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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

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| Weekdays | 8:30 a.m. Spanish (Mon-Fri.) | 12:10 p.m. English (Mon-Fri) |
| | 7:45 a.m. Vietnamese (Thu & Sat) | |

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

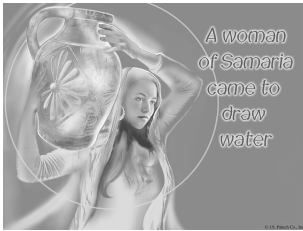
MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon open (12 pm - 1 pm closed)
1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. open (5 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed) 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open
SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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 — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

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In today's Gospel, we see the Samaritan woman coming to faith. The steps she takes are our steps, too. Though she needs Jesus' help, he approaches her first. He invites us to make the journey of faith long before we start, by putting us into a faithful family, giving us a curious heart that seeks the truth, sending us a friend or spouse whose example draws us to the Lord.

The next step is acknowledging our need and our sinfulness. Admitting our need for God, and especially for God's forgiveness, opens us to God's saving grace. Another step is drawing closer to God in prayer. Jesus tells the woman, and us, that the best worship is honest and from the Spirit.

When we begin to share our faith with others, we take the step of living our faith. Like the woman who told her neighbors about Jesus, we find that the people we have touched begin to find the Lord on their own. Our catechumens are taking these steps now, thanks to those who have helped them experience Jesus' invitation to faith.

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HONEST AND OPEN WITH GOD

The story of the Israelites' grumbling and threatened revolt, and of God's response in our reading from Exodus today, grapples with difficulties of the life of faith. Those who place their lives in the hands of God, as Israel did by following Moses into the desert, may soon face troubling and fearful moments. Sometimes we lose what we think we need, or somehow find it difficult to get what we really need. In our busy lives, it's easy to gradually forget God's presence and action among us.

Moses' prayer to God and God's compassionate response of providing water resolve the situation. Perhaps it was Moses' admirable honesty in his dialogue with God that made a difference. Moses "cried out to the Lord" and he didn't know how God might respond. Honestly expressing our needs in prayer is essential to the life of faith. Waiting in openness to God's response is equally important.

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide struggling communities with relief and support and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



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| DATE | 8:00 AM | 11:30 AM |
|--------|------------------------------|--|
| Mar 15 | Elisia Dones Juan Dones | Felisha Fabian Melissa Rivera-Jovel |
| Mar 22 | David Le Genevive Persaud | Josephine Nguyen Andre Johnson |
| Mar 29 | Juan Dones Elisia Dones | Pereta Rodriguez Josephine Nguyen |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

| DATE | 8: 00 AM | 11:30 AM |
|--------|----------------------------|---|
| Mar 15 | Juan Dones Elisia Dones | Gregory Ender Pereta Rodriguez |
| Mar 22 | Rosa Susana Yvonne Ebea | Ed Nolan Marilyn Martin |
| Mar 29 | Elisia Dones Juan Dones | Fitzroy Williams Dhariana De La Cruz |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 16, 2020

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 16, 2020

Monday
8:30am Crisoforo Gonzalez Galindo (D)
12:10pm Zenaida & Orfelina , All souls in purgatory
Tuesday
8:30am Lorenzo & Madalena (D); Crisoforo Gonzalez Galindo (D)
 Peter Gaine (D)
12:10pm
Wednesday
8:30am Keren Hernandez (D); Crisoforo Gonzalez Galindo (D)
12:10pm
Thursday
7:45am Vincente Nhi (D)
8:30am Jose Flores (D); Crisoforo Gonzalez Galindo (D)
 John Keane & family
12:10pm
Friday
8:30am Phero Phuoc (D)
12:10pm
Saturday
7:45am Maria Hue & Gioan Vinh (D)
7:00pm Maximo Rodriguez (D); Wally Dominguez (D); Lazaro Anselmo Companioni (D)
Sunday
8:00am People of SNT
9:30am Alfredo Serrano (D)
11:30am Vicente & Phero (D)
1:30pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

MARCH 1, 2020

Tithing: \$7,156.85 **Ash Wednesday:**
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WHY IS IT?



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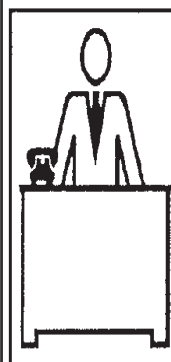


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