

Dear Padre,

Why does the Church honor St. Joseph?

Saint Joseph was chosen by the Lord to be the spouse of Mary and a guardian of the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ. The little we know about Joseph is taken from the Gospels. In the Book of Matthew, we learn that Mary is betrothed to Joseph, “a righteous man” (Matthew 1:19). When Joseph learns that Mary is already with child, he decides to dismiss her quietly so as not to disgrace her publicly. But an angel of the Lord appears to him in a dream and tells him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife and informs him that she will bear the child of the Holy Spirit, the one who will come to save people from their sins. Joseph obeys the angel without question.



Joseph heeds God’s call once again when instructed by an angel of the Lord to flee Bethlehem to escape the murderous Herod. Matthew tells us: “Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt” (Matthew 2:14).

It is this faithfulness, this steadfast and complete trust in God, that makes Joseph such a wonderful example for us, and for this, the Church honors him.

—Fr. Paul Coury, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We can imagine what Joseph must have been thinking. How is it that the Son of God has no home? ...And those of us who do have a home, a roof over our heads, would also do well to ask: Why do these, our brothers and sisters, have no place to live?

—MEETING WITH THE HOMELESS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

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Calendar

Monday
MARCH 23
Lenten Weekday
Is 65:17–21
Jn 4:43–54

Tuesday
MARCH 24
Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1–9, 12
Jn 5:1–16

Wednesday
MARCH 25
The Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10–14; 8:10
Heb 10:4–10
Lk 1:26–38

Thursday
MARCH 26
Lenten Weekday
Ex 32:7–14
Jn 5:31–47

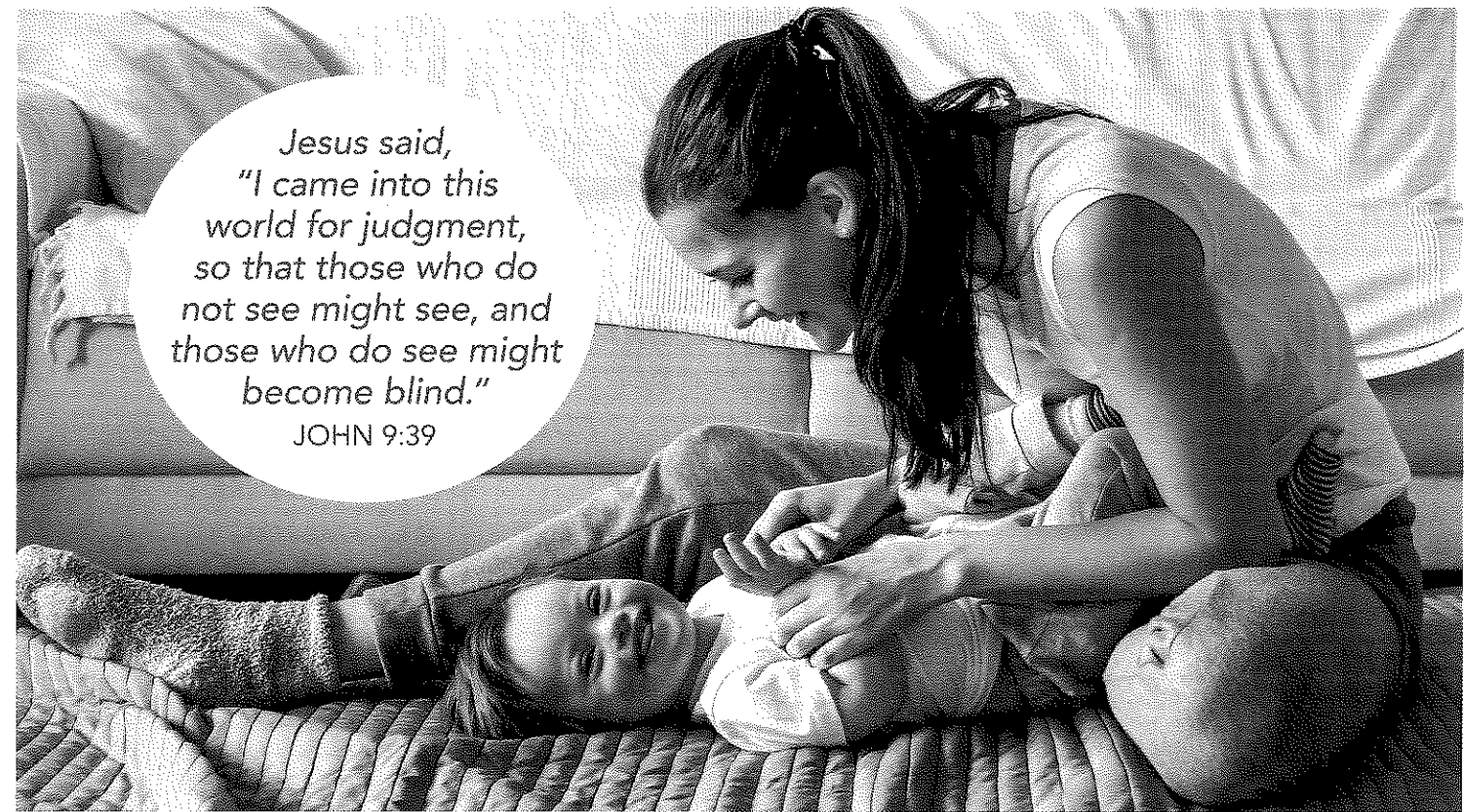
Friday
MARCH 27
Lenten Weekday
Wis 2:1a, 12–22
Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

Saturday
MARCH 28
Lenten Weekday
Jer 11:18–20
Jn 7:40–53

Sunday
MARCH 29
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ez 37:12–14
Rom 8:8–11
Jn 11:1–45 or
Jn 11:3–7, 17, 20–27, 33b–45

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)
1 Sm 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a
Eph 5:8–14
Jn 9:1–41 or 9:1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38



Jesus said,
“I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.”
JOHN 9:39

I See

Do we? Do we really see? Do we understand? There is so much that is simply misunderstood or unnoticed. Little about life is uncomplicated, and even that which is uncomplicated so often slips right by us. This is true about a life lived alone or with others. It is also true about our life with God.

The first reading is an example of this. God will choose one of the sons of Jesse to be king. Will it be the eldest, the rightful heir? If not him, perhaps it will be the brightest one or the most pious. All of these highly valued characteristics would certainly be necessary for one to be an effective king. However, Jesse and his sons did not see in the same way as God. Their youngest brother, the one tending the sheep, would be God’s choice. He was the one God wanted, and so David was anointed in the presence of his family.

The Gospel tells another story about seeing. In it, Jesus restores a man’s sight. What began as a story about physical blindness and sight then becomes a lesson about seeing and understanding the mystery of God’s power as opposed to refusing to see and understand it. No one in the story could claim that the man had not really been blind. Then why did they refuse to acknowledge that God’s power had done something marvelous in their presence? But they did refuse. We can, indeed, choose to be blind.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * Does bias make you blind to the gifts of others?
- * Do you find it difficult to recognize the power of God as it unfolds before you? Why?

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Horas De Oficina

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-6:00pm
 Friday 9:00am-2:00pm
 Cyndi in office Tues & Friday
 10-2pm & by appointments.
 Patty in office Tues-Fri 9-2
 Carol in office Tues-Thurs 2-6
 Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:40pm
 Confessions: in GS Lometa
 Sunday 7:30-7:55am
 Kitchen Hours/ *Horas de Cocina:*
 Tues- Fri 6:00-11:00am
 Food Pantry/*Despensa de Comida:*
 Wed & Fri 9:30-11:30am
 Shared Blessing:
 Wed & Fri 9:30am-2:00pm
 Baptismal Class
 Call the office for date.
 Clase de Bautismo
 Llamar la oficina para la fecha.
 Adoration: Every Wednesday after 8:00am
 Mass to 5:00pm and Thursday for one hour
 after the 6pm Spanish Mass.
*Adoración: Todos los miércoles después de
 la Misa de 8:00am hasta las 5:00pm. Y los
 jueves después de la misa de las 6:30pm*

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS
 OPEN IF YOU NEED TO
 COME BY OR YOU CAN
 CALL!!!**

**LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL
 ESTA ABIERTA SI
 NECESITA VENIR O PUEDE
 LLAMAR!!!**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
 THE Week IS FOR THE
 PEOPLE!!!**

**LAS INTENCIONES DE
 MISA PARA LA SEMANA
 SON PARA LA GENTE!!!**

**Weekly Sacrificial
 Giving can be
 mailed or brought
 by the office....**

***La Donación
 Semanal de
 Sacrificios puede
 ser enviada por
 correo o puede
 traerlo por la
 oficina.....***

For Those Who Have Died

Joan Brown, Julia Aguilar, Reynaldo De La Cruz,
 Luis Torres, Espirion Moreno, Mike Medina,
 Robert Maldonado, Mario Gill, Josephine
 Valadez, Nick Hull, Mike Valles, Edna Deanda,
 William Clayton, Joe Wittenburg, Bobby Dyer,
 Helen Kiley, José Torrez, Adela Garrison,
 Leslie Salazar, Silvano Sanchez

Sacrificial Giving: March 15

1st Collection: \$2585.00
 Children's Collection: \$18.00
 Poor and Needy: \$799.60

Those Who Serve Our Country

Angelica Sanchez, Aaron Ripley Kiser,
 Jarren Morua, Anthony Morua, Mark
 Argo, Jose Argo, Colton Currier, Luke
 Argo, Lawrence Olivarez, Jesus Garcia,
 Trenton Cavness, Dyran Self,
 Graham Hibbert, Edwin Rivas-Miranda

For Our Sick/Nuestro Enfermos

Carlos Franco, Pauline Swift, Joshua DeZarn & Family, Teri Clayton, Felix DeLeon, Father Jim Robertson, John Michael
 Maldonado, Trinidad Rangel, Noah Garcia, Teresa Velasquez John Tracey, Cindy Sawyer, Ed Reigle, Jason Moreno, Shannon
 Barnett, Anthony Ray Torrez, Fred Bartell, Willie Nuñez, Mary Tobin, Dorthy Jeter, Gilbert & Rudy Lozano, Teresa Gronau,
 Bennie & Nancy Hromadka, Luis Lopez, Bill Nors, Robert Vasquez, Adrian Torrez, Chris Longoria, Robert Ramirez, Mary G Cortez,
 Tom Rogers, Ann Hughes, Arielle Dayrit, Felix Gonzales, Felipe Rodriguez, Madisyn Morua, Adolfo Torrez, Evelyn Ahearn, Ann
 Wilson, Anita Hyatt, Anna & Daniel Little, Richard Salazar, Melanie Bartek, Barbara Folks, Maggie Lopez, Henry Langford, Sylvia
 Reber, Truman Crawford, Lilly & Raul Olivarez, David Hernandez, Mary S & Jesse Ramirez, Andres Moreno, Diana Harlow, Carlos
 Jasso, Arturo Aragon, James Fioroni, Annabel Salazar, Marie Berger, Juan Torres, Donna Brewer, Lupe Rodriguez, Oliva Garcia,
Prayer: All praise and glory are yours, Lord our God. You have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick
 today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who
 have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this
 through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and
 ever. Amen.

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Announcements:

Chapel is available for prayer and adoration.....
*La Caplla está disponible para oración y
 adoración....*

St. Mary and Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Facebook page to watch live the Mass...
*St Mary and Good Shepherd Catholic Church
 para ve la misa en vivo en la pagina de
 Facebook....*

Liturgy of the hour handouts are in the Chapel
*Los folletos de Liturgia de la hora están en la
 capilla....*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Our church will be open all day on Fridays during Lent for
 those who wish to pray the Stations of the Cross on your
 own.....

VIACRUCIS:

Nuestra iglesia estará abierta todo el día en los Viernes
 durante la Cuaresma para los que desean venir a rezar las
 Viacrucis por su centa.....

LITURGY OF THE HOUR: Sheets are available to do
 on your own.

EASTER LILIES: We should be back in the Church
 for Holy Week (*unless the government and/or the
 diocese extend social distancing*). It is up to you if you
 want to order lilies for Easter. The price is \$15.00, if you
 would like to order some in memory of someone or just
 because you can call the office or come by. **Deadline to
 order is March 29!!!!!!**

Good Shepherd Announcements:

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE: CANCELLED!!!!!!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Our church will be open
 all day on Fridays during Lent for those who wish to pray
 the Stations of the Cross on your own.....

NO GREATER LOVE: CANCELLED!!!!!!

LITURGY OF THE HOUR: Sheets are available so you
 can do on your own

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 for Holy Week (*unless the government and/or the
 diocese extend social distancing*). It is up to you to if you
 want to order lilies for Easter. The price is \$15.00, if you
 would like to order some in memory of someone or just
 because you can call Heather Oliver. **Deadline to order is
 March 29!!!!!!**

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: March 15

Weekly Offering: \$1137.00
 Poor & Needy: \$90.00
 Childrens Collection for March: \$32.00

St. Mary/Good Shepherd Announcements:

EIM WORKSHOP NEWS:

**ALL EIM WORKSHOPS HAVE BEEN
 POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!!!!!!
 TODOS LOS TALLERAS DE EIM HAN SIDO
 CANCELADOS HASTA NUEVO AVISO!!!!**

*EIM workshop is for those serving as Lector, EMHC,
 members of groups like Guadalupanas, KOC, San Benito,
 Choir, Religious Education, Kitchen, Ushers, any Council,
 Counters, Pantry, Bereavement, Shared Blessings, Altar
 Society, etc.*

CONFESSIONS: During Lent from 5:00-6:00pm every
 Tuesday and Thursday in the church @ St. Mary and every
 Friday @ Good Shepherd in Lometa.

CONFESIONES: Todos los Martes y Jueves durante la
 Cuaresma, comenzando de 5:00-6:00pm en la iglesia

**2020 LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES
 CANCELLED!!!!!!**

***Reminder "40 Days, 40 Items" challenge for
 Lent! Each day place an item for our Food Pantry in a box, on
 Easter weekend bring your box to mass.
 Despensa de Alimentos "40 días, 40
 alimentos/productos" Cada día ponga un alimento o product
 en una caja. En el fin dede semana de Pascua, trae su caja a la misa***

**LENTEN WOMENS CONFERENCE
 CANCELLED!!!!!!**

**THERE WILL BE NO CCE UNTIL WE RETURN
 BACK TO SCHOOL!!!!!!
 NO HABRA CCE HASTA QUE VOLVAMOS A LA
 ESCUELA!!!!!!**

**FOOD PANTRY AND SHARED BLESSINGS AT
 BOTH GOOD SHEPHERD AND ST MARY ARE
 CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
 LA DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS Y LA TIENDA
 DE BENDICIONES COMPARIDAS SE CIERRAN
 HASTA NUEVO AVISO!!!!**

NIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY CANCELLED!!!!!!

**NO COMMUNION SERVICE, NO DAILY MASS AND
 NO WEEKEND MASSES UNTIL FURTHER
 NOTICE!!!!
 NO HAY SERVICIO DE COMUNION, NO HAY MISAS
 DIARIAS, Y NO HAY MISAS DE FIN DE SEMAN
 HASTA NUEVO AVISO!!!!!!**