



Michael Leach and Jesuit Fr. James Martin (NCR screenshot/YouTube)



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For the second year, NCR is bringing our readers a four-part series of conversations on spirituality during the Lenten season.

[In the second conversation](#), Soul Seeing for Lent host Michael Leach speaks with Jesuit Fr. Jim Martin, editor-at-large at America magazine, about the power of prayer and having honest conversations with God.

### **Background reading:**

- Honesty with God means sharing everything with God, not simply gratitude and praise and not just things you think are appropriate for prayer, [writes Martin in his Soul Seeing for Lent column](#).
- [Read a review of Martin's book](#), *Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone*.
- Soul Seeing, which is edited by Leach, is a regular NCR column focused on spirituality and the "peace beyond all understanding." [You can read all Soul Seeing columns here](#).

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### **Mark your calendar for our upcoming Soul Seeing for Lent conversations:**

- April 4 — Nicole Symmonds, visiting professor at McAfee School of Theology
- April 18 — Franciscan Sr. Ilia Delio, the Josephine C. Connelly Endowed Chair in Theology at Villanova University

[And check out the first Soul Seeing Lent conversation with Loretto Sr. Jeannine Gramick](#), co-founder of New Ways Ministry, about her ministry, her correspondence with Pope Francis and what she's doing this Lent.

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