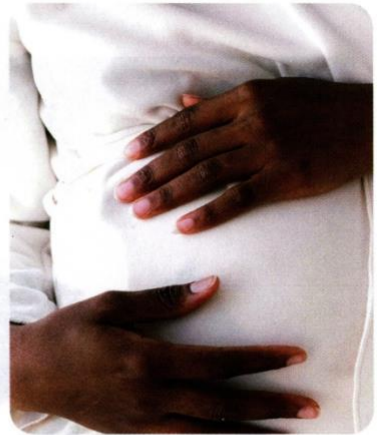
Dear Padre,

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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Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March 3	March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9
Weekday	Weekday	Ash Wednesday	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	First Sunday of Lent
Sir 17:20–24	Sir 35:1–12	Jl 2:12–18	Dt 30:15–20	Is 58:1–9a	Is 58:9b–14	Dt 26:4–10
Mk 10:17–27	Mk 10:28–31	2 Cor 5:20–6:2 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



VATICAN MEDIA

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.

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 27, 2022