

Third Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2017

Thirsting for Live-Giving Water

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.



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Saints and Special Observances

Monday: St. Joseph; Spring begins
Thursday: St. Toribio de Mogrovejo
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: Annunciation of the Lord



Fridays of Lent

6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm- Lenten Meal
7:00 pm- Stations of the Cross,
(Espanol)

Join us as we journey to Calvary.

Men's Club

All men of the parish are invited to the next Men's Club meeting on Tues., March 21st, at 6:00 pm in the hall. Enjoy a great meal and fellowship. Please be sure to sign up on the sheet near the church entrance if you plan to attend.

Lenten Reconciliation

On Thurs., March 30th, from 6:00-7:30 pm, Fr. Mark and a visiting priest will be available to hear confessions in both English and Spanish. Please take this opportunity to receive God's grace and mercy before Holy Week and Easter.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK...

Tommye Brennan, Roy Hammond, Alice Blankenship, Kelly Martinez, Joshua Martinez, John Pollock, Abel Martinez, Randy Brown, Irene Hammond, Jerry Collins, Althea Soto, Lori Nunez.

Mass Intentions for the Week

(March 18-24)

Sat., 5:00 pm- +Diane Beck Richardson
+Francisco Gonzalez
+Adrian Gonzalez
Sun., 9:00 am- Int. Harvey & Jennifer Smith
+Mollie Rankin
Sun., 6:00 pm- People of the Parish
Mon., 9:00 am- Communion Service
Tues., 9:00 am- Communion Service
Wed., 9:00 am- Int. Judy Doctor
+Diane Beck Richardson
Thurs., 9:00 am- Int. Bobbi Doyle
Fri., 9:00 am- +Cindy Ihle

New Camaldoli Hermitage Benefit

The roads accessing the Hermitage near Big Sur have been washed away with rock and mud slides. The Hermitage is cut off both north and south, and as such, not able to receive guests, which is their primary source of income. There will be a benefit concert and soup supper on Tues., March 28th, 6:00 pm at Old Mission SLO. \$50 donation. For tickets go to www.purplepass.com/#u4939/New_Camaldoli.html.

Scripture Study

Enrich your Lenten Journey by attending our Scripture Study each Wednesday at 9:45 am in the hall. We read and reflect on the upcoming weekend's scripture readings. This is an on-going series, so you can come when you are able. Please join us.



Taquito Sale

There will be a taquito sale next weekend after each Mass. \$10 for a plate of authentic Mexican food— 3 taquitos, rice and beans. Eat-In or Take-Out (Sunday Masses only), and Take-Out only after the Saturday Mass. This is a fundraiser for our Youth Confirmation program.

Parish Offerings

Plate Collection (3/11-12): \$2,694.00
American Bishops' Appeal: \$1,000.00

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St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary—

March 20, According to the gospels, Joseph was a skilled craftsman (a builder or carpenter) and a descendant of King David. Matthew's infancy narrative in particular focuses on Joseph's dilemma. Embarrassed by Mary's pregnancy with a child he knew was not his, Joseph, as an upright man who followed the prescriptions of the Mosaic Law, decided to quietly dissolve their marriage contract in accordance with social and legal customs. But he is told in a dream to take Mary as his wife and make her child his own, and so he became the earthly father of Jesus. His feast has been observed on this day since the 10th century. He is a patron the universal Church and is also honored as patron of the dying. (*Living with Christ, March 2017*)

