



# St Joseph on the Rio Grande Pastoral Council Minutes

**Monday, April 16, 2018**

The meeting of the Pastoral Council was held in the SJRG Parish Office conference room and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Susan Tomita, Pastoral Council Chair.

**Pastoral Council Members**

( P = Present; E = Excused; U = Unexcused)

   P    Monsignor Luna

**2018**

**2019**

**2020**

   P    Gladys Delgado

Vacant

   E    Leroy Chavez

   P    Cathy Nieto-Martinez

   P    Kathy Malechuk

   P    Diana Clokey

   P    Ezequiel Ortiz

   P    Patrick Newfield

   P    Vincent Nulk

Vacant

   P    Susan Tomita

   P    Peter Schwartz

**Guests**

Frances Donio

**Prayer and Mission Statement:**

Gladys Delgado led the opening prayer and the Parish Mission Statement was recited.

**Agenda and Minutes:**

After Susan Tomita added the Lenten Mission report, Cathy Nieto-Martinez moved and Kathy Malechuk seconded the approval of the meeting’s agenda. Cathy Nieto-Martinez moved and Zeke Ortiz seconded to approve the March minutes. Both votes were unanimous.

**Finance Committee Report:**

- The Parish is on target for both revenues and expenses.
- The Parish has donated \$2,000 to St. Pius for scholarships, and \$50 to St. Joseph in Springer, NM.
- Budgets for PC and other ministries due by May 9. An email reminding ministry leaders will go out April 24.

**Monsignor Luna’s Comments:**

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- The Dream Team, the architect, the civil engineer and Monsignor will be meeting this Thursday to discuss pre-ground-breaking issues concerning the Nazareth Center.
- Monsignor mentioned that Rachel Rumschlag attributed her conversion to Catholicism to the welcoming she received while participating in the parish's choir. She was Baptized in March at Mesa, AZ. Monsignor attended.
- During April, Monsignor will be administering Confirmation in the Archdiocese.

### **Comments and Concerns from Parishioners:**

- While recognizing that there is some traffic congestion during major feast days, the PC didn't feel it warranted present action.
- Monsignor asked for the PC's reactions to the Parish's Holy Week activities. While there could be more help to prepare the church for services, the members commented that the week's activities went very well, that they were well attended, and that there was good parishioner participation.

### **Parish Council recruitment:**

- Presently, there is one application submitted, but four more are expected. There are four openings. In early May, Peter Schwartz will send each applicant frequently asked questions during the interview and giving dates when the interviews will take place.

### **Parish Feast Day Committee:**

- Kathy Malechuk mentioned that the Parish will be having its Feast Day celebration at Ladero Golf Course banquet hall, and the venue can accommodate 250 people. See attachment for her preliminary report.

### **Graduation Mass:**

- Cathy Nieto-Martinez reported that eight students have signed up for the 10:00 a.m. Graduation Mass on May 6. Each graduate will receive a card from Monsignor and a Bible. We have 23 Bibles in stock. Refreshments will follow Mass. The two K of C. scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Mass.

### **Lenten Mission 2019 Report:**

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- Patrick Newfield recommended that Monsignor Douglas Raun from St. Thomas Aquinas in Rio Rancho be the Lenten Mission leader for 2019. The Mission will take place during the week of Mar. 24 and will be from Mar. 25-28. The PC encouraged Patrick to speak with Msgr. Raun, and when details are agreed upon, Msgr. Luna will extend the invitation. Patrick will keep the PC informed.

**Adjournment:**

- Zeke Ortiz moved to adjourn, Vince Nulk seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Closing Prayer:**

- Monsignor Luna led the Pastoral Council members in the closing prayer.

Item Description	Responsible Person	Due Date
Parish Feast Day, Graduation Mass, and PC Recruitment. Leaving the church open for adoration?	Respective Committees	Ongoing

Recorded by: Peter Schwartz

These minutes were reviewed, corrected and unanimously approved on

Approval was moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ seconded.

Verified by Susan Tomita, Chair