Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024

Basilica of San Albino
Roman Catholic Church
Established 1852

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Mass Times
4:30 pm Saturday (English)
8:00 am Sunday (Spanish)
9:30 am Sunday (English)
11:00 am Sunday (English)
9:00 am Monday—Friday (English)

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:
First Friday of every month, after 9:00am Mass and by appointment—please call the office

Reconciliation/Confession:
in the confessional
Saturday (Sábado) 3:15pm - 4:10pm
Thursday (Jueves) 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Or by appointment - please call the office

Eucharistic Adoration:
Monday through Friday 8:00am - 8:45am,
Monday 6:30pm - 7:30pm (Bilingual) (Livestream)
Thursday 8:00am - 8:45am and 3:00pm - 9:00pm
Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm (subject to change)
Saturday 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Cemetery:
3131 Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla
Open Daily: 7:00am - 5:00 pm (Subject to change)

Yannes Hall
2261 Calle de Guadalupe

Gift Store
2270 Calle Principal, Mesilla, NM (north side of office)
12:00 pm—4:00 pm Monday-Sunday
**Fifth Week of Lent**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*Saturday, March 16, 2024*

4:30 pm **Collective Mass Intention**
†Don & †Eleanor Biad
†Raymundo Lujan
†Bertha Lujan
†Gregorio Lopez by family
†Peter McGrath by Darlina McGrath
†Amelia Garcia by Darlina McGrath

*Sunday, March 17, 2024*

8:00 am
†Amador A. Diaz, Jr by mom & dad
9:30 am **Collective Mass Intention**
†Andres “Nick” Lucero by family
†Magdalena Lucero by family
†James Michael O’Kelly by family
11:00 am
†Sabino Jaques & †Susie Jaques
*For all parishioners by Fr. Christopher
   **Monday, March 18, 2024**

9:00 am
†Jonah Hernandez (not Catholic)
**Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

8:00 am
†Joseph M. Atalla
*St. Joseph
   **Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

8:00 am
†Cynthia Hamilton by Teresita Corral
**Thursday, March 21, 2024**

9:00 am
†Nacho Gonzales
**Friday, March 22, 2024**

9:00 am
†George & †Frances Schneider
**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

4:30 pm **Collective Mass Intention**
†Belinda E. Giordano & †Ramona F. Duran
†Susan Nelson
†Agustina Lopez by Teresita Corral
†Gloria Fierro by Teresita Corral
*Deceased family members of Madrid Family
*Holy Souls in Purgatory by Madrid family

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**Altar Servers Meeting**
The Knights of the Altar are having a meeting on Sunday, March 17th from 12:15 to 1:45 pm in the church.

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**Youth Group Meeting**
Wednesday, March 20th
5:30 to 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

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**Stations of the Cross**
Every Friday of Lent
5:30 p.m.

Meatless soup will be served at the parish hall after praying the stations.

**SPONSORS SCHEDULE**
3/22 Docents, Choir Members, Young Couples, and Office Staff.

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**Holy Thursday Candles**
Candles are available at the parish office or the gift shop for $4.00. They can be used for the altar of repose on Holy Thursday.

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**Easter Triduum**
**PASSION, DEATH, RESURRECTION**
**March 28th—31st, 2024**

**Holy Thursday**
Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00 pm (Bilingual)
Eucharistic Adoration until midnight

**Good Friday**
Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm
Veneration of the Cross 7:00 pm

**Holy Saturday**
Paschal Vigil Mass 8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday**
Masses at regular schedule

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**VIA MATRIS**
The “Via Matris”, the Way of the Mother, is the path Mary took from Jesus’ tomb to her home: taken to remember and re-live the Via Crucis. In this meditation, we place ourselves in the company of our sorrowful mother as she walks back home.

Everyone is invited to participate in the *Via Matris* (bilingual), on Holy Saturday (March 30th), in the Basilica of San Albino at 9:00 am.

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**Readings for the week of March 17, 2024**

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

**Scrutiny:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

**Next Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/

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**Last Week’s Collection**
**March 10, 2024**

$11,836.14

**UIM $ 190.00**

**2024 Goal: $57,500**

Thank you for your generosity. Gracias por su generosidad.
Saint Joseph

St. Joseph, in all likelihood, was born in Bethlehem, and it is generally assumed that he died at Nazareth before Jesus began his ministry. The Bible tells us very little of Joseph, but from the early chapters of Matthew and Luke we glean that he was a carpenter by trade, a just and pious man, and a most excellent husband and father. The genealogy given in Matthew 1, 1-17, traces his line from Abraham and King David. In accordance with the Jewish ritual, he was betrothed to the Virgin Mary, who was also of the race of David. Later, having learned that she was with child, though he had not been near her, he was privately considering putting her away. Yet he hesitated, for he was a kindly man, and he did not wish to expose the young woman to the reproach which such an action would bring. It was at this time of uncertainty that the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and revealed to him the Mystery of the Incarnation. "Do not be afraid, Joseph, son of David," said the angel, "to take to thee Mary thy wife, for that which is begotten of her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name Jesus; for he shall save the people from their sins" (Luke 1, 20-21).

Joseph now accepted without question the two-fold office with which he was charged, protector of Mary's honor and foster father of the child that was to be born. He took Mary with him from Nazareth to Bethlehem, when, in compliance with the Roman edict, it was necessary to return there for the census-taking. Then came the birth of the Lord. We know that Joseph was at the stable of the inn beside his wife when the three wise men, following a star, came there out of the East to honor the newborn child with precious gifts. The infant was duly circumcized, and when the forty days prescribed by Mosaic law were passed, Joseph and Mary took him to the temple in Jerusalem. A certain holy man named Simeon, to whom it had been revealed that he would not die until he had seen the Christ, was in the temple on that day, and when he saw Jesus, he knew that this was the promised Messiah. The priest blessed Joseph and Mary and spoke of the glory that had come to them.

The angel of the Lord again appeared to Joseph to tell him to flee with his family into Egypt to escape the wrath of the jealous King Herod. Obediently Joseph hastened to comply, and the family stayed in Egypt until word came of Herod's death, when it was safe for them to return to their homeland. Back in the pleasant hill-town of Nazareth, Joseph carried on his trade, teaching it to Jesus as the boy grew older. The important event of every year was the Passover, when the pious traveled to Jerusalem to share in the ceremonies. Joseph and Mary were in the habit of going on this journey, and we are told that Joseph shared his wife's anxiety when, on one such occasion, the twelve-year-old Jesus became separated from them, and was later found debating with the learned men in the temple. Thus, all we know of Joseph adds to the picture of the gentle, protective father and husband.

Veneration of this saint played no part in primitive Christianity. Recognition seems to have developed first among the Copts, a branch of Eastern Christianity. Devotion to St. Joseph was practiced from very early times in Ireland, and in the Middle Ages in Europe many fanciful stories were woven about his name. In spite of this popularity, it was not until 1870, under Pope Pius IX, that he was proclaimed patron of the Universal Church, and Wednesdays in March were set for special devotion to him. The great number of churches dedicated to St. Joseph is an indication of the breadth and depth of this veneration. St. Joseph is patron of carpenters and of a happy death; his symbols are the rod and the carpentry plane.


Source: www.ewtn.com

The day St. Joseph built a staircase in Santa Fe, New Mexico

By 1873, the Sisters of Loretto were able to start the construction of a chapel in Santa Fe. Using the same French architect and builders as Saint Francis Cathedral Basilica, the Chapel of Our Lady of Light (as it was then known) was patterned after Archbishop Lamy’s favorite Sainte Chapelle in Paris. With its gothic-style architecture, the Chapel certainly would have stood out among the small adobe homes surrounding it at the time. Unfortunately, the architect died before access to the choir loft was built. Given the height of the loft and the small size of the Chapel, a staircase would have taken up too much floor space, thereby reducing the seating capacity to an unacceptably small level. Legend states that seeking guidance and help, the Sisters of Loretto prayed a nine day novena to St. Joseph, Patron Saint of Carpenters. On the final day of the novena, a carpenter appeared with only a hammer and carpenter’s square. He built what is now known as the Miraculous Staircase with simple tools and wooden pegs. The rare wood is not native to the American Southwest. When the staircase was completed, it is said that the carpenter disappeared without receiving thanks or payment. The sisters tried all local lumber stores but could not find accounts open for supplies for their stairs. Some believe the carpenter was St. Joseph himself while others believe that is was someone sent by St. Joseph. What is known is that the Sisters of Loretto prayed, and their prayers were answered.
PRAYING FOR LIFE
It is our moral duty to pray for the respect to the dignity of human life. There are many people in the world suffering from abuse, because their basic rights have been taken away. Some of them are the Israeli hostages in Gaza, or people injured in the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, people lacking food and medicine in war zones, and children unwanted by their parents and killed by abortion. They are not forgotten. For this human tragedy we pray to the Lord. We pray to Jesus Christ who came to give us life, and life in abundance. In the midst of evil, chaos, and death, there is hope. We are praying for life and peaceful coexistence.

40 Days For Life – Prayer, Fasting, Vigil.
The Spring Campaign of “40 Days For Life” started on February 14th, 2024. We must plead for God’s help to end the horror of abortion. For six consecutive Thursdays, from 3-5pm, beginning February 15 and ending March 21, 2024, the Basilica of San Albino is asking you to volunteer to pray peacefully on the public sidewalk of Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains in Las Cruces. Please call the Parish Office for more information, and to sign up to be a prayer partner for one hour on these Thursdays. If you are not able to be physically present at those times, please consider praying and fasting on your own for the end of abortion.

CHRISM MASS
Tuesday, March 19th, 5:30 pm
Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral
Everyone is invited to participate in the Holy Mass, in which the oils used for the Sacraments during the year are blessed. The priests of the diocese renew their priestly promises during this Mass.

Treats for the Homeless
On Friday, March 22nd, we will be taking Banana Nut Bread to the poor. Please call the office if you are available to bake some.

Please Pray for Our Sick
Angel Baker
Angelica Sandoval
Berta Covey
Bertha Alatorre
Brizzi Zapata
Carla Molina
Chris Ayers
Carmen Cardon
Diana Roth
Elena Escontrias
Exander Sanchez
Felicia Frielte-Rodriquez
Fatima Aguilar Ortiz
Gertrude Chavez
James Anderson
Joanna A. Grajeda
Joel Rivera
John Donovan

Please Pray for Our Inmates
John F. Myers
John Anderson
Julie Loera
Keith Bird
Kimberly Greigore
Louie Ray Orona
Louie Orona
Leonard Cardon
Leroy J. Carrillo
Mary Kathleen Sims
Maureen Anderson
Maureen Castillo
Mel Holguin, Jr.
Patricia Calzada
Ramona Avalos
Rosa Gallegos Acosta
Sandra Estrada
Sidney Lopez
Sylvia Vasquez
Terry DiPiazza
Tom Carrillo
Xochiti Anguiano
Yolanda Boyle
Joanne Reynolds

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Prayer to Saint Joseph for Purity
Saint Joseph, father and guardian of virgins, to whose faithful keeping Christ Jesus, innocence itself, and Mary, the virgin of virgins was entrusted, I pray and beseech you by that twofold and most precious charge, by Jesus and Mary, to save me from all uncleanness, to keep my mind untainted, my heart pure, and my body chaste; and to help me always to serve Jesus and Mary in perfect chastity. Amen.

MASS TIME CHANGE
On Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, March 19th and 20th, Holy Mass will be at 8:00 am, instead of 9:00 am. No adoration before Mass. The priests of the Diocese of Las Cruces will participate in the Priestly Assembly.

PLEASE NOTICE

Baptisms
Baptisms have been scheduled for April 6th. All paperwork must be completed to register your child. Please register at the office by March 22nd.

Parish Ministries

Homebound
Call the office
Marriage Prep - Host Couples
Viviana & Nathan Coker
Leslie & Dino Cervantes
Charles & Teresa Perez
Mary & Rene Lujan
Lorenzo & Michelle Alba
John & Kathy Medina
Maria & Julio Ramirez
Gift Shop
Sharon Owen
Choir Leaders
4:30 pm Frances Padilla
8:00 am Manuel Noyola
9:30 am Elena Roman
11:00 am Crystal Gonzales
Pianists:
Andrew Medina
& Georgina Lavery

Church Lectors
Becky Gomolka
Ex. Min. of Holy Communion
John & Kathy Medina
Altar Linens
Renee Williams
Youth Group Coordinator
Kathy Lestohe

For information about these ministries please contact the parish office at 575-526-9349.

Parish Council Members
John Medina: President
Lori Dahlstrom: Secretary
Darlina McGrath
Vicky Schneider
Robert Owen

Finance Council Members
Daniel Duffin: President
Mary Lujan: Secretary
Keith A. Bird
Gabe Anaya
Bertha Lujan
Sharon Owen

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound
If you know of a parishioner needing prayer please call the parish office to include them. Please call if there is a change.

Prayer for Our Inmates
John F. Myers
John Anderson
Julie Loera
Keith Bird
Kimberly Greigore
Louie Ray Orona
Louie Orona
Leonard Cardon
Leroy J. Carrillo
Mary Kathleen Sims
Maureen Anderson
Maureen Castillo
Mel Holguin, Jr.
Patricia Calzada
Ramona Avalos
Rosa Gallegos Acosta
Sandra Estrada
Sidney Lopez
Sylvia Vasquez
Terry DiPiazza
Tom Carrillo
Xochiti Anguiano
Yolanda Boyle
Joanne Reynolds

Please Pray for Our Inmates
Cecilia Padilla
Cecilia Guerrero
Estela Bejarano
Mary Branigan
Rosie Pacheco
Virginia & Lalo Maese
Viola Lucero

Please Pray for Our Sick
Angel Baker
Angelica Sandoval
Berta Covey
Bertha Alatorre
Brizzi Zapata
Carla Molina
Chris Ayers
Carmen Cardon
Diana Roth
Elena Escontrias
Exander Sanchez
Felicia Frielte-Rodriquez
Fatima Aguilar Ortiz
Gertrude Chavez
James Anderson
Joanna A. Grajeda
Joel Rivera
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