

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 2020

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

— Romans 5:8

THIRST

Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,0936.00	\$2,239.00
Number of Families contributing	118	92
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (10 Weeks)	\$33,020.00	\$32,608.00
Received to Date	\$23,683.00	\$17,462.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$9,337.00	\$15,146.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$246.00	\$2,389.00

Thirty-four ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$110.00	\$28,505.00

Two people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$43,642.00

PARKING LOT totaled \$5.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$27.00.

38 **CHILDREN** contributed \$147.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 150; Saturday 7:00 P.M. was 190 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 120.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A college girl asked her mother, "How can you be sure Jesus' teachings are true?" Her mother's response surprised her:

"You can be convinced in only one way, by living them," her mother said. If you live Jesus' teachings, they will speak to your heart and tell your heart that they are true."

Her mother went on to explain:

"For example, if you forgive enemies, you will eventually discover that this is the true thing to do. And if you don't judge others rashly, you will eventually discover that this is the true thing to do."

The mother's remarkable response is precisely the point that Jesus makes for us today.

Can I recall experiencing the truth of Jesus' teachings? When? How?

Jesus said, "If you obey my teaching... you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

—JOHN 8:31-32

To be convinced of the eternal truths, do not augment your arguments, but weed out your passions.

—BLAISE PASCAL

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Mary Frances Rouk in loving memory of her on the 1st Anniversary of her death;
2. the Family of Captain's Rosemary in loving memory of her on the 3rd Anniversary of her death;
3. a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite;
4. and also another Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. CHERIAN

Wednesday, March 18th is Fr. Cherian's Birthday.

St. Edward Parish Family would like to wish

Fr. Cherian a very, very, very

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent, will be held every Friday after 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday:

Mar. 20: Lectors

Mar. 27: Youth Group & Young Girls Org.

Apr. 3: Society of Mary Immaculate

Apr. 10: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK will be celebrated this Tuesday, March 17th at 10:00 A.M. Mass. The Society of Mary Immaculate will take care of the Feast.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE

MORNING PRAYER Mon. thru Friday 9:30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER Monday & Friday 6:30 p.m.
Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 3:30 p.m.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH will be celebrated this Thursday, March 19th at 10:00 A.M. Mass. The Youth Group will take care of the Feast.

EASTER LILIES It is asked that each family donate \$10 for the Easter lilies. Please give your donation to Bridget Rita, Mary Rita O'Hara or the Church Office.

BEAUTY OF RELATION

To smile without condition,
To talk without intention,
To give without reason
And to care without expectation
Is the BEAUTY OF ANY RELATION.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The man walked into the house panting and almost completely exhausted. "What happened, Honey?" inquired his wife.

"It's a great new idea I have," he gasped. "I ran all the way home behind the bus and saved \$2.00."

"That wasn't very bright," replied his wife. "Why didn't you run behind a taxi and save \$10.00."

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, Precious Blood, and St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Theresa and St. Raphael; a member for a donation in honor of the Infant of Prague; and two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Tuesday:** St. Patrick
- Wednesday:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem
- Thursday:** St. Joseph; Spring begins
- Friday:** Abstinence

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory and for the repose of the soul of Fr. Anto.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Bubby Ed on the 10th Anniversary of his death.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.
- Thursday:** For Eddie Michael Sherlock on his Birthday, Pete Gerard Riley on his Birthday and in honor of St. Joseph on his Feast Day.
- Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Faro on the 2nd Anniversary of his death.

SEEDS OF LOVE

*As we journey through this earthly life,
We must always try to fight the good fight;
Be of good spirit and have a sound mind
And always be generous, loving, and kind.*

*Temptations will always come our way;
It is something that we must fight everyday.
If we give praise and glory to God above,
Know that He will shower us with His love.*

*When we leave our footprints upon this earth
And feel that our lives were of little worth,
Remember the seeds of love that we planted
Through the many gifts that God had granted.*

READERS

- Sat. Mar. 14th, 4:00 P.M.** Christina & Leah
- Sat. Mar. 14th, 7:00 P.M.** Ivana & Natalie
- Sun. Mar. 15th, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat
- Sat. Mar. 21st, 4:00 P.M.** Christina & Natalie
- Sat. Mar. 21st, 7:00 P.M.** Ivana & Carolyn
- Sun. Mar. 22nd, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Taneil
- Tuesday** - Fallon
- Wednesday** - Cathy Lisa
- Thursday** - Natalie
- Friday** - Christina

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.** **Mar. 14th**
- Front Bridget Ann
- Left Cup Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

- Mar. 15th** **Mar. 22nd**
- Pete Man's Nora Pete Man's Nora
- Rose Marie Rose Marie

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- Monday** Cathy Pole
- Tuesday** Pete Man's Nora
- Wednesday** Margaret Butts
- Thursday** Betty Jo
- Friday** Mary Cat

PRAYER CHANGES

- One SONG**
can change a moment,
- One IDEA**
can change the world,
- One STEP**
can start a journey,
- But one PRAYER**
can change the impossible.

SIGN

*PAIN is a sign that you're ALIVE.
PROBLEM is a sign that you're STRONG.
PRAYER is a sign that you're not ALONE.*

~~~~~**PRAYER CORNER**~~~~~

**TEACH ME JESUS**

*Lord Jesus, you became a servant for my sake to set me free from the tyranny of selfish pride and self-concern. Teach me to be humble as you are humble and to love others generously with selfless service and kindness. Amen.*