



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

Reading I: Exodus 17: 3-7;

Reading II: Romans 5: 1-2. 5-8;

Gospel: John 4: 5-42 (or 4: 5-15. 19-26. 39. 40-42).

Revised Roman Missal: 258

Gospel Summary

Jesus approached a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well and asked her for a drink of water. This surprised the woman for several reasons. In the first place, it was unlikely that a man would ask a woman for anything and even more unbelievable that Jesus, a Jew, would ask something of a Samaritan, a great enemy of the Jewish people. Jesus explained to her that our thirst would return if we drank water from the well; but if we drank the water Jesus offered us, we would never thirst again. After Jesus told her many things about herself, she came to believe that he was the Son of God and called others to him.

Reflection for Families

Jesus offers us living water just as he did the woman at the well. It is the water of salvation so when we stumble, we know that Jesus refreshes us with forgiveness. This is helpful to remember on days when we are disappointed by our anger, impatience, and discouragement.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

When you go to mass this weekend, be sure to invite the whole family to bless themselves at the baptismal font. On the way home, share your ideas about "living water" and the how the holy water of the font is living water for each person. Invite every member of the family to offer a way in which they can refresh someone at school, at work, or in the neighborhood by being living water for that person.

Discussion Starters

1. I know Jesus is living water in my life because...
2. I was surprised when someone unexpected offered me living water...
3. This reading calls me to evangelization. I will respond (or have already responded) by...

“ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS”

• SECOND COLLECTION

As a Parish, one of our corporal works of mercy is to have a second collection at all Masses during Lent. Each person is requested to give at least B\$1 each. **Please do not give coins.**

◆ COMMUNITY GOTONG-ROYONG

In preparation for Easter, all parishioners and ministry members are requested to help in this community event next Sunday, 19th March at 10:30 a.m. Please bring along your cleaning tools. Lunch will be provided .

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS—LENTEN ACTIVITIES

- ◆ YOUTH 30-HOUR FAMINE & FUND RAISING BREAKFAST SALE: The Famine will held in St. John’s from Thursday, 23rd March at 7:00 p.m. to Saturday, 25th March at 8:00 p.m. Registration is open for 12 years and above. Registration fees are \$25 per person or \$40 for two people. For more info and registration, please scan the QR code.

In raising funds for the 30-hour famine, there will be a special **breakfast sale** after the 9:00 a.m. Mass today, 12th March, . Please come and support the youth.

- ◆ LENTEN RECOLLECTION FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS: There will be a Lenten Recollection for Sacristans, Wardens, Lectors, Commentators and Choirs today, 12th March from 1:30 p.m. till after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. All ministers are required to attend.
- ◆ SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS: This will be held on Wednesday, 15th March incorporated with the Holy Hour.
- ◆ LENTEN RECOLLECTION FOR ALL PARISHIONERS: The Lenten recollection will be held on Thursday, 16th March and Friday, 17th March at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- ◆ DAILY MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During the season of Lent, daily Mass on Fridays will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Stations of the Cross.

CONFESSIONS

Half-an-hour before Sunday Mass.

DEVOTIONS

HOLY HOUR—Every Wednesday after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—Every FIRST Friday of the month, after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP—Every Saturday after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

DAY	MASS & OTHER EVENTS	READINGS	TIME
Monday 13	3RD WEEK OF LENT	2 Kgs 5: 1-15; Lk 4: 24-30.	5:30 PM
Tuesday 14	3RD WEEK OF LENT	Dan 3: 25, 34-43; Mt 18: 21-35.	5:30 PM
Wednesday 15	3RD WEEK OF LENT <i>HOLY HOUR</i> <i>SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS</i>	Deut 4: 1, 5-9; Mt 5: 17-19.	5:30 PM
Thursday 16	3RD WEEK OF LENT <i>LENTEN RECOLLECTION</i>	Jer 7: 23-28; Lk 11: 14-23.	5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Friday 17	3RD WEEK OF LENT <i>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</i> <i>LENTEN RECOLLECTION</i>	Hos 14: 2-10; Mk 12: 28-34.	5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Saturday 18	3RD WEEK OF LENT <i>NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP</i>	Hos 6: 1-6; Lk 18: 9-14.	5:30 PM
Sunday 19	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	1 Sam 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5: 8-14. Jn 9: 1-41 (or 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38).	9:00 AM 6:00 PM