

If you were blind, you would have no sin. (John 9:41)

How's your eyesight? What do you see when you look at the world around you? That seems to be the issue in today's Gospel. As the story opens, we meet a man whom everyone assumes is a sinner because he is blind (John 9:2). But by the end of the story, Jesus says that those who claim they can see are really the ones in darkness.

What did these Pharisees claim to see in this man? A sinner, both because he had been blind and because he dared to challenge their authority. And what they saw moved them to berate him and throw him out of the synagogue.

A similar thing happened when they saw Jesus. Because he had performed a healing on the Sabbath, they saw him as another sinner. No one who was righteous would dare break the Law of Moses! Again, what they saw moved them to persecute him all the more.

But what did *Jesus* see in the blind man? Not a "sinner" to be condemned and expelled, but a child of God in need of healing and salvation. And what he saw moved him to act with mercy.

And what did the blind man see in Jesus? Not a "sinner" who broke the Sabbath, but the Messiah who brings freedom and restoration. And what he saw moved him to bow down in worship. So let's ask again: how is your eyesight?

Jesus wants to help us see the world as he does. He wants us to see people not as sinners under God's judgment but as brothers and sisters who are offered the same mercy we have received. He wants us to withhold our own judgment and show kindness instead. Because that's how Jesus sees people. It's how he sees you.

So as you gaze at the crucifix and at the Host at Mass today, let Jesus' loving gaze pierce your heart. Let him heal your blindness so that you can see the world through his eyes.

"Jesus, open my eyes! Help me to see as you see." 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Psalm 23:1-6 Ephesians 5:8-14 ~ The Word Among Us.

**ATTENTION: PARISH UPDATE ON COVID-19
RESPONSE**

In accordance with the Decree issued by Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSpS on March 13, 2020, ALL weekend and daily Masses at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church have been suspended through March 31, 2020. In addition, ALL gatherings and activities in the parish are suspended for the same time period. As conditions change, updated information will be posted on the parish website: www.stjohntheevangelist-sa.org as well as the online version of the parish bulletin at Diocesan.com/Business

During this time, the parish office will be open for limited hours on Mondays from 9am-12noon. As our weekly church offerings are vital to the operations of the parish, we encourage our parishioners and friends to continue your regular support to the parish. You are welcome to send your Sunday Offerings by regular mail to the parish, or drop off your donations at the parish office on Monday mornings.

As we face an uncertain future, we ARE CERTAIN of God's love and care for us. Please pray for the well being of our parishioners; our community; and our country. God bless you.

We invite you to pray:

Our Lady of Guadalupe, in these times of tribulation we turn to you O Mother.

See with compassion the suffering of your beloved daughters and sons affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic throughout the entire world.

Ask your Son to have mercy on us bringing healing to those infected and protection to all your children.

Jesus Christ, savior of all people, grant us courage to accompany and pray for the entire world in the wake of sorrow and uncertainty.

We seek refuge in you and according to your promise, deliver us from this danger.

Amen.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 23rd ~ 11:30am

† Blanca S. Gonzales
Maria de la Luz Gonzales (Health)

Tuesday, March 24th ~ 11:30am

Robert Needham (Health)
Maria de la Luz Gonzales (Health)

Wednesday, March 25th ~ 11:30am

† Joseph Steven Perez
† Gloria Arriaga

Thursday, March 26th ~ 11:30am

† Natividad Espinosa
Maria de la Luz Gonzales (Health)

Friday, March 27th ~ 11:30am

Doug Arriaga (In Thanksgiving)
Maria de la Luz Gonzales (Health)

Saturday, March 28th ~ 5:00pm

Francois & Cheryl Espinosa (In Thanksgiving)
Kathleen P. David (In Thanksgiving)

Sunday, March 29th

8:00am Pat Lange (In Thanksgiving)

Carolyn Krause (In Thanksgiving)

9:30am Juana Maria Diaz

† Gerardo & Maria Reyna Gonzales

12:00pm † Andres Villela

† Olga Garcia

7:30pm Rebecca Peterson - Male

People of the Parish

Parish Support: Weekend of March 14th & 15th, 2020

NOT AVILABLE

Church Support Envelope

5:00pm Mass:.....\$0

8:00am Mass:.....\$0

9:30am Mass:.....\$0

12:00pm Mass:.....\$0

7:30pm Mass:.....\$0

2nd Collection ~ Building Fund

5:00pm Mass:.....\$0

8:00am Mass:.....\$0

9:30am Mass:.....\$0

12:00pm Mass:.....\$0

7:30pm Mass:.....\$0

TOTAL:.....\$0

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Joe Cosby and Family, Pat Tally, Harlow Martinez, Teresa Brezenski, Josefina Gomez, Magdalena Urrabazo, Maria Villarreal, Elisa Casanova, Socorro Pastrano, Laura Pena, Irene Breeden, Jessica Lozano, Laura Moreno, George Menjares, Maria Luisa Rodriguez, Susana Ruiz Velasco, Agnes Kubesch, Maria del Carmen Morales, Tanya Marie Paveglio, Rome Escobedo, Sister Cecilia Rodriguez, Richard Gonzales, Rudy Reyes, Roselie Marquez Gonzales, Mayra Maricela Martinez, Andy Bonham, Julio Villarreal, Cassey Cosby, Graciela Bernal, Quinn Nash, Amalia Villarreal, Juliana Villarreal, Paula Montalbo, Oralia Ortiz, Christian Vasquez, George Garcia, Melva Macias, Tony Garza III, Carmen Flores, Melissa Sanchez Lara, Viola Sanchez, Ruben Sanchez, Dalia Morales, Michael Morales, Rene Hernandez, Pablo Flores, Luciano Soto, Sue Lira, Hector C. Alvarez, Valdomero Carrizales, Esiquio Perez, Kathleen May, Gene Flores, Syd Jacobs, Jean Vargo, Rachel De La O, Bobby Garcia, Noelia Pantoja, Sandra Ornelas and Greg Wood.

**To Add or Remove names please call the
Parish office at 738-2201**

St. John's Lenten Penance Service: TBA

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Servicio de la cuaresma penitencia de San Juan:  
¡Que se anunciará!

### WEEKLY MEETINGS:

**Legion of Mary:** Tuesday's at 5:20pm in the Casa de Juan.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Monday's 7pm-8pm (St. John's Church).

**Men's Prayer Group:** Saturday's in Casa de Juan from 7:30am-9:00am. Contact Kevin Collins 210-685-2735 or Rafael Martinez - 210-782-6313

### MONTHLY MEETINGS:

**Guadalupanas:** Recites the Rosary on the 12th day of each month. Contact Maria Gomez at 210-268-7760

**Knights of Columbus:** Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Contact Mike Constantino- 210-415-7278.

**Women's Fellowship:** Every third Thursday of the Month at Casa de Juan from 6pm till 9pm.

**Altar Society:** Third Sunday of the month after the 12:00pm Mass. Contact Parish Office 210-738-2201

**Men's ACTS:** 3rd Monday of the month in Hall at 7pm.

**Youth Group:** Contact Marisol Ramirez at 210-723-1355.

**ACTS:** Contact Tony Ybarra at 210-430-9028.

**Adult Religious Education (RCIA) & Faith Formation (CCD):** Parish Office at 210-738-2201ext 13.

**Young Adults Ministry:** Second Thursday of each month from 7pm to 9pm at Casa de Juan. Contact Anna Gomez at 210-331-3044.