

Third Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2017

While we were still sinners

Christ died for us.

— Romans 5:8

Mass Intentions/Mass March 18–Mar. 24

Saturday, March 18 6 pm

† Deacon Pedro Castillo / Family

Sunday, March 19 8am

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† Violeta Aguinaga / Frank Aguinaga

Sunday, March 19 10am

† Darline Escamilla / Family

† Gloria F. Galindo / Husband & Family

† Juvencio Baca / Wife & Family

Sunday, March 19 12pm/noon

† Concepcion Sanchez / Family

† Rudy Lara / Family

† Catarina Juarez (Andy's Mother) /
Maria Zapata

Monday, March 20 8:30am

Tuesday, March 21 8:30am

Wednesday, March 22 11:00am

Thursday, March 23 8:30am

† Salvador Martinez / Luz Maria Valenzuela

Friday, March 24 8:30 a.m.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

VELADORA DEL SANTUARIO

For the Soul of

Margaret Escobedo & Virginia Puga
by Altar Society

For the Health of Catarina Juarez (Andy's mother)
by Maria Zapata

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SUNDAY OFFERINGS Mar. 11 & 12

1st Collection \$4,588.82 2nd \$825.52
Bldg. Fund \$ 451,042.32

This weeks 2nd collection Catholics Mission
(Black & Native Americans)
Next weeks 2nd collection: Catholic Relief
Services

Breakfast served by CYO

SEDIENTOS DE LAS AGUAS QUE DAN VIDA

Especialmente durante la Cuaresma, la Semana Santa y el tiempo de Pascua, los textos de oración de la Iglesia Occidental se deleitan con imagines paradójicas de Cristo: la viuda eternal que muere, el anfitrión de la cena que es también alimento, el crucificado sediento del que mana agua de vida de su costado. Estas imagines fluyen de las representaciones de Jesús por parte de los evangelistas y de su mismísimo ministerio, durante el cual muchas veces cambió o invirtió las expectativas que las personas tenían sobre él o sobre los designios de Dios. Esta “inversion” está en juego en el Evangelio de hoy, cuando Jesús habla con una extranjera enemiga que está por debajo de su condición social. Además él, el que tiene sed verdadera. Él—cuyos labios secos dirán “Tengo sed” antes de morir— es la fuente de vida y del agua que da vida. La Cuaresma nos llama a reflexionar sobre cómo cada uno de nosotros tiene sed de Cristo y nos lleva, en última instancia, de vuelta a las aguas dadoras de vida de nuestro bautismo en su Cuerpo.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, the custom of sending some pieces of consecrated bread from the Lord's table began to take hold. Originally it was a way of assuring the sick and imprisoned of their bonds of faith and affection with the community from whom they were separated. By the third century, at least in Rome, we have evidence that the bishop would consign some of the sacred elements to presbyters or deacons.

There was a crisis in the unity of the church early on, called the quartodeciman controversy, since some people wanted to celebrate the Pasch on the fourteenth day (quartodecima) of the Jewish month Nissan, even if it didn't fall on a Sunday. The debate so fractured the church that the historian of the era, Eusebius, reported a new development to the pope. He wrote that the churches holding to the Lord's Day sent out consecrated bread to the disgruntled people of the quartodeciman pastors with whom they were quarreling. Meanwhile, bishops complained about people taking the Eucharist home. St. Cyprian told a cautionary tale of a sinful woman who tried to open the “casket” containing the consecrated bread in her home. She was deterred from receiving, he said, by flames erupting from the box. Clearly, he wanted people to think twice before bringing Communion home!

The Council of Nicaea defined the “old rule of the church” as allowing for reserving the Eucharistic bread for the sake of the dying. The same council could foresee circumstances of persecution when people might have the Eucharist on hand to administer to one another in a time of great danger, literally, at the point of a sword. The first and enduring purpose for reserving the Eucharist is viaticum for the dying.

THIRSTING FOR LIFE- GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the external 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 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.

This Week in Holy Family Parish

Monday, March 20 - Food Fair 10 am on Parish grounds

Friday, March 24— Stations of the Cross in Church at 7pm, with the Youth Ministry as they walk the way with Jesus.

Saturday, March 25 - Altar Society Lenten Day Retreat 8a.m. - 3p.m.

Looking Ahead

1. Holy Family Parish Lenten Mission, in English, -**March 27-30** at 7pm, in Holy Family Church, guided by Father Bob Hogan.
2. Mision Cuaresmal en la Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia **April. 3-6**, a las 7pm, guiada por el Reverendo Jaime Renteria

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
and the
SAN ANTONIO FOOD BANK
present

**FOOD
FAIR**

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017
HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
152 FLORENCIA
10am until food ends

FREE FOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY
COMIDA GRATIS PARA LA COMUNIDAD

From Pope Francis:

QUENCH MY THIRST TOO

Jesus' thirst was not so much for water, but for the encounter with a parched soul. He needed to encounter the Samaritan woman in order to open her heart: he asks for a drink so as to bring to light her own thirst. The woman is moved by this encounter: she asks Jesus several profound questions that we all carry within but often ignore. We, too, have many questions to ask, but we don't have the courage to ask Jesus! Lent is the opportune time to look within ourselves, to understand our truest spiritual needs, and to ask the Lord's help in prayer. The example of the Samaritan woman invites us to exclaim: “Jesus, give me a drink that will quench my thirst forever.”

What “thirst” do I most want to ask Jesus to satisfy today?

EUCARIST MINISTER-LECTORS MARCH 25 & 26

Saturday 6:00 pm

Irma Camacho
Rosa Dehoyos

Linda Guerra

Sunday 8:00 am

Greg & Silvia Pardo
Luz Valenzuela & Maria Zapata

José Cruz

10 am

Robert & Elizabeth Mejia
Victor Garza & Janie Gonzales

Raul Palacios Sr.
Yolanda Sanchez

12 noon

Florinda & Raymond Camacho

Jennifer Deleon-Rios
Monica Garcia

[A woman was drawing water at a well outside of a town. Jesus confronted her about her sins. She was so moved by what he said that she] went back to the town, and said to the people there, “Come and see the man who told me everything I have ever done. Could he be the Messiah?” So they left the town and went to Jesus.

John 4:28-30

A 1980s study showed that an average of 600 Catholics per parish were inactive in their faith. It also showed that most Catholics who return after being inactive did so because someone invited them back.

Lastly, the study showed that the best recruiters of inactive Church members were those who had once been inactive themselves. In other words, they were people like the woman in today's reading.

Who is one person I know to be inactive and whom I might invite back? How?

If at first you don't succeed, you are running about average.



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Spring Open House

Thursday, March 30, 2017

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The Woman at the Well

Theme: Jesus provides us with living water.

Some time ago, Hurricane Andrew devastated southern Florida. Houses were leveled, trees were uprooted, human lives were severely disturbed. To cope with this chaos, the National Guard was called out to restore a semblance of order and to respond to immediate human needs. One of the first things the Guard did in the midst of people whose lives had been devastated by water and wind was to supply clean drinking water. In the midst of so much loss, clean drinking water was absolutely necessary to sustain health and life. You may recall the image of a National Guardsman standing next to a tanker truck dispensing clean drinking water to those who were victimized by Hurricane Andrew.

More recently we saw the same scene in Rwanda, where thousands died of cholera until the UN could get America and other nations to set up clean water systems to supply life-giving water to the dying.

Application: Do we go to Jesus, who alone can satisfy our thirst, as our fountain of water springing up to eternal life?