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MARCH 12, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Spelman College Glee Club

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Saturday, March 18
7:00 pm

**Sacred Heart Church at
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Come to the waters, you who are thirsty, says the Lord; you who have no money, come and drink joyfully.

cf. Isaiah 55:1

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY

We hear the Chosen People grumble in today's first reading, for they are thirsty and have no idea how long their journey through the desert will last. "Is the LORD in our midst or not?" they complain. Here in this place, where we gather with God's people to worship the Lord, to listen to God's word, and to receive the Lord's Body and Blood, we can be assured that the Lord is in our midst. Jesus has quenched our deepest thirst with living water, with water welling up to eternal life.

THE ORDER OF MASS

Following the Entrance Hymn.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. **R.** Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

– **or** – Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

– **or** – The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

The Penitential Act, page 3, follows.

We join our voices together singing the Entrance Hymn.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Delores Dufner, OSB

COME TO ME, ALL PILGRIMS THIRSTY

HOLY MANNA

William Moore, fl. 1830



1. "Come to ___ me, all pil - grims thirst - y; ___

2. "Come to ___ me, be - liev - ers ___ bur - dened;

3. "Come to ___ me, re - pent - ant ___ sin - ners;



drink the wa - ter I will give. If you knew what

find re - fresh - ment in this place. Come, re - ceive the

leave be - hind your guilt and shame. If you knew di -



gift I ___ of - er, you would come to me and live."

gift I ___ of - er; turn to ___ me and seek my face."

vine com - pas - sion, you would turn and call my name."



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter



from your well. In the gra - cious gift you of - er



there is ___ joy no tongue can tell.

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4:30 p.m.

ENTRANCE SONG**BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL**

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.



Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Text: Psalm 103
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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A time of sacred silence gives us the opportunity to reflect on the words proclaimed in our presence. Our sacred silence is integral to full, conscious, active participation in the liturgy.

The woman in today's Gospel comes to the well to draw water, something she had probably done every day of her life as far back as she could remember. But on this day she encounters the Messiah and her whole life changes. We have an opportunity right now to encounter the Lord in the word of God. May our lives be changed by the words we hear today.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

What can I do or say that will show others the living water that I have found in Jesus, the water that satisfies my spiritual thirst? Will I make that my mission this week?

COMMENTARY

Water. Without it, we would not long survive. In ancient times, entire villages and towns would develop around a reliable well. In today's Gospel, we meet a Samaritan woman on her daily trip to Jacob's well. There she meets a stranger who offers her a different kind of water: water that will quench one's thirst forever, "water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14). This living water, water the woman dearly wants as soon as she hears of it, is the very water poured over us in baptism. We already have within ourselves the living water that Jesus offers. This living water can satisfy so many of our thirsts: our thirst for eternal life, our thirst for meaning, our thirst for God. In the Sinai desert, the Lord gave life-sustaining water to the Chosen People despite their grumbling. At Jacob's well, Jesus slaked the deep thirst of the Samaritan woman despite her checkered past. In Jesus, God pours out the water of eternal life despite our sinfulness. To this we testify.

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? A little more and they will stone me!" The Lord answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord in our midst or not?"

We pause for a moment of sacred silence.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9

Most of us assume that when we hear God's voice, we'll be ready to listen. Surely it's God's uncommunicativeness that's the issue, not our ability to hear him! But this psalm reminds us that our hearts need to stay open in order to keep hearing God.

Ben Walther



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Psalm Verses sung by the music ministry.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. **R.**

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. **R.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works." **R.**

4:30 p.m.



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SECOND READING

Romans 5:1–2, 5–8

In writing to the Romans, Paul is dealing with a community he had not yet visited. Many Roman Christians were converts from Judaism who believed they would be saved by how they lived out the Jewish Law. Paul stresses here, as he does frequently in his writings, that Christians are saved not by the Law, but by faith — faith in what Jesus accomplished by his dying and rising.

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. 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. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the un-godly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

We pause for a moment of sacred silence.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Please stand.

Tom Booth



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Verse sung by the music ministry.

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. R.

cf. Matthew 17:5

4:30 p.m.



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INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

When John wrote his gospel, he was well aware that Samaria had been the first region beyond Jerusalem to receive the good news (see Acts 8:2-9; 9:31). John is writing after the fact of the historical acceptance of the Gospel, but he sees it as what it truly is: an encounter with Jesus through the preaching of the early church.

GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

John 4:5–15, 19b–26, 39a, 40–42

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

A ☩ proclamation from the holy Gospel according to John

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Continued from page 4.

Today and for the next two Sundays we will meet three fascinating Gospel characters: the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, and Lazarus. They will show us—those of us already baptized and those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil (the Elect) - how Jesus is constantly transforming us. All the Scriptures on these days present images of baptism and conversion. Paul's theology of baptism runs throughout his Letter to the Romans. Today we hear him say: "The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Rom 5:5) - like the waters in which we were baptized. Our salvation, he reminds us, comes from God's grace, not our own efforts. We must live according to that grace. In today's Gospel Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman. Although the story begins with Jesus' thirst, it is the woman who is refreshed. She enters the story as a catechumen and becomes an evangelist, bearer of Good News!

In her encounter with Jesus, we see a healing narrative arc for the woman at the well. She begins from a place of defensiveness; she knows what Jews usually think of Samaritans. She continues in a guarded manner, giving only a partial answer when asked about her husband. Deciding that this must be a prophet, she moves to challenge Jesus, asking intelligent questions to probe his wisdom. When he reveals to her his identity as Messiah, she finally arrives in a place of trust - such trust that she leaves her water jar behind and becomes a powerful evangelist, her testimony the cause of many neighbors' belief.

Such is the power of encounter with Christ; one who is known to be sinful, who slinks to the well in the heat of the day to avoid the crowds of cooler times, is transformed into one whose testimony is so powerfully true that the same townspeople who would have judged her are transformed, too.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

At first the woman was befuddled by this stranger. Why would this Jewish man speak to her, an unaccompanied Samaritan woman? And why did he come to Jacob's well without a bucket or jug? Then she was amazed. Somehow he knew her entire marriage history and that she was not married to the man she lived with. Finally, she believed. At first she recognized him as a prophet, then she realized he was the Messiah himself. Over the course of an extraordinary conversation, she came to believe, and her newfound faith led her to go forth to testify to her neighbors about the Christ.

Today we celebrate the first of three Scrutiny Sundays. It is an occasion to look deeply and honestly into our own hearts to uncover and heal whatever is sinful and bring forth what is good so that it may be strengthened. When Jesus encountered the woman at the well, he looked deep within her and saw her history, and he also sparked that flicker of faith deep within her, faith in a Messiah who would tell her everything. Immediately she became his missionary, testifying to everyone she knew about what he had said and done, telling everyone that he really was the One. As these scrutinies lead our Elect to the waters of baptism in Christ, may they provide the opportunity for us to continue the mission of the baptized, to testify to everyone we know what Christ has done.

The waters of baptism cleanse us of our sins even as they quench our spiritual thirst. The water God provided for the Chosen People in the desert did as well. God provided water, giving them sustenance and forgiveness. Jesus could have shamed the woman for her many marriages, but instead he offered her living water, water to give her life eternal. Similarly, we do not deserve the life-giving water we receive in baptism, but Jesus offers it to us, as Paul would say, while we are still sinners, in mercy and love.

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him,

"How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "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."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him.

When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

Please be seated after the proclamation.

HOMILY

THE FIRST SCRUTINY

10 a.m.

Invitation
Intercessions for the Elect
Prayer for the Elect
Laying on of Hands
Dismissal of the Elect

DISMISSAL SONG

Together we sing.



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Omit at 10 a.m.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Please stand.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (*bow*) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, (*stand*) suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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UNIVERSAL PRAYER

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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What Are the Scrutinies?

The next two Sundays are a special time for the Church and a significant time for our Elect and for the Elect around the world. This is the period in which they celebrate the scrutinies, three occasions in which they look deeply and honestly into their hearts and thoughts to learn weaknesses and tendencies, so that their intentions may be purified and their resolve may be strengthened. It is also an opportunity for each of us to examine our own conscience and pray that the Holy Spirit strengthen our weaknesses as well as we journey toward the Great Vigil of Easter on April 8. The Scrutinies continue next Sunday at 10 a.m.

The scrutinies are intended to complete the conversion of the Elect. The term "scrutiny" sounds judgmental, invasive, and antiquated. What's worse, the ritual includes an "exorcism", which sounds medieval, sensational, and horrific. The Roman Ritual of the Catholic Church calls for the performance of three scrutinies in the weeks preceding the baptism of the Elect. The scrutinies have a long and honored history in the Church. Scrutinies are first mentioned by Ambrose of Milan (339-397). They examined the holiness of candidates by exorcising their bodies and spirits. "So far the mysteries of the scrutinies have been celebrated. These sought out whether impurities clung to anyone's body. Through the exorcism not only of the body but also of the soul, sanctification was searched for and grasped." The ritual suggests several important points: Scrutinies are for the Elect. It is the Elect who bow their heads or kneel while the assembly stands to intercede for them. The celebration of all three scrutinies helps the Elect on their journey toward baptism, even as it reminds the assembly of the season's penitential spirit, which they too are called to embrace. Ultimately, scrutinies are about conversion. They are about leaving behind one way of life and taking up another.

REVIEW OF THE READINGS

Today we accompany Jesus as he meets the woman at the well. The setting is the Samaritan town of Sychar (Shechem), noteworthy because of its association with the patriarch Jacob, though the Old Testament never mentions the well of Jacob. Samaritans were not considered by Judeans to be truly Jewish, as they worshipped not at the temple (which was in Judea) but at Shechem ("on this mountain"). Jesus tells the woman that there will come a time (considered fulfilled at the time of the writing of the Gospel of John) "when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth."

Water emerges as a major player in today's readings. The Israelites thirst for water. Jesus encounters the Samaritan woman drawing water from a well. In both cases, water serves to meet a basic biological need-and more. Jesus speaks of living water, the kind that satisfies thirst forever. Those who drink of it shall enjoy eternal life.

This focus on water midway through Lent draws our attention and prayers to those in our community and around the world who are preparing for baptism. In a few short weeks, they will be submerged in lifegiving water and emerge forever changed as members of the Body of Christ. The Lord provides all the water we need to never thirst again.

The Lenten scriptures teem with images of reconciliation and this Sunday's readings are no exception. The Rite of Penance (also known as Reconciliation and Confessions) are celebrated weekly at Divine Mercy (see the weekly calendar for days and times.)

Remember in your prayers our students who will participate in their First Reconciliation celebration during the next two weeks.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

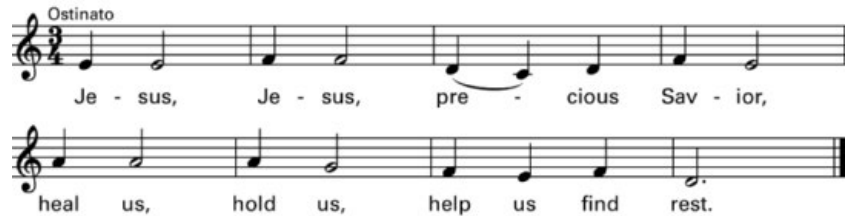
The judgments of the Lord are right; they gladden the heart, and are sweeter than honey and the honeycomb. And so, your servant shall keep them. *Psalm 19(18): 9-12*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM**REVIVE US, O GOD**

J. Manibusan

4:30 p.m. OFFERTORY SONG**MEDITATION**

Grayson Warren Brown



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INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

With thankful hearts, let us offer this prayer in the name of Jesus, the just one who died to save us.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father. *Please stand.*

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbor. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**10 a.m.**

May your merciful grace prepare your servants, O Lord, for the worthy celebration of these mysteries and lead them to it by a devout way of life. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE DIALOG & PREFACE

(The Samaritan Woman)

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **R.** It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For when he asked the Samaritan woman for water to drink, he had already created the gift of faith within her and so ardently did he thirst for her faith, that he kindled in her the fire of divine love. And so we, too, give you thanks and with the Angels praise your mighty deeds, as we acclaim:

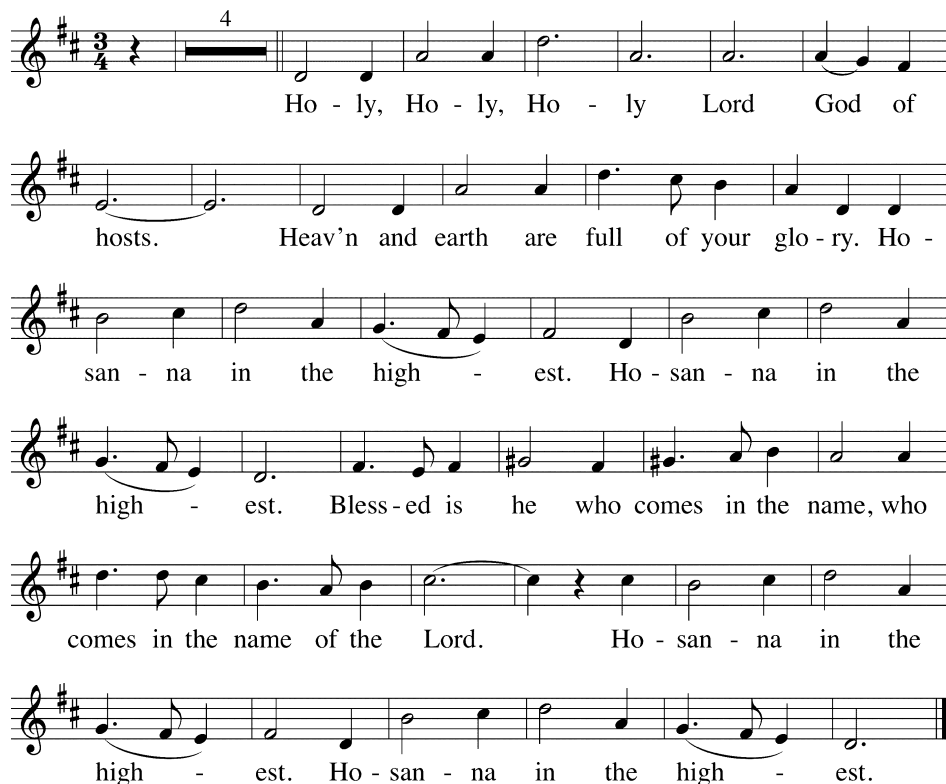
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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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PREFACE ACCLAMATION (HOLY)

Together we sing.



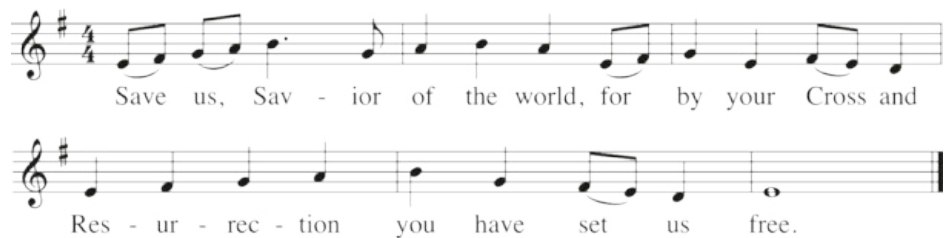
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After the acclamation, please kneel.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

Together we sing.



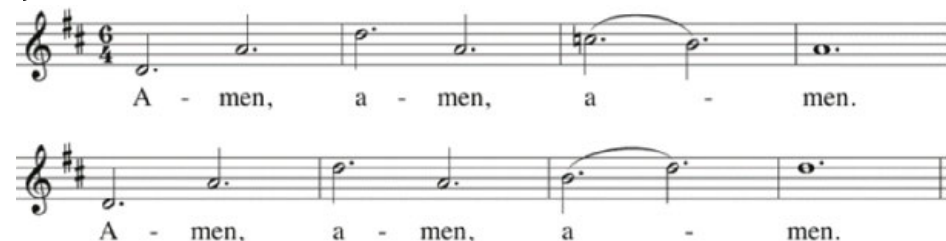
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DOXOLOGY AND GREAT AMEN

Together we sing.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.



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After the acclamation, please stand.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

St. Paul tells us that we are saved by God's grace. We cannot earn this grace, but it is freely given by God. How do we respond to God's grace with faith, hope, and charity?

- The woman at the well became an evangelist of the good news. How can we share the good news with others during this Lenten season?
- How do you experience desire for God?
- How does the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus compare to your own moments of encounter with him?
- How does God speak to you? Where might you need to open your ears to hear him more clearly?
- After her encounter with Christ, the Samaritan woman became a powerful witness whose testimony brought others to believe. To whom in your life could you be a witness of the love of God?



LENTEN PRAYERS

Throughout the season of Lent our Elect prepare for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, 8 p.m., April 8. It is our privilege to remember Miles and Marley Lyons as well as their godfather, Robert, in our prayers.

We also remember our students preparing for their First Reconciliation, our Candidates for Confirmation, celebrated March 21, and our Candidates for First Eucharist, May 13.



PASTOR'S "TO THE POINT"



This weekend we celebrate the First Scrutiny for our parish Elect who are now in the final phase of their preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Marley and Miles are excited.

I hope you are, too. Please continue to pray for them.

As a sidenote, you may ask, "What's a Scrutiny?" It's one of the last rituals that are celebrated prior to adults being baptized. Two more Scrutiny celebrations will be held on the fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent.

The name of this celebration (Scrutiny) does not mean that the Elect are scrutinized by us. It means that we pray for them and God's loving and powerful gaze comes upon them in this prayer, priming and preparing them for the lavish grace of God in Baptism.

Please continue to pray for Miles and Marley as they grow closer to this community and as they approach the baptismal waters at Easter. Blessing on all of you on this third Sunday of Lent!

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, ... as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with your always.

R. And with your spirit.

LAMB OF GOD

Together we sing.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world, grant us peace.

After the litany, please kneel.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

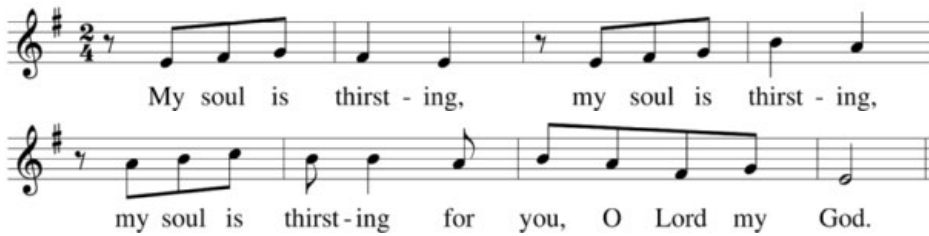
Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION SONG

PSALM 63: MY SOUL IS THIRSTING

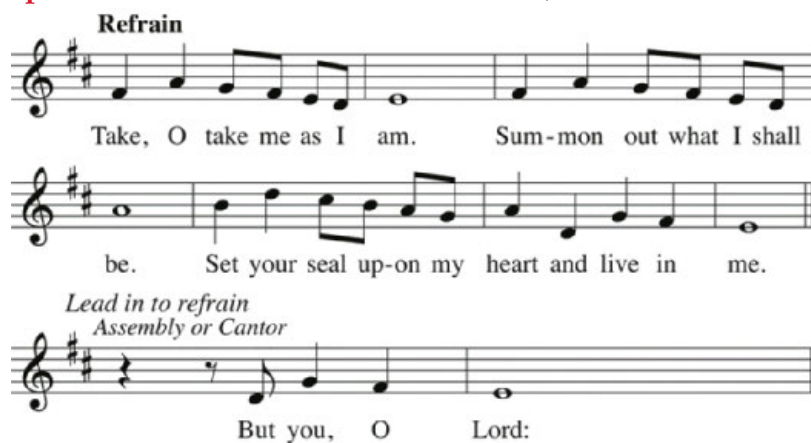
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4:30 p.m. COMMUNION SONG

TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM



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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

During communion we sing psalms and other songs that express our praise of the Father, our spiritual union in Christ, and our fellowship in the Holy Spirit.

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

John 4:13-14

After communion we spend some time in silent prayer and/or sing a psalm

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

10 a.m.

Give help, O Lord, we pray, by the grace of your redemption and be pleased to protect and prepare those you are to initiate through the Sacraments of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR

March 12, Sunday

The Third Sunday of Lent

Girls Scouts' Birthday

Daylight Saving Time begins:

Set clocks forward 1 hour

- 8:45 - 9:50 a.m. Children's Ministry Sessions - Sacred Heart School
- 8:45 - 9:50 a.m. CM ALPHA - SHS Gym
- 8:45 - 9:50 a.m. Children's Ministry 8th Grade Sessions - Parish Center
- 10 a.m. Mass - The First Scrutiny of the Elect
- 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. SHS Daddy Daughter Dance - Parish Center

March 13, Monday

Monday of the Third Week of Lent

- 8 a.m. Mass - Sacred Heart

March 14, Tuesday

Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent

- 8 a.m. Mass - St. Philip
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary - St. Philip
- 9:30 a.m. Crafty Ladies - JP II Room
- 6:30 p.m. ALPHA - Parish Center
- 6:30 p.m. First Reconciliation - St. Philip Church

March 15, Wednesday

Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent

- 8 a.m. Mass - Sacred Heart
- 9:30 a.m. ALPHA - Parish Center
- 2 p.m. Adoration - Sacred Heart
- 3 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation - St. Philip
- 6:30 p.m. Fr. Kartje Bible Study - Parish Center

March 16, Thursday

Thursday of the Third Week of Lent

- 8 a.m. Mass - Sacred Heart
- 6:30 p.m. The Chosen - Parish Center

March 17, Friday

Optional Memorial of St. Patrick

- 8 a.m. Mass - St. Philip
- 8:30 a.m. Adoration & Rosary - St. Philip
- 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross - St. Philip

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THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR (continued)

March 18, Saturday

*Optional Memorial of
St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Inspirational Study Group - Fireplace Room
- 9 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation - Sacred Heart
- 9 a.m. Tower Players Rehearsal - Parish Center
- 7 p.m. Spelman College Glee Club Concert - Sacred Heart Church

March 19, Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:45 - 9:50 a.m. Children's Ministry Sessions - Sacred Heart School
- 8:45 - 9:50 a.m. CM ALPHA - SHS Gym
- 8:45 - 9:50 a.m. Children's Ministry 8th Grade Sessions - Parish Center
- 9 a.m. Children's Ministry 7th Grade Bible Blessing Prayer Service - SH Church
- 10 a.m. Mass - The Second Scrutiny for the Elect
- 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. A Just Harvest Lunch Service - Rogers Park
- 5:15 - 7 p.m. Family Faith Connections - Parish Center
- 5:15 - 7 p.m. - Family Faith ALPHA - Parish Center

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PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

R. Amen.

Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful, and in your kindness grant your servants this grace: that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbor, they may fulfill the whole of your commands. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

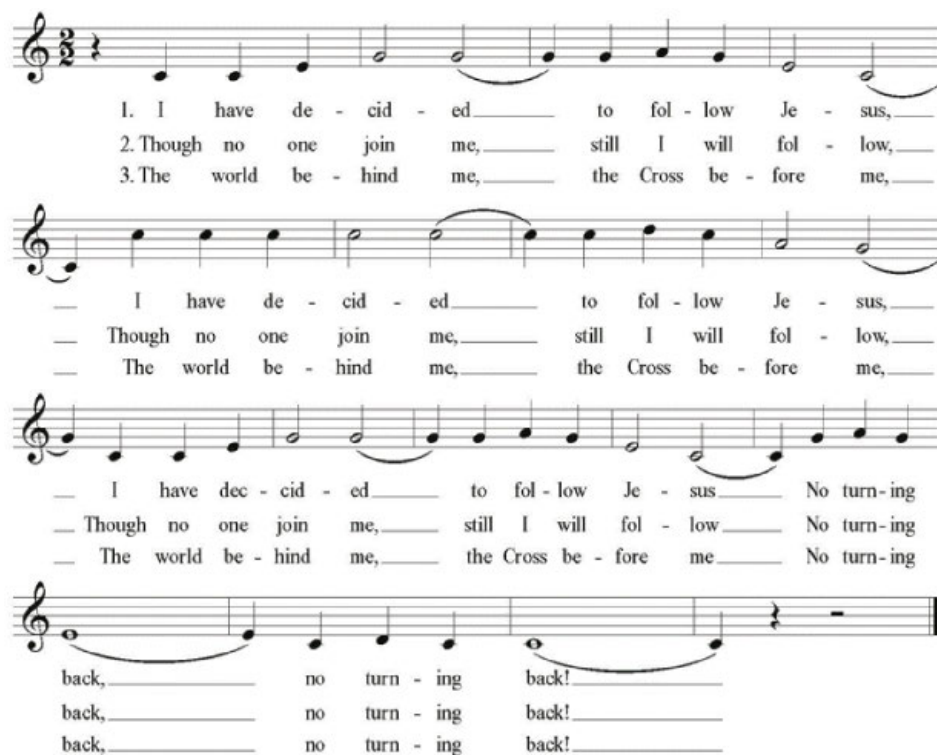
And may the blessing of almighty God the Father, and the Son,  and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **R. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

R. Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS



1. I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2. Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. The world be - hind me, _____ the Cross be - fore me, _____

— I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 — Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 — The world be - hind me, _____ the Cross be - fore me, _____

— I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus _____ No turn - ing
 — Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low _____ No turn - ing
 — The world be - hind me, _____ the Cross be - fore me _____ No turn - ing

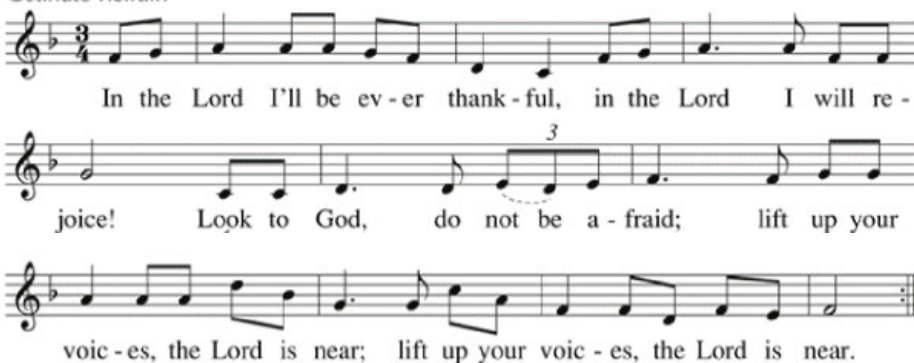
back, _____ no turn - ing back! _____
 back, _____ no turn - ing back! _____
 back, _____ no turn - ing back! _____

4:30 p.m.

SENDING SONG

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

Ostinato Refrain



In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
 joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid; lift up your
 voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us Fridays (March 17, 24 and 31) during Lent for Stations of the Cross, which will be held at 6:30 at St. Philip the Apostle Church. Bring the family!



Divine Mercy Parish Presents

Uncle Pete's Project: Items for the Homeless

5,000 new immigrants + nearly 5,000 already homeless in Chicago area means that resources serving the homeless are stretched very thin. Our parish is collecting items currently needed by the homeless.

Please place items in boxes at church entrances

March 18-19: "Undie Sunday"

New undergarments: socks, underwear, and bras

March 25-26: Toiletries

New items including toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoo, hand sanitizer, soap
(especially needed: deodorant and feminine pads)

April 1-2: Coats, shoes, and boots

Coats, shoes, hiking boots, work boots, and winter boots
Items should be clean and in good repair
(especially needed: items for children between 5-12 years old)

Items will go to our community partners including A Just Harvest, St. Moses the Black, and Little Village Community Council

Out of town for spring break?

Want to help with sorting and delivering?

Questions?

Contact Liz McGowen, Lmcgowen@divinemercynorthshore.org
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TEEN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, FRANCE AND BARCELONA, SPAIN

WHEN: Saturday July 22, 2023– Friday August 4, 2023.

WHO: Any high school/college students, young adults and the young at heart, who actively practice their faith, are invited to travel to Lourdes, France with Father Wayne Watts of Sts. Joseph Francis Xavier and other adult chaperones. This is an incredible experience for those who wish to deepen their faith in an atmosphere of service and prayer.

Need more information? Contact Noreen Russo at nrusso@ssjfx.org. Need an application? Email Judy Pyke at jpyke@divinemercynorthshore.org.

The CHOSEN

Join us on Thursday night at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center for episode 6 of Season 1 of **The Chosen** as Jesus cures the faithful who come to him. Come early for dinner! We'll watch the episode together and break into small groups to discuss. Seen it already? Watch it again and share your insights with others. It's a great way to share your faith during this Lenten season.

TOMORROW NIGHT ON ZOOM!

THREE PASTORS. THREE GIFTS. REFLECTIONS ON MERCY, FORGIVENESS AND SALVATION



Mercy	Fr. Martin O'Donovan Ss. Faith, Hope & Charity Parish
Forgiveness	Fr. Wayne Watts Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish
Salvation	Fr. Steven Lanza Divine Mercy Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 13

7:00 p.m. by Zoom videoconference



To register go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e44a5ac2ba0fb6-three>

Questions?

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SCENES FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT



YOUR OPINION MATTERS! PLEASE TAKE THE DISCIPLE MAKER SURVEY BEFORE MARCH 31ST!

The DMI Survey is a 10-15 minute online survey created by the Catholic Leadership Institute, and is being used by the Archdiocese to measure the success of Renew My Church. The results will help inform us as to how we can better support you on your spiritual journey as a Catholic, and help us to focus on your needs, as we build up our community.

Be assured that all responses are confidential as we'll only receive information about the community as a whole. The Catholic Leadership Institute is conducting this survey, not Divine Mercy. We are merely providing you with a link to their survey.

Please click [here](#) to complete the survey, or scan the QR code. If you prefer a paper copy of the survey, you can find them in the vestibule of St. Philip and the Gathering Space of Sacred Heart. They can be returned to the same location. They will be mailed in bulk to the Catholic Leadership Institute.



Thank you for helping Divine Mercy!

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, MARCH 11**

5:00 p.m. (SH) The Coradini Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 a.m. (SPA) -Karen Stobart †

10:00 a.m. (SH) -Christa Dam †

4:30 p.m. (SH) - Andy Pluta † and
Parishioners of Divine Mercy**MONDAY, MARCH 13 (SH)**

8:00 a. m. - James Nora †

TUESDAY, MARCH 14 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Marge Livingston †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 (SH)

8:30 a.m. - Bob and Sheila Berner †

THURSDAY, MARCH 16 (SH)

8:00 a. m. - Anita Gaggioli †

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - John Eckenroad †

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 (SH)5:00 p.m. - Frank & Teresa D'Astici † &
Parishioners of Divine Mercy**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Dan Murphy †

10:00 a. m. (SH) John O'Brien †

4:30 p. m. (SH) -Hilda J. Vicens †

SUGGESTED DONATIONS:

Mass Intentions \$10

Sanctuary Candle \$25

Bread and Wine \$20

Easter Flower donations are now being
accepted.

This week, the Sanctuary Candle at Sacred Heart is in memory of John O'Brien and at St. Philip, in memory of Dan Murphy. The gifts of bread and wine are presented in memory of Viola Dietz.

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION****Sacred Heart Church:**

Saturdays 9:00a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

St. Philip the Apostle Church:

Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

with Rev. Gerald Cole.

The month of **March** is known as the Month of St. Joseph and is punctuated by the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 19th, observed on Monday, March 20 this year for the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

**THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE:
LITURGICAL MINISTER ASSIGNMENTS****March 18, 2023****5:00 p.m.**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Presider: Fr. John Kartje

Sacristan: Minister Needed

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Minister Needed

EM: Frieda Baker

Song Leader: Jaina Alexander

March 19, 2023**8:00 a.m.**

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

Sacristan: Rima Abraham

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Liz Harvey

EM: Dcn. Gerry Keenan

Song Leader: Kelsea Web

10:00 a.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

Sacristan: Minister Needed

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Kathy Janega

EM: Dcn. Bob Puhala

Song Leader: Jenny Farney

4:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

Sacristan: Minister Needed

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Cathy Lehman

EM: Patty Sanfillipo

Song Leader: Miranda Farmer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

If you're available to assist in ministry for the Triduum (Holy Thursday through Easter Morning) as a server. (adults are welcome too!) contact Ron

Vanasdlen via email at:
rvanasdlen@divinemercynorth shore.org

Training provided.**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

The following people have asked for the prayers of our parish family. Please remember them to the Lord.

Mark Agnew, Jeannie Ambrose, Michael Anderson, Loretto Berghoff, Paul Berghoff, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Ronald Braun, Wendy Braun, Robert Conte, Jr., John Coyne, Rich Danstrom, James Farney, Mary Beth Fellingner, Lisa Marie Franke, Ermin Garcia, Jr., Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, Jack Hogan, Sarah Hyde, Olivia Innocenzi, Emily Jatis, Rick Kehrer, Ryan Kelly, Patti Kotscharjan, Donna LaCaze, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Joseph Lee, Griffin Maks, Maureen Mazur, Rosaleen Mazur, Teresa McNamara, Mike McNulty, Beth O'Brien, Joan O'Donnell, Lynn Pattison, Brad Raguse, Judy Rasfeld, Kathy Sarch, Violet Vanselow, Larry White, and those written in our parish book of prayer.

If you or your loved one needs a Minister of Care or is seriously ill or near death, and in need of the Sacrament of the Sick (Last Rites), please call the parish office at 847-446-0856.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

May the souls of faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

JOIN OUR ONLINE ROSARY

Meet on Zoom, weekday mornings at 7:30 a.m. See our website homepage for the link.

ADORATION**Sacred Heart Church:**

Wednesdays from 2:00 - 3:00pm.

St. Philip the Apostle Church:

Fridays from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March: **For victims of abuse**—We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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