



# 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

TATIANA DUBRANOVA/SHUTTERSTOCK

## I See

**D**o 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?

# Dear Padre,

## Why does the Church honor St. Joseph?

**S**aint 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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## 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



## 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

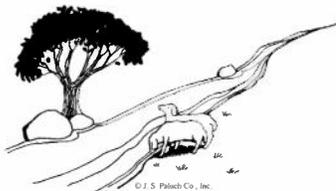
# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

## DIOCESE OF TUCSON GUIDELINES FOR CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

As of Monday, 3/16/2020, all parish-based public gatherings are either cancelled or suspended. These directives are in place for the next three weeks, until April 6, 2020, at which time they will be reviewed and either brought to a close or extended. This effectively puts us a "**Level 3**" in our response to the Coronavirus challenge and includes, but is not limited to:

- No public Masses after today (3/16/2020)
- The Sunday Mass obligation is dispensed for all Catholic people residing in or visiting the territory of the Diocese of Tucson. Catholics are urged to observe Sunday in accord with our teachings, which may include spending additional time on Sunday in prayer, observing a Catholic Mass via television or internet, or other pious practices.
- Confirmations scheduled during this time period are suspended and will be rescheduled
- There are to be no public Church events or gatherings, such as parish religious education programs, Stations of the Cross, Communion services, Quinceaneras, parish missions, dinners, etc.
- Mass of the Holy Oils, "Chrism Mass," will be celebrated privately with Holy Oils to be distributed privately to priests
- Weddings should be restricted to 10 persons, and if Mass is celebrated only the bride and groom, if Catholic, are to receive Holy Communion
- Funeral Masses should be restricted to 10 persons, and the congregation should not receive Holy Communion

THE PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



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## MASS INTENTIONS

ALL MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE  
PRIVATELY HONORED BY THE  
PRIESTS.

### Sunday, March 22

St. Joseph Parishioners  
Gerry Lombardi †  
Bobby Jorgensen †  
Rudy Lizardi †  
Greg Redman †  
Evangelina Rodriguez, Yolanda &  
Ramon Torres, Ramon Villanueva †  
Gene Catalano †

### Monday, March 23

Bruno Cosentino †

### Tuesday, March 24

Matthew Chavez

### Wednesday, March 25

Gelene Harrison †

### Thursday, March 26

St. Joseph Parishioners

### Friday, March 27

St. Joseph Parishioners

### Saturday, March 28

Beatrice Braganza †

### Sunday, March 29

Loretta Barba †  
Joe Recendez †  
Alfred & Alfred David Ezrre †



## WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATES

### For the weekend of March 14/15

Sunday Offertory	\$	5,947.50
Online Giving (3/8/2020)	\$	115.00
Mail In Envelopes	\$	2,140.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,202.50</b>
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## DIOCESE DE ORIENTACIONES DE TUCSON PARA CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

A partir del lunes 16 de marzo de 2020, todas las reuniones públicas en las parroquias están canceladas o se suspenden. Estas directivas están vigentes durante las próximas tres semanas, hasta el 6 de abril de 2020, momento en el que serán revisadas y/o suspendidas o extendidas. Esto efectivamente nos coloca en un " **Nivel 3**" en nuestra respuesta al reto del Coronavirus e incluye, pero no se limita a:

- No Misas publicas después de hoy, martes, 16 de marzo.
- La obligación de la Misa dominical se dispensa a todas las personas católicas que residen o visitan el territorio de la Diócesis de Tucson. Se les urge a los católicos que observen el domingo de acuerdo con nuestras enseñanzas, lo que puede incluir pasar mas tiempo el domingo en oración, ver una Misa Católica por televisión o internet, o otras practicas piadosas.
- Las confirmaciones programadas durante este tiempo se suspenden y se programarán para otra fecha
- En las Iglesias no debe de haber eventos o reuniones públicas, tales como programas parroquiales de educación religiosa, Estaciones de la Cruz, Servicios de Comunión, Quinceañeras, misiones parroquiales, cena, etc.
- La Misa de los Santos Oleos, "Misa Crismal", se celebrará en privado con los Santo Oleos distribuidos en privado a los sacerdotes.
- Una boda debe de limitarse a 10 personas o menos, y si se celebra la Misa, solo los novios, si son católicos, recibirán la communion. Las misas fúnebres deben limitarse a 10 personas o menos y la congregación no debe recibir la Eucaristía



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### JP II YOUTH AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT, 2020

Congratulations to the Saint John Paul II Youth Award recipients, **Enrique Javier Gonzales Duran, Isabel Necoechea** and **Luthmila Natera!** In recognition of their leadership and positive contributions to our parish, bishop Edward J. Wiesenberger has granted them this faith Achievement award for their dedication and service. **Enrique's** award is for "*Missionary Disciple*"- whom has demonstrated as a follower of Jesus Christ, volunteering three to four hours every week to share God's message to his peers in the Youth Ministry. **Isabel's** award is for "*Liturgical Leadership*" – whom has dedicated her service as an Altar Server from a very young age when she was a student here at St. Joseph Parish. As a high school student she continues to serve and embraces the sanctity of the mass. **Luthmila's** award is for "*Liturgical Leadership*" – whom has step up to proudly proclaim and share God's Word at the Spanish mass, enriching her culture as well as her faith and spiritual being. She is a true Leader! It is beautiful and comforting to see our youth engaged in their faith and willing to lead for the glory of God! We also give thanks to Ozzly Danyra Martinez and Caryela Durazo as Missionary Disciples who witness to the saving power of God's love and share their encounter and faith with their peers. We are blessed to be in the midst of such outstanding and extraordinary teens! So, we pray that they will always be in God's care.

### SUPPORTING OUR MISSION

A big "thank you" to all of those participating in online giving with WeShare! Online giving has been a big help to our parish. In this time of uncertainty we appreciate those who continue to support St. Joseph.

No matter how you give, your gifts are always appreciated! If you have not yet made the switch to online giving, we invite you to consider doing so. Online giving offers our parish a stable, sustainable future. We know that you share in this vision and we're excited about giving our parishioners many ways to participate in our growth as a parish family. Thank you for your support!

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Tuesday:	World Day for Truth Concerning Human Rights Violations
Wednesday:	The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday:	Abstinence