

PARISH CALENDAR

Third Sunday
in Lent

March 24, 2019

"I will give you a new Spirit,"
says the Lord.

Saturday, March 23	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, March 24	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, March 25	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, March 26	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - PRINCE JONAH KUHIO HOLIDAY
Wednesday, March 27	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, March 28	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 5:30 p. m.	<i>Feeding Menu - Spam or Corn Beef & Cabbage</i>
Friday, March 29	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Stations of the Cross - Lectors
Saturday, March 30	..... 4:00-4:45 p. m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

1 Sam:16:1b, 67, 10-13a: "Not as man sees does God see."

Eph:5:8-14: Live as children of the light.

John:9:1-41: The healing of the man born blind.

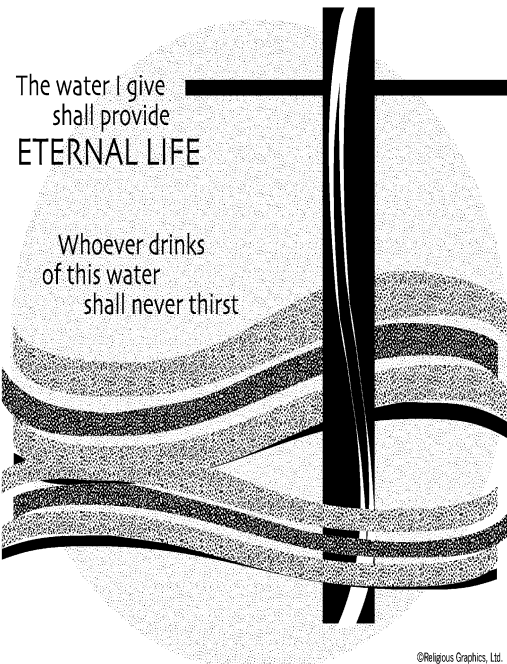
FRAN DUHAYLONSOD:

Has been a member of St. Rita's Parish since 1965. In June 2017 was diagnosed with Stage 4 uterine cancer, today her cancer has now spread all over! Besides her uterus it is now in her stomach, diaphragm, her liver is completely covered with cancer and now a mass is now in my lungs. In March of 2018 she decided to stop chemotherapy treatment because of the side effects. She believes in prayers! And have totally placed herself in the hands of our **LORD!**

CHRIST IS THE ULTIMATE PHYSICIAN!

Last November she submitted an application to the Order of Malta for the Lourdes Pilgrimage 2019. Shew was not selected. This past Sunday, March 17th she received unexpected news! Darryl Wong from the Order of Malta Western Association in Honolulu notified her that she has now been selected to go on the Lourdes Pilgrimage on **April 30 thru May 8, 2019.** The Order of Malta will finance her trip (\$3600) from Los Angeles to Lourdes, France. However due to her medical condition they asked that she provide a companion to accompany her on the Pilgrimage. The cost for the companion travel expense is **\$3600.**

Fran's and her companion, airfare, lodging and food from Honolulu to Los Angeles will not be covered by the "Order of Malta." The Order of Malta will provide some financial assistance but have asked that because of time constraint that she asks family, friends, and members of her parish community for financial help with airfare cost from Honolulu to Los Angeles, and lodging and food. Fran is "humbly asking for your help!" "Thank you for all that you do for me; "especially as Prayer Warriors on my behalf!" I am truly Blessed! I love you!" **Fran Duhaylonsod**



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Jesus Christ Son of God & Savior

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION: Next

week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: ENCOUNTER DHATHCROOS

FAMILY: The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vial contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more information.

WORD OF LIFE: "Ira Byock, a hospice medical director, illustrates in his book *The 4 Most Important Things* how saying "I love you," "I'm sorry," "I forgive you, and "Thank you" can promote much-needed healing during the dying process. You can help ensure a peaceful transition for your loved one by facilitating opportunities for reconciliation with others and for mutual expressions of love and gratitude." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities* "Caring for Loved Ones at Life's end," www.usccb.org/ebdifkufecare

WEEKLY READINGS

Mar 24 Sun: Second Sunday of Lent

Gen:15:5-12, 17-18; Ps:27; Phil:3:17-14:1; Lk:9:28b-36

Mar 25 Mon: The Annunciation of the Lord

Isa:7:10-14; 8:10; Ps:40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb:10:4-10; Lk:1:26-38

Mar 26 Tue: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 27 Wed: Lenten Weekday

Dt:4:1, 5-9; Ps:147:12-13, 15-16 19-20; Mt:5:1-7

Mar 28 Thu: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 29 Fri: Lenten Weekday

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

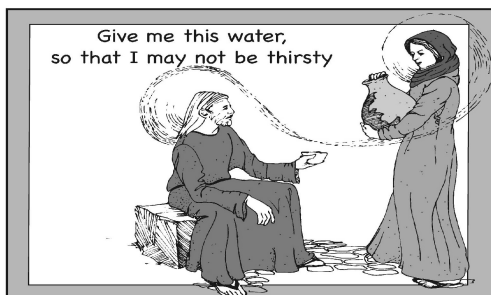
Mar 30 Sat: Lenten Weekday

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.

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NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's second reading we learn that one of Saint Paul's principles of Christian living is to watch and imitate other followers of Christ. There is a pattern for Christian living that Saint Paul wants others to discover and then imitate. This pattern includes a life prayer, selflessness, sacrifice, and caring for others, including our family of faith. Good stewards choose their friends wisely. They cultivate friendships with other Christian stewards, spend time with them, observe how they live, ask questions about their faith and learn from them. Who are your friends? Are they good stewards of their faith? Are they those who can help you on your own journey of faith? (**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.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Early Christians gave a name to the woman at the well from today's Gospel passage: Photina. It means "she who is enlightened" or "she who has received [the] light." This follows the biblical tradition of bestowing names upon characters to help us understand their role—and ours—in experiencing God's saving power. All of the evangelists, John in particular, make the characters who encounter Jesus prototypes for all of us. Like all of us, Photina doesn't "get it" at first. It takes a dialogue with Jesus (in this case, a rather argumentative one) for her to admit who she is to herself, and for Jesus to help her discover where she might find the true streams of eternal, life-giving water. By the end of the encounter, she is enlightened. Her enlightenment is the reason the early church chose this as one of the Gospels always to be read for those newly seeking Christ, who will be enlightened and initiated in the new paschal light of the Easter Vigil.

FORGIVE
as the Lord forgives

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