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Third Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2023

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.
— Romans 5:8



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:
Tuesday: 6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

Adoration/Healing Mass

The 1st Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday: Thirty minutes Adoration before Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday: Thirty minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism: Infant Baptism is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish for at least 3 months. Parents **and** godparents **must** attend a one hour Baptism preparation class prior to the scheduled Baptism. For other guidelines and details, please call the parish office.

Matrimony: Call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor. Diocesan guidelines require an initial interview at least 6 months before the wedding date. Please call the parish office for further information.

R.C.I.A.: This is a process for anyone who wishes to become Catholic. Please call the parish office for further information.



March 11th 4:30PM Rose Antoine (RIP) by Frederick Antoine; Anthony Stevenson (RIP) by The Chavis & Bowden family; Barbara Williams (RIP) by Linda LaCour; Rose Chavis (Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP) by Sylvia Fisk; "For All Children who were Victims of Abortion" by Langston Adams; Theresa Coleman (1yr. Death Anniversary-RIP) by The Family

March 12th 9:00AM For All Parishioners

March 14th 6:00PM Barbara Lynn Carron Williams (RIP) by Nuong Tran & Family; David Martin (RIP) & Pamela Wilkerson Wright (RIP) by Alma Martin

March 15th 8:00AM Barbara Babineaux (Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP) by Her Children & Grandchildren

March 16th 8:00AM Anthony Stevenson (RIP) by Nuong Tran & Family

March 17th 8:00AM

March 18th 4:30PM Levi Adams, Jr. (RIP) by Langston Adams; Mary Lee Gobert McZeal (RIP) by Nuong Tran & Family; Michael Linden, Sr. (RIP) by Elizabeth & James Reeder; "For All Children who were Victims of Abortion" by Langston Adams



March 4th & March 5th

9:00AM	**$3,782.00**
4:30PM	**$2,266.00**
Mail	**$ 630.00**
Totals	**$6,678.00**

GOD EVER PURSUES US

We hear today of God's unrelenting pursuit of us. Our readings tell stories of God's intense desire to share the divine life with us. From Exodus, we see how God shows endless persistence and compassion, even to those who grumble against God, or seem to have forgotten God. From the Gospel of John, we hear of how Jesus, in his extended conversation with the Samaritan woman, gives her dignity, names uncomfortable truths, and gradually leads her into a new path of faith. We can have confidence that as we bring our own confusions, fears, and failings to God, we may receive God's mercy and forgiveness. God always persists and continually finds new ways to invite people into unity with God. As Paul describes in Romans, in the cross we see how God will go to any length to demonstrate the depth and breadth of divine love.

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 — Listen to God's voice today; be not hardhearted ***(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])***.



Blessing of the Palm
Saturday April 1st at 4:30pm Mass

Palm Sunday Mass
Sunday, April 2nd at 9:00am Mass
Sunday procession to start in front of
St. Katharine Drexel Building

Chrism Mass
St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica

Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper
Thursday, April 6th at 7:00pm

Good Friday
Stations of the Cross
April 7th at 2:00pm if outside or 2:30pm if inside
followed by
Service and Veneration of the Cross at 3:00pm

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil
Saturday, April 8th at 8:00pm
with blessing of the fire outside

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 9th at 9:00am

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 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:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; 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]

Knights of Peter Claver Council & Court #32
2023 Annual Friday Lenten Fish Dinner Sale
****Has been canceled for this Lenten Season 2023****

There will be no CCE Classes on Wednesday, March 15th during Spring break. And will resume on Wednesday, March 22nd at 6:00pm.

Third Sunday of Lent

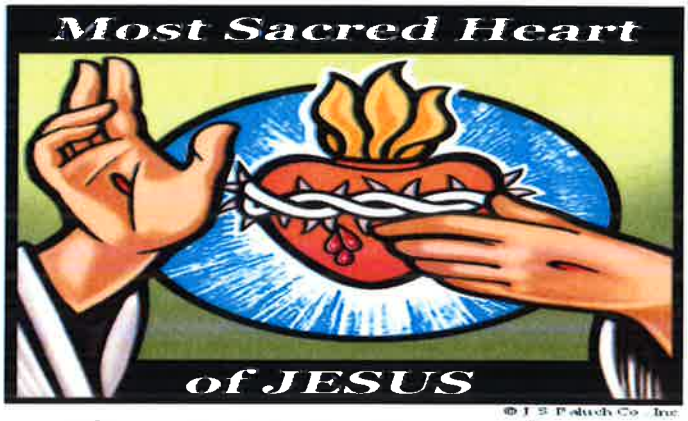
There is thirst, as we feel when we need a glass of water, and then there is the sort of thirst about which Jesus speaks with the Samaritan woman at the well. The conversation started on the level of the sort of thirst that is quenched by a soothing drink. Yet, the conversation between Jesus and the woman quickly became about a deeper sort of thirst, the yearning for spiritual nourishment. The Israelites fussed about being thirsty, yet their thirst also had a spiritual dimension. Was the Lord with them or not, they wondered? On this Third Sunday of Lent, the elect participate in the first of three scrutinies as they prepare for the living waters of baptism. We share their thirst and open our hearts to the living water that Jesus offers, the water of life, hope, and peace.

ARE YOU THIRSTY?

Do you feel unsettled or sense that life is about more than the daily details that fill your time, energy, and attention? Are you anxious or worried and yearn for peace? Is there an ache in your heart that longs for relief? The thirst for meaning, purpose, peace, and solace is real. We humans have a tendency to seek relief from such thirst with wealth, material things, or social status, failing to recognize that these things are fleeting. We may distract ourselves with constant activity, keeping ourselves busy and preoccupied rather than allowing ourselves to acknowledge the yearning in our hearts. We fail to see that only Christ can quench our thirst.

LET JESUS QUENCH YOUR THIRST

It was likely hot in the midday sun on the day that Jesus encountered the woman at the well. Scholars tell us that she must have been shunned by the other women in the community, leading her to avoid the cooler early morning time when others filled their jugs. Add to this that Jews and Samaritans shared longstanding animosity toward one another. No wonder she was surprised and perplexed when Jesus asked for a drink. Yet she did not run away. Jesus sought her out and she opened her heart and mind to his offer of salvation. Jesus seeks us out, too. Our Lord desires that we open our hearts and minds to the fullness of love, forgiveness, mercy, and peace that is only found in God. For what do you thirst at this time? Compassion, justice, consolation? Only Christ can truly quench your thirst. Jesus desires to do so. Open your heart today; "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" (Romans 5:5).



"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Three Lenten Disciplines: Prayer

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are not specifically Christian practices. Jewish piety, from which the primitive church developed, already included these three spiritual exercises. The Muslims also include these three in the five pillars of their Islamic faith. But it is Jesus himself who invites us to practice these three pillars of conversion. He reminds us that they are not done to "show off" that we are holier than everyone else. On the contrary, fasting, charitable works, and praying are done with humility (Matthew 6:1–6; 16–21). It is challenging, but we are not discouraged because the Holy Spirit comes to our aid.

The Lenten discipline of prayer can be thought of in two ways. For Christians, to pray in the first way is to speak like children to God, who loves us as mother, father, sibling, and friend. When speaking to God, we tell God what we have inside us, trusting that our words are the ones that most please God. The second approach to prayer means proclaiming with confidence our fears, problems, joys, and yearnings to God, knowing that God loves and hears us. Praying either way means spending time with God, at times talking, at times silent, but always with the assurance that we are loved.

One Small Step

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.

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR BUILDING FUND. NEXT WEEKEND, THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES.

Fr. Anthony will bless those celebrating a wedding anniversary in March. Next weekend he will bless our youth.

2022 Contribution Statements are available at the Parish Office for your tax purposes.



Abstinence: Catholic from age 14 and above are obligated to abstain from meat on Fridays of Lent including Good Friday. Fasting: Catholics age 18-59 years are obligated to fast on Good Friday. One full meal is allowed and two other meals should be light.

IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND IS ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND HE/SHE GETS WELL OR PASSES, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DELETE HIS/HER NAME. THANKS.

Pray for ... Sharon Adams, Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Aletra Bowman, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Bernadette Dames,Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Herman Dugay, Yourmae Duplechain, Vincent Fertitta, Sylvia A. Fisk, Ronald Fontenette, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Fay Hines, Gladys Wilson-Hollins Yvette Jacquet, Hazel January, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Lucien Lavallais, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Johanna Lewis, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Dorothy McClarin, Mabry McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Dallas Oliver, Donald Oliver, Rita Oliver, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, JoAnn Pugh, Estella Ray, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Schreida Solaire, Jayden Spencer, Lillie Stewart, Audry Stood, Henry Stood, Michella Sulldan, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Iris Waymon, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., Tadarell Woods, Hazeletta Younger and Tosharie Younger.

Communicants: Ethel Allen



Meeting

-KPC 4th Ladies of Grace will meet Sunday March 12th at 1:30pm at the KPC Hall.

-Drexel Society will meet Tuesday, March 14th at 5:30pm at the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholic around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!



Easter Lilly or flowers envelopes are available. Please help us defray the cost by giving a generous donation.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sacrament of Reconciliation available during Stations of the Cross on Friday's



Stations of the Cross **will be every Friday at 6:00pm followed by Mass.**

FRI. 6:00PM March 17th - Cynthia Sinegal
Stations of the Cross - Choirs
March 18th & March 19th

LECTORS

SAT. 4:30PM Geraldine Viltz
Corine Jones
SUN. 9:00AM Youth

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