



## MAKING JESUS KNOWN

# *Saint Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Community*

*February 21,*

*First Sunday in Lent*

This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at

At once the Spirit drove him  
out into the desert,  
and he remained in the desert  
for forty days,  
tempted by Satan.  
He was among wild beasts,  
and the angels  
ministered to him.

After John had been arrested,  
Jesus came to Galilee

*After the impact of the Father's voice proclaiming that Jesus is the Father's own beloved Son, the Spirit drove him into the desert to establish the environment of conflict, and the full dimensions of the cost Jesus will pay to bring humanity to the original intention of our destiny. These forty days will echo the forty years in the desert that was intended to result in the complete fidelity of Israel to the Father's plan.*



*The enemy of this plan is Satan, who will continue to oppose the Father's will, as well as the faithful obedience of Jesus to the Father's will. We are working out the Father's plan for our time and place.*

*We look for his will, we pray to follow it faithfully and contribute to its faithful execution. Our sacramental life gives us what we need to be effective workers in his vineyard.*

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph on the Rio Grande is a member of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and is in union with the Roman Catholic Church. We believe in and celebrate the presence of Christ in our world through Word and Sacrament. We strive to make Jesus known in the local community through ministries



FYI: RESTRICTIONS  
& PROTOCOLS

Now that the Christmas Season is behind us please remember that we are still in a pandemic and that precautions need to be taken in order to protect human life and to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and on the holy days of obligation continues to be dispensed for all. The faithful are reminded that HOME IS THE HOLY PLACE and that they can gather with the members of their household to keep holy the Lord's Day and the Holy Days by their prayer at home. Participation in the Holy Mass can occur either by television or online streaming services. Reflect on the scriptures for the daily Mass readings, pray the rosary and/or the chaplet of Divine Mercy. Prayerfully reflect on the many blessings which God has bestowed upon you and your family and give thanks to God for His love and mercy.

Masses are being celebrated on a daily basis with limited seating. Holy Communion is also being distributed on a daily basis at the end of Mass.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE  
IN CHURCH

Saturday: 4:00 pm (live streamed)  
Sunday: 10:00 am (Live/You Tube)  
[Sunday Mass may be viewed on your mobile device/computer on Sunday beginning about 10:00 am.]

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE IN CHURCH

Weekdays: 9:00 am (live streamed)  
[Mass uploaded and can be viewed later on mobile device/computer.]

COMMUNION: Distributed after Mass

Weekdays: from 9:30 - 9:40 am  
Saturday: from 4:45 - 5:15 pm  
Sunday: from 10:45 - 11:15 am  
Location: Gathering Space

If you come for Communion only, line up from A - Z on the sidewalk between the church and the Nazareth Center. Keep social distance as indicated on the sidewalk by the blue letters and hash marks.

Enter through the far, right door and exit by the opposite door. There are two communion stations inside.

CONFESSION: Saturday 2:00-3:00 pm  
Mask required. Wait outside. Only one penitent enters church at a time.  
Confession heard at the glass door with the sign: CONFESS HERE.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 20, 2021**

**4:00 pm**

- ✠ Joe Ben, Simon and Demetrio Barels
- ✠ Manuel and Candelaria Martinez
- ✠ Joe Salazar

**Sunday, February 21, 2021**

**8:00 am For the Intention of the People**

**10:00 am**

- ✠ Ofelia Romero

**12:00 pm** No Intentions

**Monday, February 22, 2021**

**9:00 am**

- ✠ Severino and Steven Trujillo
- ✠ Ofelia Romero
- ✠ Perfecto and Isabel Martinez

**Tuesday, February 23, 2021**

**9:00 am** ✠ Ofelia Romero

**Wednesday, February 24, 2021**

**9:00 am** Jeremy Kaufman (Health)

- ✠ Ofelia Romero

**Thursday, February 25, 2021**

**9:00 am** ✠ Sam and Rafaelita Vigil

- ✠ Ofelia Romero

**Friday, February 26, 2021**

**9:00 am** ✠ Ofelia Romero

- ✠ Linda Franco

**Saturday, February 27, 2021**

**4:00 pm** For the Intention of the People

**Sunday, February 28, 2021**

**8:00 am** No Intentions

**10:00 am** For the Intention of the People

**12:00 pm** ✠ Ofelia Romero ✠ Lupe Tafoya

## MASS SCHEDULE DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Saturday 4:00 pm Mass with Intentions

Sunday 10:00 am Mass for the People

Please note that during this time of pandemic only two Masses are being celebrated at SJRG each weekend: Saturday at 4:00 pm and Sunday at 10:00 am. However Mass intentions are still being accepted for three of the regularly scheduled Weekend Masses and are shown in the Mass Intentions on this page.

Those intentions are fulfilled on Saturday at 4:00 pm. The intentions are read at the Prayers of the Faithful. The pastor is obliged to always celebrate one Mass for the Intention of the People. This is fulfilled at the Sunday 10:00 Mass.

So even though the Regular Schedule shows four Masses every weekend, only two are currently being celebrated with an assembly because of the pandemic. Apologies for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused you, our parishioners. Once it is safe to do so we will return to our regular schedule of Masses.

*“If Joseph was so engaged, heart and soul, in protecting and providing for that little family at Nazareth, don’t you think that now in heaven he is the same loving father and guardian of the whole Church, of all its members, as he was of its Head on earth?”*

VENERABLE POPE PIUS XII

*Just as Jesus and Mary entrusted themselves entirely to the care and protection of St. Joseph as the head of the Holy Family, so too can we follow their example.*

*“Jesus, living under the roof of St. Joseph*

St. Joseph is rather briefly described in the Gospels. The Old Testament has a lengthy story of Joseph, the son of Israel, one of many brothers. From his interactions with them, we read of his interpretations of dreams, and the reason for the name, Joseph the Dreamer. This skill appears much later in the story.

It is interesting that the eventual escape of starving Israelites had them fleeing to Egypt, where Joseph first was taken into captivity.

Beginning with Chapter 36 of the Book of Genesis, we learn of Joseph’s fate and that of Israel. Joseph is the steady hand in critical events in Egypt. Check out the Book of Genesis: Chapters 36 through 45, for interesting reading.

Pope Francis has recently encouraged dioceses to be consecrated to St. Joseph, who is an important protector of the Church.

The point is to encourage a Sincere and devout devotion to his patronage.

Shortly after the New Year, several US dioceses did in fact make this consecration.

Several members of St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Parish

are interested in planning and realizing this consecration of our parish.

They would love some helpers.

If you have questions or ideas, the person to get in touch with is

Deacon Bert and his wife.

If you call the office, Dawn would probably find a way for you to get in touch directly with them.

LENT: a time of Prayer   Fasting   almsgiving

The purpose is to open up more opportunities for conversation and  
Communion with God, and personal acknowledgement of where we  
Need to strengthen our love, fidelity to God and communion with God.

The website, Ignatian Spirituality, offers encouraging avenues of meditation,  
Planning and Communion with God in Lent.

Taken directly from this website are a few question to get started:

“In the days prior to Lent, try one or more of these suggestions.

- “Ask God, every day, **“What does my soul need?”** Just ask, and wait quietly. Because we’re very good at fooling ourselves about how we’re doing, it might take several days of praying this question before we’re truly open and humble enough to know the answer.
- Ask God, every day, **“What about my life makes you happy?”** Yes, when God looks at your life, some parts of it—perhaps many aspects of it—bring joy to God’s heart. Think of how your children or grandchildren or other people close to you make you happy. God is in relationship with you, which means that your sins grieve God’s heart, but also that your growth and love and freedom and kindness bring joy to God of the universe. Again, you will probably need to pray this a few times before you are willing to consider that you give God pleasure, that you make God happy in any way. Stick with this little prayer and keep listening.
- Tell God, and yourself, every day, **“I want to be open to the graces of this Lenten season.”** Maybe you’re not open right now, or you’re not as open and willing as you’d like to be or think you should be. What else is new? We can always open our lives a bit more, let go of more stuff, listen better, and do more quickly and passionately what we know helps nurture God’s kingdom on earth.
- This is a beginning: three short and simple prayer starters to ready yourself for the holy season.”

[IgnatianSpirituality.com](http://IgnatianSpirituality.com)

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Hours: Monday, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

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## Loaves and Fish

Many thanks to all the parishioners who donate food to the Loaves & Fish and the Caring & Sharing Ministries.

Please continue to support our ministries with non-perishable food items, placing your donations in the bins inside the main entrance of the church.

Food insecurity is at an all-time high in New Mexico: 25% of our community members live at or below the federal poverty line. That percentage has risen during COVID. The health and economic impact of the pandemic means our community continues to need our help.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those in need.

**and Caring and Sharing Ministries**

‘Whoever is generous to the poor  
lends to the Lord,  
And he will repay him for his deed’

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28

GOSPEL FOR FEBRUARY 14

2021 Feb 28 SUN: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ps 116 /Romans 8: 31b-34/

Mark 9: 2-10

2021 Mar 1 Mon: Lenten Weekday

Deuteronomy 9: 4b-10/ Ps 79 /Luke 6: 36-38

2021 Mar 2 Tue: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20/ Ps 50 / Matthew 23: 1-12

2021 Mar 3 Wed: Lenten Weekday/ Katharine Drexel

Jeremiah 18: 18-20/ Ps 31 / Matthew 20: 17-28

2021 Mar 4 Thu: Lenten Weekday/ Casimir

Jeremiah 17: 5-10/ Ps 1 / Luke 16: 19-31

2021 Mar 5 Fri: Lenten Weekday. Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up).

Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Ps 105 / Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46

2021 Mar 6 Sat: Lenten Weekday

Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20/ Ps 103 / Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead.

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