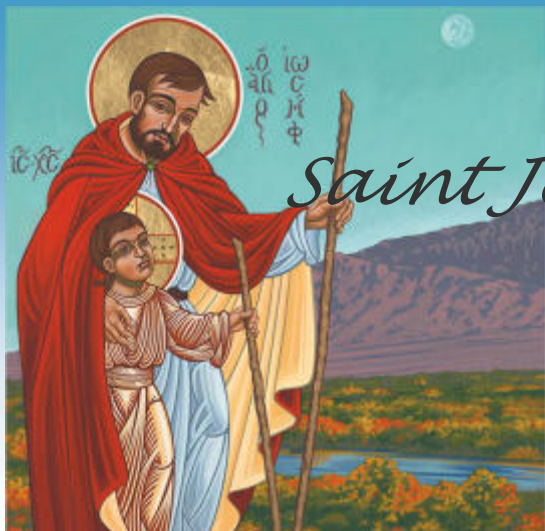


# MAKING JESUS KNOWN

## *Saint Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Community*

March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent



*You must be born from above.*

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

*Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night to seek a better understanding of some of the ideas Jesus has talked about with the people.. Nicodemus takes a literal understanding of his ideas, and Jesus responds with a more spiritual approach. An important point he makes is the need to be born again of water and the*



*Spirit.. Nicodemus has trouble understanding that rebirth is not literal physical birth, but a kind of renewal of one's being. Jesus then turns to a story of Moses dealing with the people of God as they return to the chosen land of Israel. Their complaining results in visits of serpents that inflict fatal bites, causing the people to complain about the serpents. God tells Moses to create an image of the serpent which becomes the cure for the fatal bites. The people stop complaining.*

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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.]

Sunday: 12:00 pm

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

Sunday: from 12:45– 1:00pm

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.

Nicodemus is an interesting character in John's gospel. He struggles with his faith life, and is impressed by Jesus as a teacher and as a spiritual icon. He wants to learn more.

Because Nicodemus has had questions after hearing Jesus speak, or even after observing him with the crowds, he comes at night to have a conversation with him. The questions he raises indicate he has been thinking about the implications they raise for his faith life. It may even seem to him that they may be beyond his ability to accomplish them,

Jesus is patient with his questions, realizing that Nicodemus may be at a place where understanding the spiritual nature of his comments is too much to expect.

In the story of the ordeal of the People of God as they return home, they do continue to complain and challenge God. A result of this is the introduction of serpents whose bites are fatal.

God has a solution to the fatal serpents. He tells Moses to create a bronze image of the fatal serpent and make it easily seen by the victims of the bites. Moses is to mount it on a pole and tell the people to look upon the image of the deadly creature. They will then be cured of the harm and survive. Moses tells the people to look at the thing that they experience as deadly, and it becomes the source of relief. They are to look at what is causing their deaths, and they will be saved.

Jesus then explains that he will be crucified, lifted up on the cross, and one who looks upon him in faith will be saved. This is probably the most dear of all quotations from the Gospel of John. One can rest on these words in prayer, and experience the tender love of Jesus for each of us.



*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  
may have eternal life.*

*For God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
might not perish  
but might have eternal life.*

*Whoever lives the truth  
comes to the light,  
so that his works may be clearly seen  
as done in God.*

*JOHN 3:14—21*

**March 14, 2021**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, March 13, 2021**

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

**Sunday, March 14, 2021**

**8:00 am** ✠ Luciano, Lucy and Patricio Vigil

**10:00 am** ✠ Serafico Carrillo

✠ Walter Sanchez

✠ Ofelia Romero

**12:00 pm**

✠ Jesus Rosas: Health

**Monday, March 15, 2021**

**9:00 am** ✠ Ofelia Romero

✠ Andrea Coca

Ralph Martinez: Health

**Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

**9:00 am** ✠ Ofelia Romero

✠ Felipe Garcia

Mark Vasquez: Birthday

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

**9:00 am** ✠ Ofelia Romero

**Thursday, March 18, 2021**

**9:00 am** ✠ Ofelia Romero

✠ Mary S. Duran

**Friday, March 19, 2021**

**9:00 am** ✠ Ofelia Romero

✠ Mary Lucy Encinias

✠ St. Joseph

**Saturday, March 20, 2021**

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

**Sunday, March 21, 2021**

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

**10:00 am** ✠ Albert Apodaca

✠ Tillie Gutierrez

✠ Tony Tanuz

**12:00 pm** ✠ Ofelia Romero

✠ Delfino Rodriguez, Jr.

✠ Sarah Maestas



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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

# Lenten Calendar of Events

## Stations of the Cross every Friday

March 12 / 3:00 pm

March 19 / 3:00 pm

March 26 / 3:00 pm

## TRIDUUM

April 1 -

*Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper,*

7:00 pm

April 2 -

*Good Friday of the Lord's Passion,*

3:00 pm

April 3 -

*Easter Vigil,*

8:00 pm

April 4 -

*Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord,*

10:00 am and 12:00 pm

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## DEPOSIT MADE MARCH 8

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## Prayer for Iraq

Loving God, we beg your forgiveness for decades of U.S. warmaking in Iraq -- for destroying Iraq's infrastructure by massive bombings, for using highly toxic weapons, including depleted uranium, that contaminated Iraq's land and water, and which have caused cancer, severe birth defects and other illnesses for numerous Iraqis.

Forgive us for imposing economic sanctions that killed over one million Iraqis, mostly children.

Forgive us for invading, occupying and destabilizing Iraq, causing nearly one million deaths and displacement and long-term trauma for countless Iraqis.

Forgive us for placing oil interests above human welfare.

Heal us of our moral blindness and fill our hearts with love.

Help us to renounce all killing, torture and violence, to stop demonizing our adversaries, to value all life as sacred, and to see the Iraqi people and all Muslims and Arabs as our brothers and sisters.

Help us to truly repent for the sin of war and to make reparations to the Iraqi people.

Empower us to engage in nonviolent action calling for an immediate withdrawal of all U.S. military forces and private contractors from Iraq, and for an end to U.S. warmaking and military intervention everywhere.

O God, make us channels of your peace and reconciliation.

Amen.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14**

**GOSPEL FOR MARCH 21**

**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

**2021 Mar 15 Mon: Lenten Weekday**

Isaiah 65: 17-21/ Ps 137/ Ephesians 2:4-10/  
John 4: 43-54.

**2021 Mar 16 Tue: Lenten Weekday**

Ezekiel 47: 1-9. 12/ Ps 46 / John 5: 1-16

**2021 Mar 17 Wed: Lenten Weekday/ Patrick**

Isaiah 49: 8-15/ Ps 145 / John 5: 17-30

**2021 Mar 18 Thu: Lenten Weekday/ Cyril**

Exodus 32: 7-14/ Ps 106 / John 5: 31-47

**2021 Mar 19 Fri: JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY S. Abstinence from meat is not required, because it is a solemnity.**

2 Samuel 7: 4-5a. 12-14a. 16/ Ps 89 / Romans 4: 13. 16-22/ Matthew 1: 16. 18-21. 24a

**2021 Mar 20 Sat: Lenten Weekday**

Jeremiah 11: 18-20/ Ps 7 / John 7: 40-53

**2021 Mar 21 SUN: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT.**

Jeremiah 31: 31-34/ Ps 51 / Hebrews 5: 7-9/  
John 12: 20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say-"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. John 12: 20—33

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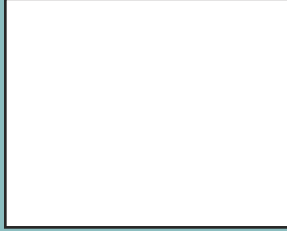
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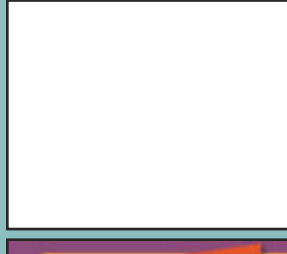
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