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Third Sunday of Lent

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SACRAMENTS

Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

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.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MARCH 8, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 9

8:30 a.m. Serapio Rodriguez
Armenteros Inocencia
Salgado, Carlita Libera,
Carlos Manuel
Rodriguez (D), Ricardo
Santos (D)

12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10

8:30 a.m. Cesar Augusto Rojas
Mendez (D)

12:00 p.m. Leon Tapongot, Trinidad
Tapongot, Carmito
Tapongot, Erwin
Casino (D)

Wednesday, March 11

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 12

8:30 am Margaret
Grossenbacher (D)

12:00 p.m.

Friday, March 13

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 14

7:45 a.m. Maria Tu & Giuse Tam (D)

7:00 p.m. Carmen Marquez (D),
Ramon Marte (D), Manuel
Herrera Soto & Ofelia
Soto (D), Elsa Perez (D)

Sunday, March 15

8:00 a.m. People of SNT,

9:30 a.m. Felix Evangelista
Gonzalez, Jose Yiron. (D),
Jose Salcedo, Cecilia
Salcedo, Ernerio Salcedo,
Maria Salcedo (D), Edison
Tapia Reyes (D)

11:30 am San Anthony Negrón, Cruz
Negrón, Ricardo Reyes,
Filomena Reyes, Angel
Maldonado (D)

1:30 pm Gioanbaotixita Chau (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

“Strike the rock, and the water
will flow from it
for the people to drink.” (Ex
17:6)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

And hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has
been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who
has been given to us. (Rom
5:5)

Gospel:

“Everyone who drinks this
water will be thirsty again;
but whoever drinks the water I
shall give will never thirst;
the water I shall give will
become in him
a spring of water welling up to
eternal life.” (Jn 4:13-14)

17:1-2)

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Readings for the week of March 8, 2026

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or
4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

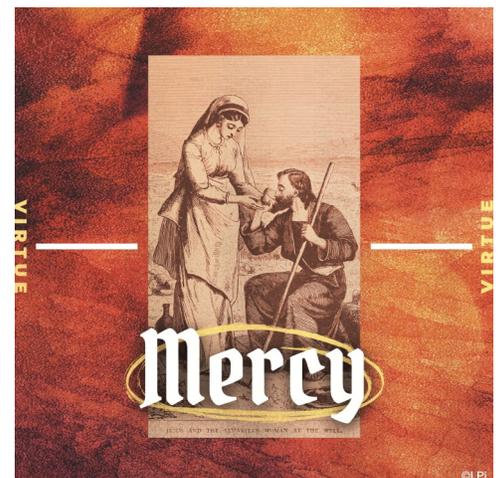
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk
12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn
9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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3rd Sunday of Lent

John 4:5-42

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: “**One sows and another reaps**” (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— *Father John Muir*

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- 21-Sep NY -Rome
- 22-Sep Parish of St. Aurea in Ostia, Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls
- 23-Sep Audience with Pope, St. Peter and St. Augustine Basilica, P. Navonna & Trevi
- 24-Sep Bas. of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Roccaponera, St. Rita of Cascia Basilica
- 25-Sep St. Rita of Cascia Convent, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare, and St. Carlo Acutis
- 26-Sep St. Mary of Angels (Porziuncula), St. Gimignano
- 27-Sep Holy Cross, Di Santo Spirito and St. Mary the Fiore Basilica. Piazza de la Repubblica, Porcellino market and Ponte Vecchio
- 28-Sep San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro (skeletal remains of St. Augustine), Certosa di Pavia
- 29-Sep Cassago Brianza
- 30-Sep Duomo, St Ambrosio Basilica and Saint Lawrence Maggiore Parish.
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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus did not convert the Samaritan woman with miracles. He converted her with presence. He was not afraid of her sins or her failures. He listened to her. He sat with her. Let us learn from this: when we are present to others, we can show them the face of God.

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