

PARISH CALENDAR

Third Sunday
of Lent

March 4, 2018

My eyes are always
on the Lord!

CHRIST
the power & wisdom
of GOD

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Saturday, March 3 5:00 p.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Sunday, March 4 7:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)
		Confirmation & Youth Ministry
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Monday, March 5	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, March 6	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, March 7	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, March 8	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	<i>Prayer Meeting - Church</i>
Friday, March 9	..... 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 - Music Ministry
Saturday, March 10	..... 10:30 a. m.	Funeral Mass - Hazel Pu
	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confessions
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

1 Sam:16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a: God says to Samuel “Not as man sees does God sees”

Eph 5:8-14: “Live as children of light”

Jn:9:1-41: “Jesus heals the man born blind”

***Living Catholic in the 80s:
Encounter Christ in Creation***

“The external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast”. [152] for this reason, the ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion.

It must be said that some committed and prayerful Christians, with the excuse of realism and pragmatism, tend to ridicule expressions of concern for the environment. Others are passive; they choose not to change their habits and thus become inconsistent. So what they all need is an “ecological conversion,” whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them.

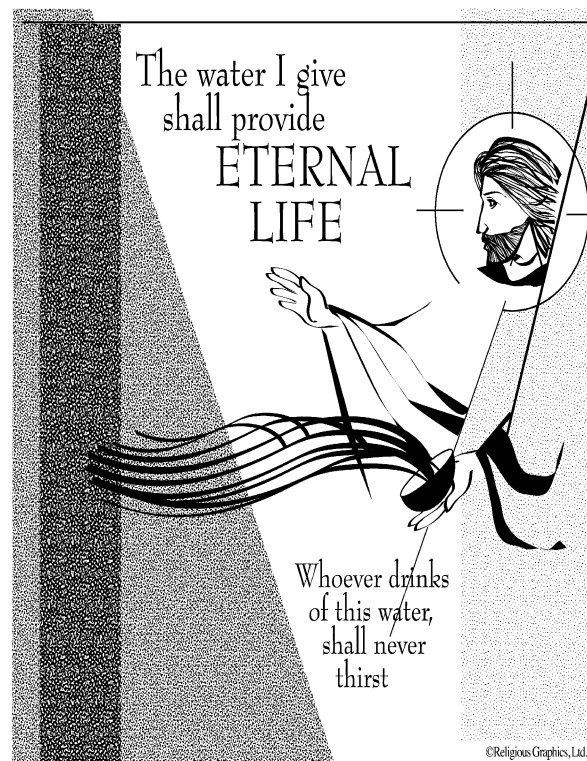
Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience *Laudato Si’.*

Question: *Where do you find Christ in creation? By encountering Christ in creation, do you recognize your responsibility to be in right relationship with the environment? How does an encounter with Christ—present in the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor—fuel an ecological conversion?*

Prayer: *God of all people, may we be your hands in caring for all creation.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

90th ANNIVERSARY LUAU TICKETS: We will start selling the 90th Anniversary Luau tickets next weekend after all the masses. See a volunteer under the banyan tree for tickets and more information on the Grand Giveaway, and sign-ups for the Walmart sales dates. Let's make this the best ever.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: ENCOUNTER Safiata: In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities. Visit www.csricebowl.org for more information.

PRO-LIFE: Life is worth defending, regardless if whether in the womb or in the nursing home.-Alliance Defending Freedom

WORD OF LIFE: "O God our Creator. . . give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith." **USCCB Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty** www.bit.ly/ReligiousLibertyPrayer

WEEKLY READINGS

Mar 4 Sun: 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

Mar 5 Mon: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 6 Tue: Lenten Weekday

Dn: 3: 25, 34-43; Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Jn:4:5-42

Mar 7 Wed: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 8 Thu: Lenten Weekday

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

Mar 9 Fri: Lenten Weekday

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

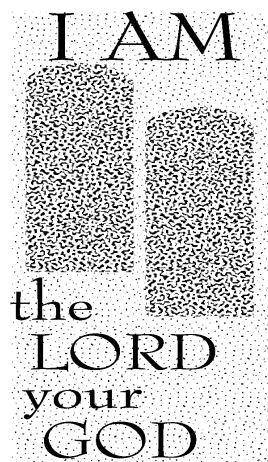
Mar 10 Sat: Lenten Weekday

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 Gospel, Jesus speaks with the Samaritan woman at the well; someone who supposedly is of the wrong gender, wrong religion, and has lived the wrong life. The woman is overwhelmed by guilt and shame. And yet Jesus speaks to her and offers her "living waters" to quench her spiritual thirst. The living water that Jesus gives is new life through the Holy Spirit; a life that is accepted, forgiven, loved and eternal. Good stewards of their life in Christ remain mindful of their own spiritual thirst. They listen to Jesus who speaks to them just as he spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus has living water for us today. He encourages us to come and drink. Are you thirsty? Are you ready to listen to him? (International Catholic Stewardship Council~e-bulletin)

REFLECTIONS

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.

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If today
you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts

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