

STEWARDSHIP SPOT: All of today's readings remind us that our works reflect what is in our hearts. Do my words and actions reveal a heart that is grateful for—and generous in sharing—the abundance God has poured into my life?
Ash Wednesday: emphasis on prayer, fasting and almsgiving



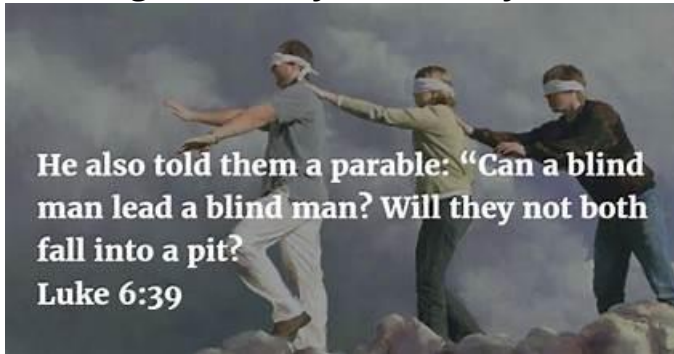
2025 is the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of

"Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. ~ **Pilgrims of Hope**



"Every life is a gift and has something unique to contribute to the world." – Pope Francis

~~ Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~~



He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?"
Luke 6:39



Are you in the witness protection program? If not... Kim May and Terry Wakeland are in the process of updating the Parish Directory. They will be taking photos before and after Mass on March 8-9. Please use sign up sheet at south entrance of Church to schedule an appointment. Email: sjbcuster@gmail.com or call Terry (209-598-5479) Kim (281-881-2905)

Worship/Gathering Space Addition Update

Progress on the exciting new Worship/Gathering Space Addition continues with Father receiving tentative approval from the Bishop to sell the Parish Center.

Meetings to receive parish input on the Initial Design Concept are March 8, 9 & 15, 16 after Mass. Formal approval from the diocese will be requested after input from parishioners is received and Father Collins has approved the plans. If everything proceeds as planned, construction is expected to begin in September 2025 with completion in May 2026. All dates are tentative.



The Month of **March** is dedicated to **St. Joseph**

Lenten Trivia

- What biblical event in the life of Jesus does the time of Lent represent?
- When is the first day of Lent, and what is the original meaning?
- How is the ash for Ash Wednesday made?
- What event in the life of Jesus do the palms represent?

Double BINGO next BINGO will be **March 23, 1 pm** with money going to send SJB kids to a fantastic Youth Conference at **Steubenville of the Rockies**. Bring a friend who doesn't normally go to St Johns' events and both you and your friend will get a free bingo card (with purchase of a card).



His 40 days in the desert; Ash Wednesday, Spring, a time of renewal; palms from previous Palm Sunday; His entrance into Jerusalem

Trivia Answers

Prayer for Pope Francis
O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;
Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen