

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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Mass Times

8:00 a.m. Tues

4:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil

Office Hours Mondays 10 -Noon

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 15

1 SM 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

EPH 5:8-14

JN 9:1-41

Monday, March 16

IS 5:17-21

JN 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 17

EZ 47:1-9, 12

JN 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 18

IS 49:8-15

JN 5:17-30

Thursday, March 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph

2 SM 7:4-5a

ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22

MT 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Friday, March 20

WIS 2:1a, 12-22

JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 21

JER 11:18-20

JN 7:40-53

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 22

EZ 37:12-14

ROM 8:8-11

JN 11:1-45



ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH

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Mass Time

8:30 a.m. Sunday

8:30 am Wednesday, Thursday

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Mass Time

10:00 a.m. Sunday

9:00 a.m. Friday

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“Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world; Lord have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you are the Good Sheperd who cares for his sheep;

Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the source of eternal life; you are the Anointed one, the Christ; Lord have mercy.

This Week's Masses & Intentions

Tuesday	March 17	
8:00 am	Holy Trinity	<i>Gary & JoAnn Galewski+</i>
8:30 am	Holy Trinity	Adoration
Wednesday	March 18	
8:30 am	St. Rose of Lima	<i>Bob Kanz+</i>
Thursday	March 19	
8:30 am	St Rose of Lima	<i>Charles Schultz+</i>
Friday	March 20	
9:00 am	St Joseph	<i>Jack and Sue Knauer+</i>
10:00 am	Valley View	
Saturday	March 21	NO 4.30pm MASS at HT
Sunday	March 22	
8:30 am	St. Rose of Lima	<i>Donna Brown+</i>
10.00am	Holy Trinity	<i>Edward Speltz +</i>
10.00am	St Joseph	<i>For the parishioners +</i>

Adoration times:

St Rose First Wednesday	8:30 am – 8:30 pm
Holy Trinity Tuesdays	7.00 am – 8.00 am
St Joseph First Friday	9:30 am - 10:30 am

Reconciliation times:

St Rose: Sunday and Wednesday	8.00 - 8:20 am
Holy Trinity: Saturday	4.00 - 4:20 pm
St Joseph: Friday	8:30 - 8:50 am

Or by appointment.

New Parishioners are invited to contact the Tri-Parish Office at 507-523-2428 or office@st-rose.org.

Baptism: Baptisms are regularly celebrated during Saturday and Sunday Masses or by appointment. Parents are asked to meet with Fr. Chinnappa before the baptism of their first child. Please call the Tri-parish office to set the date of the baptism.

Marriage - Instruction must begin at least six months in advance. Please contact Fr. Chinnappa to begin the preparation process. An Engaged Encounter or similar course is also required.

Anointing of the Sick: The sacrament is available before or after Mass on request or arrangements can be made with Fr. Chinnappa for Hospital or Home Visits.

Need Prayers?
 Call Rosie Moger 507-429-5525 St Rose of Lima
 Barb Mensink 507-864-2183 St Joseph
 Paula at Office 507-689-2351 Holy Trinity
 Call with all requests or to join the group.

Prayer Requests: Chuck Woodford, Theresea Elliott, Bill Schultz, Fr. Bill Kulas, Ben Krussell, Ken Vogel, Kevin Ferden, Emersyn Maschka, Gina McRae, Ed Vaughn, Jill Hagg, Jim Hunter, Terry Schultz

Mass Intentions for your loved ones needed?
 Please contact Tri-Parish office: **523-2428** or drop \$10 per intention in the offertory basket. Thank you.

Holy Trinity

Giving, March 7, 2026
 Church Support..... \$ 1169.00

Liturgical Ministry – March 22, 2026

Lector: Tina Lehnertz
EMHC: Kristi Bonine, Rebecca McCormick, Leo Speltz
Cantor: Kevin O'Brien
Usher: Pete Hutkowski, Duane Klein
Gifts: Steve & Bonnie Kalmes
Servers: Juniper & Basil Lingen
Greeters: Terry Full, Jeanette Borger

St. Rose of Lima

Giving, March 8, 2026
 Church Support..... \$ 2635.00

Liturgical Ministry – March 22, 2026

Lector: Ben Kuhn
EMHC: Shelly DePestel, Dean DePestel, Kelly Dahl
Servers: Dylan Duncanson, Bridget Duncanson
 Megan Kreidermacher, Brady Kreidermacher
Ushers: Tim Hennessy, Cory Schmitz
 Karin Peterson, Ken Peterson

St. Joseph

Giving, March 8, 2026
 Church Support..... \$ 1131.00

Liturgical Ministry – March 22, 2026

Lector: Norb Quella
Usher & Cross: Marv & Marcie Hosch
Rosary: Gary Marcoux
Offertory: Charlie & Edie Mueller
EMHC: Theresa Vesterse, Chris Hammell, Jo Bingaman
Sacristan:



Tri-Parish News and Notes

“Wash me completely from my iniquity; and cleanse me from my sin” Psalm 51:4. The precept “you shall confess your sins at least once a year” ensures preparation for the eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism’s work of conversion and forgiveness. CCC 1457.

Second Collection on March 15th for CRS: This weekend the second collection is for Catholic Relief Services, the relief work of the US Bishops. “This agency helps victims of war and natural disaster, supports sustainable economic development overseas, advocates for international peace and human rights, helps refugees and immigrants in the United States to obtain legal support, offers pastoral support to a wide variety of people who migrate for work and build cross-cultural understanding.” For info please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Children’s Offertory Giving at Holy Trinity & St. Joseph’s: As part of the Lenten season and continuing thereafter, we aim to encourage children to engage in almsgiving and service. Children’s donation envelopes are available through Faith Formation and following Mass for families who wish to participate. During Mass, there will be a designated moment for children to approach the altar and place their envelopes or donations even dollar bills or coins into a basket during the presentation of the gifts. We appreciate your involvement and commitment to instilling in your child the value and satisfaction of generosity.

Please take note of Holy Week Calendar.

Holy Thursday Mass will be at St. Rose on April 2 at 7.00pm.

Good Friday Service of the Passion will be at HT Noon, St. Rose of Lima 3.00 pm, St. Joseph’s at 5.00pm.

Easter Vigil Service will be at St. Rose of Lima on April 4, at 8.00 pm.

Easter Sunday Mass will be on Sunday April 05 at St. Rose of Rose, 8.30 am, Holy Trinity at 10.00 am and St. Joseph’s at 10.00 am.

St. Joseph News and Notes

Stations of the Cross is being conducted on Wednesday evening at 6 pm all through Lent. Please come and pray.

Individual Reconciliation is scheduled for Sunday, March 22 and 29 after 10.00am Mass. Please avail the opportunity in preparation for Easter. Everyone is welcome.

Finance Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, at 6:00pm.

Holy Trinity News and Notes

Holy Trinity will be offering Season 5 of **The Chosen** on **Thursdays beginning February 5th and every Thursday until March 26th** starting at 8:30 AM in the HTCC. Plan for up to two hours of viewing & discussion. Season Five has 8 episodes. Each episode begins with Jesus and His Disciples gathered for the Last Supper with flash backs to events that occurred prior to them gathering and ending with the betrayal & arrest of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Please join us as we begin preparing for and during the Lenten season. There will be a sign-up sheet in the HT Narthex, or you can contact Becky McCormick at 507-689-0398 to sign up/or get more information.

Holy Trinity Holiday Choir: We are excited to announce that the **Holy Trinity Holiday Choir** will begin rehearsals on March 8 at 7 pm! We will be practicing for our Good Friday service at 12 noon and our Easter Sunday Morning service at 10 am. All are welcome to join us and participate in making a joyful noise! If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact Tammy Schmit at 507-689-2469. I look forward to seeing you there and making beautiful music together.

Currently, we will have all the church services in HT Community Hall as the church is being Painted.

Finance Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, at 6:30 pm.

No Saturday 4.30pm Mass on March 21. Instead, the weekend **Mass will be on Sunday March 22, at 10:00am** in the Hall. Fr. Marty Schaefer will be the celebrant.

Reconciliation Service is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18 at 7.00 pm. Please avail the opportunity for Annual Confession. Everyone is welcome.

St. Rose’ News and Notes

Mission Supper Thursday March 12 was a great event. Thanks to all who helped prepare, give and serve at the supper. All proceeds go to the Missions.

Finance Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, at 5.30pm.

We are putting together a **Special Easter Choir** of All Ages, for singing and playing instruments. Add your name to list in the back of church or call the office.

May he Rest in the Peace of Christ: We pray for our beloved deceased Richard DePestel whose funeral was during the last weekend. May his loved ones find comfort and reassurance in God, our Father. Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord.

“The Unblinding Light of God”

It’s a sad thing to say, but most people are blind. This blindness extends even to ourselves. Because most of us are blind. Yes, our eyes can see the world around us - We can see other people and things - We can see ourselves in a mirror - But we are still blind, nevertheless! We are blind to the deeper reality in which we live. We are blind to the truth about many other people. And we are certainly blind to the whole truth about ourselves!

All the scriptures for today treat of this blindness. Furthermore, they show us how to regain the vision we lost – or never before possessed. In the 1st Book of Samuel, the prophet was directed to single-out and anoint the future King of Israel. Samuel was open and always listened to God. God sent him to Bethlehem and to the sons of Jesse. Each of the first seven sons had something that recommended himself. But none of them were God’s choice.

Finally, Jesse sent for David. And David was God’s choice. When Samuel anointed him, the Holy Spirit of God rushed upon him. This transformed him and prepared him for his role as king – and as the family ancestor of Jesus Christ.

A thousand years later, Jesus of Nazareth appeared before the world. In the Gospel of John, Jesus cured a man who was blind from his birth. No doubt the blind man and his close friends and family were happy. But they expressed none of this when confronted by the Pharisees.

However, most of the Pharisees hated Jesus. They refused to accept the miracle. They were blind to the greater reality of who Jesus was, the truths he taught, and the mission that God sent him to complete! Jesus was a threat to the blindness of their theological presuppositions – and to their way of life. The Pharisees were immersed in the Talmud - And the Talmud often misrepresented the Law and the Torah!

The Pharisees controlled people’s lives - They were blind to the truths of God’s unfolding plan for the salvation of the world - And they were absolutely blind to the truth about themselves!

Looking at ourselves, our personal blindness is usually the result of our pride and insecurity. It takes courage and honesty to admit the deeper

truth about ourselves. It takes real openness not to reject the truth of what others say to us. This might include our attitudes, as well as our behavior. If an associate or a colleague criticizes us, we might simply “write them off” - If a friend or loved one confronts us, we can grow angry, get defensive, or point out their faults - We can also build emotional walls – or possibly even reject them altogether. But we are always the loser when we do so!

St. Paul points a way through this burdensome problem in his Letter to the Ephesians. Paul teaches us that we don’t have to remain in the darkness of our spiritual blindness. Our inherited darkness is due to Original Sin. However, our Baptism has brought us the Light of God. This is Jesus Christ who is the Light of the World. Furthermore, Jesus has gifted us with the Holy Spirit! Consequently, we can know and stand for goodness, righteousness, and truth!

Brothers and Sisters, there is real liberation and a feeling of gratitude in admitting the truth about ourselves. We can drop any facade we have built. We can honestly own-up to our mistakes, our faults, and our sins. Perhaps we can even inspire others to seek the truth about themselves and their lives as well.

What is especially wonderful is that the power of God will be unleashed in our lives. The Holy Spirit can rush upon us. It can enable us to live with open minds and hearts – and to become all that God hopes for!

Let us pray that God may continue to be with us at every step out of our blindness into His loving and revealing Light! Amen. *March 15, 2026, Msgr. Russell G. Terra.*

Blinding Clarity

“One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see” John 9:25

“He who was born blind is the one person who sees with blinding clarity that any man who could do such a miracle is no sinner. Only the blind man has the true sight of faith, while his persecutors are blinded by their prejudice and their jealousy. One must admire the courage of the man born blind to speak truth to power. Like many saints, from Stephen to Bernadette, his job was not to convince the blind but to testify to the truth, come what may”. Greg Erlandson.