

# Mass Intentions

## FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, March 8

7:00 am + Juana Cazales  
 9:00 am Intentions of the Gomez Family  
 11:00 am Intentions of Renata Valladolid  
 1:00 pm Cumpleaños de Enriqueta Real  
 7:00 pm Por el Pueblo de Dios

### Monday, March 9

12:10 pm Birthday of Gerardo Guerrero  
 7:00 pm + Salvador Torres

### Tuesday, March 10

12:10 pm Intentions of Alexandria Carrasco

### Wednesday, March 11

12:10 pm Intentions of Violet Macias

### Thursday, March 12

12:10 pm + Maria Nga Pham

### Friday, March 13

12:10 pm Intentions of Logan Macias  
 7:00 pm Por las Almas del Purgatorio

### Saturday, March 14

5:00 pm Intentions of the Gomez Family  
 7:00 pm Intenciones de Jesus y Isabel Reyes

### Sunday, March 15

7:00 am + Epifanio Esteban  
 9:00 am For the Healing of Julia Burnette  
 11:00 am + Cruz Rios Jr  
 1:00 pm Cumpleaños de David Gil  
 7:00 pm Por el Pueblo de Dios

### Prayers ... Oraciones

Cumpleaños de Manuel Perez  
 Intenciones de Esther Aispuro y Ana Maria Arbisó

### For the sick ... Por los enfermos

Luisa Gil, Jose Reynoso, Laura Felix, Nancy Rojas,  
 Ramon Salinas, Aurora Bautista, Goya Estrada,  
 Maria de Jesus Perez, Magda Pinedo, Estela Cruz,  
 Salvador Torres, Steve Baur, Andres Sierra,  
 Catalina Corral, Maria Delgado, Lucia Lagunas,  
 Alfredo Navarro Arevalo, Guadalupe Martinez,  
 Bonfilia Diaz, Rosendo Ramirez, Antonia Machado,  
 Ana Burlington, David Kuiper, Gloria Estrada,  
 Liliana Virgen, Julia Burnette

### For the deceased... Por los difuntos

+ Juan Carlos Hernandez, + Jesus Hernandez,  
 + Jose Villalobos, + Carmen Olmedo,  
 + Jose Martin Navarro, + Miguel Cruz, + Joel Sandoval,  
 + Ramiro Ochoa, + Petra Cisneros Diaz,  
 + Delmi I. Rodriguez, + Isaias Treviño,  
 + Minerva Damian, + Arturo Tovar,

### Virtues, Explained! Mercy

“And what does the Lord require of you? Only this: to do what is right, to show mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)

But what does it mean to show true mercy?

God’s mercy to us knows no bounds, but that mercy does not compel Him to grant us everything our appetitive passions desire. God’s perfect mercy could never allow for something that would harm His children. A father whose child has a toothache cannot, out of mercy, give the child the candy he wants, no matter how the tears of the child grieve the father’s heart. The father can, and should, surround the child with love and sympathy, and help him to remedy the problem that lies at the heart of his grief. This is true virtuous mercy — a choice governed by reason, not merely an emotion.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## March 8, 2026



### Mass Schedule / Horario De Misas

Monday – Friday : 12:10 PM (English)  
 Lunes & Viernes : 7:00 PM (Español)

### Vigil / Vigilia (Saturday / Sabado)

5:00 pm (English), 7:00 pm (Español)

### Sunday / Domingo

7:00 am , 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Español)  
 9:00 am , 11:00 am (English)

### Confessions / Confesiones

Saturdays/ Sabados : 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

### Adoration / Adoracion

Thursdays / Jueves  
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

### Baptisms / Bautismos

2º Domingo (Español)  
 3º Sunday (English)  
 2:30 pm

### Marriages/ Matrimonio

Must register 6 months in advanced  
 Necesitan registrarse con 6 meses de anticipacion

### Quinceañeras

Call office for information (6 months in advance)  
 Llame a la oficina para informacion (6 meses de anticipacion)

### Funerals/ Funerales

Call our office/ llame a la oficina

### Mass Intentions / Intenciones de Misa

In-person at office / En persona en la oficina

### Parochial Administrator

Fr. Ruben Ruiz

Deacon Alfredo Rios

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### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Ramon Cisneros

Deacon Stan Necikowski

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS / HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday - Friday / Lunes a Viernes  
 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM , 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Sunday / Domingo  
 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

(714) 542-4411

email: receptionist@stjosephsa.org

## Reflexion del Evangelio...Gospel Reflection

8 de marzo de 2026  
III Domingo de Cuaresma

Durante la Cuaresma se tiene la oportunidad de un encuentro más profundo con Dios por medio de los Sacramentos, especialmente el de la Reconciliación. Las parroquias ofrecen diferentes servicios de reconciliación y en diversos horarios, para que toda persona pueda acercarse y reconciliarse. Hoy, en este tercer domingo de Cuaresma, se nos presenta la sed como fuente de vida. El diálogo entre Jesús y la samaritana nos lo demuestra: “Si conocieras el don de Dios, si supieras quién es el que te pide de beber, tú misma le pedirías agua viva y él te la daría” (Juan 4:10). El comportamiento de Jesús al pedir agua a una mujer no era bien visto y contradecía las costumbres de su tiempo. Sin embargo, ese diálogo entre ambos no tiene nada de desperdicio: fue un diálogo perfecto, al grado que la mujer samaritana se convierte en misionera.

Este personaje, la mujer samaritana, no tiene nombre. De tal manera que yo puedo poner el mío y entablar mi propia conversación con el Señor en la oración. ¿A qué pozo voy por agua? ¿Dónde está Jesús, cansado y sediento? ¿Qué me pide que haga? ¿Dónde debo anunciarlo? Señor, como a la samaritana, hazme testigo de tu Evangelio. Para lograrlo, recordemos que el Espíritu Santo, desde nuestro Bautismo, ha sido derramado en nosotros como fuente de agua viva. No hay excusa para no participar como discípulos misioneros en nuestras parroquias, en la familia y en la sociedad. ¡Señor, dame de esa agua, y así ya no sufriré más sed!

March 8, 2026  
3rd Sunday of Lent

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: “One sows and another reaps” (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

### Readings of the Week

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42  
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14  
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

### Saints and Observances

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

Monday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

Don't Forget:  
**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME!**



**BIBLE STUDY**  
Thursday, March 12 & 26, 2026  
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Please join Fr. Ruben, Delfina Diaz, and Paola Flores in the parish Hall for Bible study and faith sharing based on Ascension present’s “No Greater Love, A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion”.



**COLOR**  
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent • John 4:5-42

### Wedding Banns / Amonestaciones

The following couple would like to express their intention to be made One in the Sacrament of Matrimony at St Joseph Church in Santa Ana,



**Jorge Gonzalez & Mariana Flores**

If anyone has knowledge of any impediment or hindrance to the proposed marriage between the mentioned couple, please contact the parish office.



Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

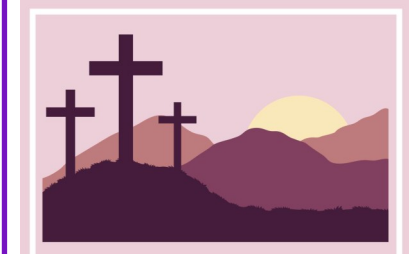
Sychar	well	truth
woman	worship	faith
drink	Father	Savior

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**MISSION**  
Ask God to open your heart so that you will be friends with other kids, no matter what they look like.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS .... VIA CRUCIS



Stations of the Cross  
Fridays at 6:00 pm

Via Crucis  
Viernes a las  
7:45pm

Join Fr. Ruben Ruiz on a **11 Day Pilgrimage to Türkiye and Greece Island Cruise**

From October 21-31 of 2026

\$4,999 From LAX (per person)

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Turquía y Crucero por Grecia

Del 21 al 31 de octubre de 2026

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