

**Third Sunday in Lent  
March 15th, 2020 Cycle A**

**March Mass Intentions**

Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm	*Parochial Intentions
Sun, 15 <sup>th</sup>  Spanish	8:30am	*Parochial Intentions
	10:00am	
	11:30am	
Mon, 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	+Elizabeth Calvin
Tues., 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	+Leticia Basco Perez
Wed, 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	+Maria Dolores Montano
Thu, 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Nathan Gale
Fri, 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	+Josefina San Gabriel +Efren Lozada
Sat, 21 <sup>st</sup>	4:30pm	*Parochial Intentions

**Schedule of the Week:**

**Mon through Friday**

..... 8:00am Mass/

..... 8:30am-4pm Silent Adoration

**AAA Appeal – 2020**

Our Campaign Goal is \$27,518.

As of March 9<sup>th</sup>, we have received \$2,908 and reached 11% of our goal.

**WAY TO GO!**

We have \$24,610 left to reach our goal.

You can contribute online also:

Sfarch.org/aaa

Thank you for your continued support.

May the Lord bless you.



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The Archdiocese of San Francisco is committed to the health and well-being of our students, employees, clergy, parishioners and the communities we serve. In recent weeks you have been watching the unfortunate COVID-19 situation unfold throughout our country and specifically in the Bay Area and the counties we serve, where the number of those infected with the COVID-19 virus continues to rise.

Throughout these past few weeks various leaders in the Chancery have been in communication and have worked in close collaboration with the CDC, the San Francisco Department of Public Health, and others. In addition, we have received regular reports from the various departments in the Chancery who work directly with parishes.

**NEW – Catholic School Closures**

**March 12 through March 25**

[schools.sfarch.org](http://schools.sfarch.org)

On March 10, Pamela Lyons, Superintendent of Schools, issued a letter to Catholic school parents announcing that the Archdiocese will close its school buildings and cancel classes and student-related activities from March 12 through March 25. This closure includes any planned school events, such as fundraisers, community events as well as field trips. School buildings will not be open to children, parents, or community members. Course content will be delivered utilizing the Archdiocesan distance learning protocol which has been distributed to all schools.

**Collections: Weekly Goal: \$5,000**

March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Offerings      \$2,244

Thanks for your generosity!

### **This Weekend's Mass Assignments:**

**Sat. March 21, 2020, 4:30pm**

Lector:.....J.Fontanilla

L. Ministers: .....E. Greco & E. Foley

Server(s): .....Seamus Rodriguez

**Sun, March 22, 2020, 8:30am**

Lector: E. Llorente

Lay Ministers:..... S. & T. Stapleton

Server (s):.....Scarlett Borges

**Sun, March 22, 2020, 10:00am**

Lector.....K. Nieto

Lay Ministers.....M. Lemus & Q. Dennis

Server (s):.....Gabriela Ramirez

**Sun, March 22, 2020, 11:30am**

Lector: .....Evelyn Ibarra & Marlon Baldizón

Ministers: .....Carmen Dominquez

.....Indiana Argüello

.....Marjorie Hernández

Server (s):.....Giovanni Lazo

## **A Coronavirus Prayer**

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick was made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

*Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love.*

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

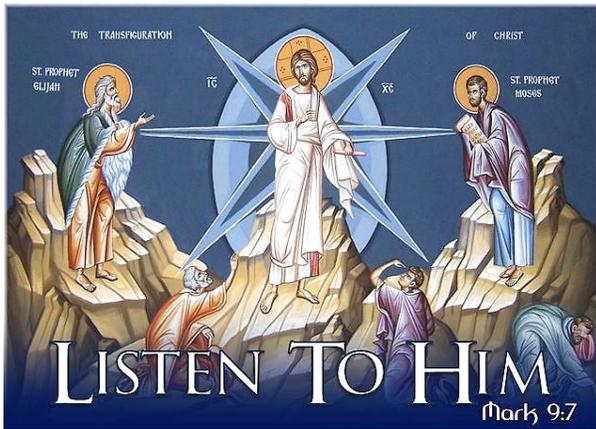
Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ heal us.



## Third Sunday of Lent, Cycle A Sunday, March 15th, 2020

### First Reading

*Exodus 17:3-7*

God tells Moses to bring forth water from the rock.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 95:1-2,6-9*

Sing joyfully in the presence of the Lord.

### Second Reading

*Romans 5:1-2,5-8*

Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

### Gospel Reading

*John 4:5-42*

Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well. (shorter form: John 4:5-15,19b-26,39a,40-42)

### Background on the Gospel Reading

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law. The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is

better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

**TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA  
DOMINGO 15 DE MARZO 2020**

**LECTORES:** Armando & MaryLou Balderramos

**MINISTROS:** Indiana Argüello

**INTENCIÓN:** Hoy Domingo recordemos a nuestros amigos y hermanos que han pasado a mejor vida, en especial hoy por Esduardo Dell'Acqua. Qué nuestro Señor lo tenga en su santa gloria.

*Mis ojos están siempre fijos en el Señor,  
pues él libra mis pies de toda trampa.  
Mirame, Señor, y ten piedad de mi, que  
estoy solo y afligido.*

**REFLEXIÓN:**

Primera Lectura - Del Libro del Exodo.

En esta lectura se nos presenta un episodio de rebelión y protesta del pueblo hacia Moisés.

Después de haber liberado al pueblo de Israel de los egipcios, Moisés los lleva a través del desierto.

Al comienzo había mucha energía y entusiasmo, pero después comenzaron las dificultades: el calor sofocante, cansancio y sobre todo sed. Ante tantos problemas, el pueblo comienza a dudar de la fidelidad de Dios. *"Está o no está con nosotros*

*el Señor."* Moisés clama ayuda al Señor y ante

este desafío, el Señor pide a Moisés golpear la roca con su bastón para que salga agua. Este acontecimiento ha quedado en la historia como Meribá y Massá.-

Segunda Lectura - Del apóstol San Pablo a los romanos. En esta lectura Pablo nos pide que a través de la fe, nos mantengamos en paz con Dios.- La fe mira el porvenir y se convierte en esperanza. Y hoy Pablo nos dice que la esperanza no tiene fundamento en nuestras buenas obras, sino en el amor de Dios, ese amor que nos dio al morir por nosotros.

Evangelio según San Juan - En este Evangelio se narra el encuentro de Jesús con la mujer samaritana.. Jesús bien cansado se acerca al pozo para saciar su sed. En eso una mujer samaritana se acerca para acarrear agua. Jesús superando los prejuicios de raza y las conveniencias sociales, entabla conversación con ella, algo muy mal visto y también porque judíos y samaritanos no se llevaban bien. Jesús le pide agua a la mujer y ella muy sorprendida le dice a Jesús que como es posible que un judío le pida agua a una samaritana. A lo que Jesús responde: El que bebe del agua de ese pozo, tendrá sed nuevamente, mientras que yo les ofrezco un agua muy diferente. El agua viva que es el Espíritu de Dios, es aquel amor que llena los corazones. El agua viva que Jesús nos ofrece nos lleva a la vida eterna, contra la cual la muerte no puede nada.

**QUE ES LA CUARESMA?** Es el tiempo litúrgico de conversión que marca la Iglesia para prepararnos a la gran fiesta de Pascua. Es tiempo de arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados, de cambiar algo en nosotros para ser mejores y poder vivir más cerca de Cristo. La Cuaresma dura cuarenta días, comienza el Miércoles de Ceniza y termina el Domingo de Ramos.

**CANTOS:**

Entrada	Aclamemos al Señor	568
Señor Ten Piedad		65
Gloria	No Hay Gloria	
Salmo		Misal
Aleluya		Misal
Ofertorio	Alegría en el Perdón	545
Santo		71
Aclamación		72
Amen		73
Cordero		75
Comunión	No Podemos Caminar	612
Salida	Danos un Corazón	686

**ANUNCIOS:**

1. El periódico en español de la Arquidiócesis ya está disponible. Puede obtenerlo en las mesas de la salida.
2. Viacrusis, todos los Viernes a las 7pm durante la Cuaresma.
3. Desayuno Católico – Por razones de fuerza mayor, el desayuno católico programado para el Sábado 21 de Marzo, queda cancelado hasta nuevo aviso.



*El que beba del agua que yo le dare, dice  
el Señor, nunca mas tendra sed; el agua  
que yo le dare se convertira dentro de el en  
un manantial capaz de dar la vida eterna.*