



MAKING JESUS KNOWN

Saint Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Community

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name.¹ But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

John 2: 13-25

In this event Jesus zealously corrects disrespect of the temple after observing the environment related to fulfilling religious obligations, and practices of personal devotion to God. He accuses them of making the Father's house into a market-place. He is challenged by the Jews.. One could view this event from John's gospel as a prophetic event.. Just as the earlier prophets were unafraid to challenge unacceptable behavior , Jesus is seen being very emphatic in his condemnation. His objections are clear from his remarks as he overturns tables, dumps coins from bowls and frightens the money changers and their doves. The Jewish leaders challenge him, asking for a sign of his authority. He responds with allusions to his authority as the Son of God., with a hint of his resurrection after his crucifixion and death.



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 of Faith, Hospitality Liturgy Compassion and Justice.

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FYI: RESTRICTIONS & PROTOCOLS

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.

Dress for the weather & stay warm.

The cleansing of the temple has many levels of meaning for those who witnessed it. The pharisees were a logical group to challenge Jesus' actions. Their reason for doing so was based on the historical meanings of the temple and the many reasons one would come to worship there. Jesus would expect them, as well as the priests and other officials to take note of his actions.

It would be logical for them to ask him to justify his actions. Our appreciation for his words includes our faith in his sacrificial death and resurrection. We have other words from scripture that make clear the divine will, at his conception with Mary's consent. We believe his death was a sacrifice willed by the Father as the price to be paid for our redemption.

We are aware of the on-going action of the Holy Spirit in the building of the church as the Body of Christ, of which we are members through our Baptism. We thank God for the gift of sharing in this on-going Redemption by our Savior.

Abraham bargains with God in a famous Old Testament story about how many good people it will require for God to spare a city (Genesis 18). After apologizing for his presumption, Abraham finally gets God down to ten people. The smallest bit of innocence, of moral decency, in other words, is of great value in God's eyes. We experience something similar when, after a particularly bad day on the job or just in the city, we come across a person or deed which makes up for all the hassle, argument, brutality, and coarseness that we've met.

We stop for coffee and are served by a gracious and smiling person who stands out against the backdrop of insensitivity and anger. A colleague senses some worry or discomfort in us and asks concernedly how things are going. In traffic or in the checkout lane someone waves us on or ahead. For a moment we are reassured that not everyone in our world is looking for a confrontation. It's a relief and may be enough to restore our confidence in the human race, our hope for a better world or, at least, a better tomorrow.

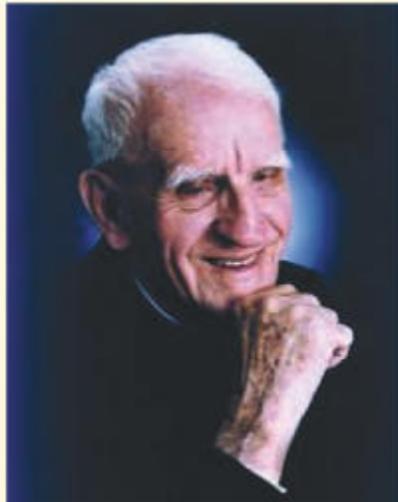
We experience the same thing when we come home from a day of painful meetings and even rude people, to the loving embrace of husband or wife, of children, of friends. It is enough to make it all worthwhile. And, of course, it works the other way. Anyone of us can be that light and restorative for others who may be experiencing life and other people as simply combat or cross. Worship and prayer encourage us to be that saving bit of refreshment and encouragement that will bring hope and joy to some of those we meet.

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The Good Shepherd Center

March 7, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 6, 2021

4:00 pm ☩ Paul Fidel & Frances Romero Vigil
☩ Antonio, Dolores & Anthony Lopez
Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Sunday, March 7, 2021

8:00 am ☩ Ofelia Romero
☩ Elsa Valdez
☩ Ray & Louise Montoya

10:00 am

☩ Dora Maestas
☩ Ramona Montoya
Clara Villareal (birthday)

12:00 pm

For the Intention of the People

Monday, March 8, 2021

9:00 am No Intentions

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

9:00 am ☩ Ofelia Romero

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

9:00 am ☩ Ofelia Romero
☩ Serafico Carrillo
☩ Edna Murphy: 1st Anniversary

Thursday, March 11, 2021

9:00 am No Intentions

Friday, March 12, 2021

9:00 am ☩ Ofelia Romero
☩ Amarante Romero

Saturday, March 13, 2021

4:00 pm For the Intention of the People

Sunday, March 14, 2021

8:00 am No Intentions

10:00 am ☩ Serfico Carrillo
☩ Walter Sanchez
☩ Ofelia Romero

12:00 pm Jesus Rosas: Health

**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 that 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.

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Bulletin deadline: Monday morning

Contact Jeanine Fried at the parish office

To view the bulletin, go to www.sjrgparish.org

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

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:00 pm MDT
(4:00 pm MST)

SUNDAY 8:00 am (Spanish)
10:00 am
12:00 noon

WEEKDAYS: 9:00 am

RECONCILIATION 2:00 pm MST
SATURDAY 3:00 - 4:30 pm MDT
or by appointment
2:00 - 3:30 pm MST

TOTAL WEEKEND COLLECTION

OFFERTORY \$8,009.90

SVDP 1,617.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION 140.00

NAZARETH CENTER 2,410.00

TOTAL \$12,176.90

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7

GOSPEL FOR MARCH 14

2021 Mar 7 SUN: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT.
Exodus 20: 1-17 or Exodus 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17/ Ps 19/ 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25/ John 2: 13-25

2021 Mar 8 Mon: Lenten Weekday/ John of God
2 Kings 5: 1-15b/ Ps 42 / Luke 4: 24-30. Optional for any day this week: Exodus 17: 1-7/ Ps 95 / John 4: 5-42

2021 Mar 9 Tue: Lenten Weekday/ Frances of Rome
Daniel 3: 25, 34-43/ Ps 25 / Matthew 18: 21-35

2021 Mar 10 Wed: Lenten Weekday
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9/ Ps 147 / Matthew 5: 17-19

2021 Mar 11 Thu: Lenten Weekday
Jeremiah 7: 23-28/ Ps 95 / Luke 11: 14-23

2021 Mar 12 Fri: Lenten Weekday. Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up).
Hosea 14: 2-10/ Ps 81/ Mark 12: 28-34

2021 Mar 13 Sat: Lenten Weekday
Hosea 6: 1-6/ Ps 51 / Luke 18: 9-14

2021 Mar 14 SUN: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT.
2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23/ Ps 137 / Ephesians 2: 4-10/ John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

John 3: 14 -21

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