

PARISH CALENDAR

Third Sunday
of Lent

March 15, 2020

**“I will give you a new Spirit,”
says the Lord.**



Saturday, March 14	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, March 15	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a.m.	Religious Education Class
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, March 16	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Tuesday, March 17	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Wednesday, March 18	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Thursday, March 19	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Friday, March 20	..... 7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross - R. E. - Youth Ministry
	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Mass
Saturday, March 21	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

1 Sam:16:6-7, 10-13: From that day on, the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David.

Eph:5:8-14: You were once darkness, but now you are light of the Lord.

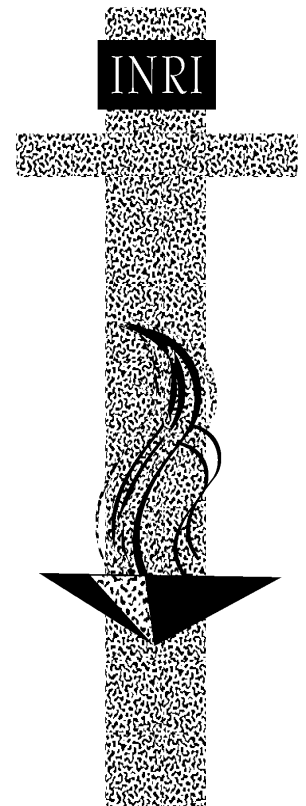
John:9:1-41: One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.

It wasn't a desert the chosen people were looking for. They were looking for freedom. They were looking for a future and an identity as God's own people. And in the first reading today, their concerns are very close to home indeed. They are simply looking for water. They lacked this absolutely vital resource. And they lacked trust in God. So tangible was their anger, so clear their litany of complaint, that Moses feared for his own life. But God was patient, and water flowed from stone. The hardest hearts melted also. One can imagine relief spreading among the people as glistening, cold water flowed in that impenetrable, alien desert. This was the Lord's doing.

We meet Jesus in another desert place. His need for water was acute. After an arduous journey, Jesus stopped at the very place where Israel's great patriarch, Jacob, once set up camp centuries earlier. Water still rose up here and slaked the thirst of the people. Unfortunately this sacred place was in Samaria. The running feud with the Samaritans is well-known. They are the offspring of those Jews who remained in Israel during the exile and intermarried with non-Jews. Their "tainted" religion was a constant reminder of their betrayal. Samaria lay between the northern area of Galilee and the southern region of Judea. To circumnavigate Samaria meant a three-day journey. This forced detour added insult to injury. There was no love lost on Samaritans.

Nonetheless, in today's Gospel, Jesus risks the short passage through Samaria. He speaks in public to a woman — and, more surprising for his time, a Samaritan woman of questionable moral character. The story begins with Jesus' simple thirst for water and ends up with the woman's thirst for the living waters that only he can give. As they talk, the truth flows forth. The age-old dispute about worship on Mount Gerezim or Mount Zion (Jerusalem) pales. The old questions are moot. The old enmities are transcended. The true thirst of all humankind is identified. Spiritual thirst is at issue, and it is quenched by the source of living waters—Jesus himself.

The astounded woman leaves Jesus there at the well. In her haste, she leaves her water jar, too. She has news! However, she is shy and tentative: "Could this not be the Messiah?" At their urgent request, Jesus stays with the Samaritans for a few days. They come to see for themselves that Jesus is the Savior of the whole world—of Israel and Judea. He is Savior even of lowly Samaria. Copyright © 2004, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kupuna Project Revival: Do you or someone you know need assistance in or around the house? The Kupuna Project offers volunteer service to those who need help. Please request for help by filling out the service request form and turning it into the offertory basket. All requests should be submitted by **March 28 and the first service project will be held sometime in April.**

OPERATION RICE BOWL: Meet Yvone: Meet Yvone from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvone now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: Listed are the dates for Leeward Vicariate Lenten Penance Services:

Tuesday, March 17th - Sacred Heart - Waianae

Monday, March 23rd - St. Jude - Kapolei

Tuesday, March 24th - Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Ewa Beach

All services begin at 7 p. m.

WORD OF LIFE: "To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life. . . In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, and icon of Jesus Christ" (The Gospel of Life 84).

WEEKLY READINGS

Mar 15 Sun: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Exo:17:3-7; Ps:95; Rom:5:1-2, 5-8; Jn:4:5-42

Mar 16 Mon: Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs:5:1-15b; Ps:42;2, 3, 43;3, 4; Lk:4:24-30

Mar 17 Tue: Lenten Weekday

Dan:3:25-, 34-43; Ps:25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Mt:18:21-35

Mar 18 Wed: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 19 Thur: Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sam:7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps:89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rm:4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt:1:16, 18-21, 24a

Mar 20 Fri: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 21 Sat: Lenten Weekday

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

Water

For a desert people, a green, well-watered place is heaven on earth. It is no wonder that God chose a garden for Adam and Eve. In the desert, we search for an oasis. For all the severe beauty of the desert, it is water that we need. Today, we return to the waters of life, the waters of baptism. Copyright © 2004, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

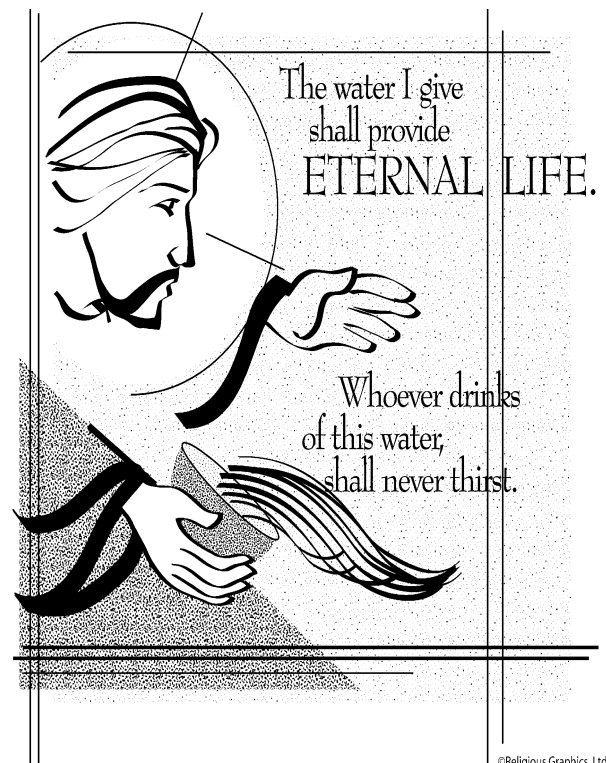
NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Jesus' longest-recorded conversation with anyone is the one he has with the Samaritan woman at the well. She discovers she can be honest with Jesus and goes and tells others about him. She gives witness. She's not the most certain, thorough or even convincing witness. But her witness is enough. It is inviting, humble, non-judgmental and sincere. What is the quality of our witness? How do our words and actions give daily testimony on behalf of Christ? During this season of Lent, how might we do a better job at proclaiming the risen Lord in word and deed?(*International Catholic Stewardship Council*)

Reflection

Perhaps someone once sponsored us and asked for the gift of faith for us when we were infants. Perhaps those of us who are cradle Catholics forget the generosity of God's gift. Paul reminds us that faith is simply given. There is nothing earned or deserved. Grace, God's life, is amazing. It is more amazing than water, which is the metaphor here. Too often we take for granted God's life in us, or our life in God. We take it for granted the way we take water for granted when we live in a well-watered land.

During this Lent we may just be noodling along, but the intense and searching faith of others can move us. Sunday by Sunday we are called to pray for and with those who thirst for baptism. These catechumens—these searchers—wake us up. Their witness calls us to change from our stony little impervious ways and come again to the living waters. Copyright © 2004, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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While still sinners
CHRIST died for us

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