SAINT JOHN of GOD  
(1495 – 1550)  
Patron of the Mentally Ill and the Dying  
Feast Day – March 8th

Moved initially by a sermon of St. John of Avila (May 10), he one day engaged in a public beating of himself, begging mercy and wildly repenting for his past life.

After he was committed to a mental hospital for these actions, John was visited by St. John, who advised him to be more actively involved in tending to the needs of others rather than in enduring personal hardships. John gained peace of heart, and shortly after left the hospital to begin work among the poor.

He established a house where he wisely tended to the needs of the sick poor, at first doing his own begging. But excited by the saint’s great work and inspired by his devotion, many people began to back him up with money and provisions. Among them were the archbishop and marquis of Tarifa.

Behind John’s outward acts of total concern and love for Christ’s sick poor was a deep interior prayer life which was reflected in his spirit of humility. These qualities attracted helpers who, 20 years after John’s death, formed the Brothers Hospitallers, now a worldwide religious order.

John became ill after 10 years of service but tried to disguise his ill health. He began to put the hospital’s administrative work into order and appointed a leader for his helpers. He died under the care of a spiritual friend and admirer, Lady Ana Ossorio.
Our Lenten Journey
Lent should be a time of prayer, fasting and giving alms. As a Parish, we can do all three.

Stations of the Cross - Fridays at 6:00 pm Followed by a meatless soup supper. Hosted by the Food Pantry Crew this Friday.

Rice Bowls - This year again parishioners will have an opportunity to participate in the CRS Rice Bowl Campaign. You can participate by giving alms to the poor in other countries.

Second Collection This Weekend - The Second Collection this weekend is for the Black and Native American Missions.

Eucharistic Minister & Lector Training
A Eucharistic Minister and lector training will be held on Wednesday, March 8th at 6:00 pm.

Mark Your Calendars!

Lenten Mission
Fr. Alex, Fr. Theo and our visiting Seminarian Gino Wilcox will present a Lenten Mission on Wednesday March 15th, Thursday March 16th, and Friday March 17th. The Lenten Mission will begin at 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm. On Friday March 17th, the Lenten Mission will be followed by a Penance Service at 7:00 pm.

Hebrews Study With Deacon Andy
Monday Evenings - 6:00 pm

Please pray for the
Sick of the Parish
Dcn. Don Dickman
Lavonne Dickman
Leroy Garcia
John Herrera
Stella Herrera
Pauline Cuellar
Richard Gesting
David Kellar
Andrew Francis
JoAnn Dryer
Danny Lucero
Marie Black
Ethel Ebner
Edna J. Soto
Andrea Silva
Lou Baldonado
Mary Jo Drake
Mary Lou Gomez
Rene Beltran

Please pray for those
serving in our military
Bobby Duran (USAF)
Major Paul Wever (USAF), Capt. Ryan Carn (USAF), Jeremiah Williams (USAF), James Dillahunt, Jose Espinosa, Matt McLaughlin (USAF), Eric Gayso - (Army)
Nick Silva - (Army)
Sgt. Eliza Granados (USAF)
Tec. Sgt. Robert Seaburgh (USAF)
Danny Garcia, (USAF)
Sydney LeBlond (USAF)
Jason Schiessig
Markie Campbell Rowe
Raul Martinez Jr. (USAF)

2017 United in Ministry
Campaign
“God’s Promise”
Our United in Ministry (UIM) goal for 2017 is $16,151.45. The UIM Campaign for 2017 begins this month. Remember once we have reached our Parish goal, we receive a rebate which helps us to repair, maintain and renovate our Church and Church grounds. We have been able to renovate the Parish Hall Kitchen with funds from our UIM rebate. We have several other projects around our church that we would like to work on this year. Thank you for your support, pledges and donations.

Lenten Penance Services
St. Francis (Tularosa) Mar. 10 - 7:00pm
St. Jude (Alamogordo) - Mar. 13 - 7:00pm
ICC (Alamogordo) Mar. 15 - 7:00pm
Our Lady of the Light (La Luz) - Mar. 17 - 7:00pm
St. Joseph (Holloman) - Apr. 3 5:00pm

Memorandum from Bishop Cantu
“I am dispensing all parishioners of the Diocese of Las Cruces from abstinence on the feast of St. Patrick, March 17. However, I ask that you observe abstinence on any other day during that week.”

Our Lady of the Light - Food Pantry
Thank you for your continued support of the Food Pantry. These are the items that are needed by the Food pantry for this month:
- Hot chocolate
- Hot and cold cereal
- Canned soup
- Canned veggies
- Canned fruit
- Pork and beans
- Rice
- Dried beans
- Potted tuna and meat
- Pasta noodles and pasta sauce.

Thank you for continued donations and support. God Bless you!

Lenten Soup Supper Hosts
March 10 - Food Pantry
March 17 - No Supper (Lenten Penance Service after Lenten Mission)
March 24 - Parish Council Officers & Altar Servers
March 31 - Ushers
April 7 - Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

Al-Anon Meeting
The Light of Hope Al-Anon Family Group meets at 9:30 am every Monday at Our Lady of the Light Parish Hall at 4 La Luz Road in La Luz. For more information, call 575-439-0143.