

A wooden cross is partially visible on the left side of the image. A crown of thorns, made of dried, spiky branches, is draped across the center. The background is a solid purple color. The text "THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT" is centered in white, bold, uppercase letters. A large, semi-transparent purple number "3" is overlaid behind the text.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

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Thirst

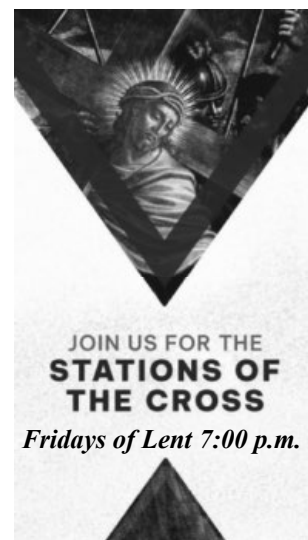
Thirst is a main thread running through today's readings. In Exodus, the Israelites blame Moses for the lack of water and test God with "Is the LORD in our midst or not?" Psalm 95 reminds us not to be hard-hearted and faithless as when the Israelites suffered thirst at Massah and Meribah but to instead sing to God with joy and thanksgiving, and to humbly worship God for life itself.

In St. Paul's letter to the Romans, thirst is not mentioned, as such. Instead, faith-filled hope comes to fruition when Christ died for the helpless, ungodly, sinners. Then in the Gospel reading, the Samaritan woman says to Jesus, Sir, give me this water you speak of so I will never thirst again. This unnamed woman of different social and moral status is someone a respectable Jew would not have spoken to. She had had five husbands. So far, her thirst - what had she been looking for but not found in her husbands? - had gone unquenched. Jesus interacts with her, asks questions of her, tells her about herself and responds when she asks, that he is the Messiah.

I love this exchange between the Samaritan woman and Jesus. How many times have I felt

misunderstood, confused, lost, heartbreakingly lonely? And how many times could I have looked to Jesus for comfort, peace, or understanding when instead I blamed someone else for these feelings? Lord, help us remember to sing our joy and thanksgiving, even as we look to you when we thirst.

-Nancy Uyeda



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the Building Fund was

\$2,983

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Upcoming Second Offerings

Your generosity is appreciated.

**Denotes Parish Second Collection.*

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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

	Sunday 2/25/2024	Fiscal Year To Date 7/01/23-2/25/2024
Goal	\$10,600	\$360,400.00
Collected	\$8,710	\$381,483.00
Over/(Short)	(\$1,890)	\$21,083.00

Thank you for your contributions. For a one-time or recurring electronic gift, go to www.st-justin.org and click the ONLINE GIVING link. Choose ACH to link your giving directly from your bank with the least amount of transaction fees charged to St. Justin.

Weekly Prayer

Mass Intentions

March 4-10, 2024

Monday 8:30am

An Nguyen

Tuesday 8:30am

Lorenzo Pham +

Wednesday 8:30am

Blessings Received

Thursday 8:30am

Maria Beata Patlewicz +

Friday 8:30am

Mary Hoffman

Saturday 8:00am

No Intention

Saturday 5:00pm

Ana G. Escobar +

Sunday 7:30am

No Intention

Sunday 9:00am

Arlene Covey +

Val T. Wilson +

Sunday 10:30am

Kieran Coyle +

Virginia Dela Cruz +

Abraham & Mary Ajlouny +

Sunday 12:15pm

For All Parishioners

Sunday 7:00pm

No Intention

We pray for those who are ill or suffering from loneliness, sadness, or depression. We pray for those who care for them. We pray for our deceased family and friends. We pray for our men and women who are serving in the military.



This week we pray especially for those who are ill or preparing for surgery:

Mary Lee Bottelli,
Kane David Carlin, Susy Carter,
Diane Cribari, Ursula Duncan,
Rodolfo Feliciano,
Patrick Foster,
Henry Goldenberg,
Ray Grotzinger,
Curtis Hambrick, Sr. ,
Clorinda Hite, Hasan Hanusic,
Gabriella Ip, Balwant Khaira,
Rick Kimble, Efrain Linares,
Joe Lombardi,
Shirley McDonell,
Angelina Medina,
Caridad Mendoza,
Deacon Greg Ortiz, Jr.,
Janet Osbourne,
Dorothy Rosa, Tony Rosa,
Otto Rosales, Maria Vergano,
Thelma Vergel de Dios

and for those who have died this week: Ed Browning, Yvonne Montes



Saint of the week

St. Peter Julian Eymard, known as “Apostle of the Eucharist,” founded the Society of the Blessed Sacrament and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. He promoted perpetual adoration, inspired those estranged from the Church to return, and worked to educate all about Christ.

Prayer of Surrender

Dear Lord,
Help me to place You in the center of my plans for the future, my dreams for my life, my goals for the time ahead. Be my God and my guide. Amen.

CATECHETICAL MINISTRY NEWS

*Catechesis is more than just religious education.
It is a life long journey towards a deeper relationship with Christ.*



Ongoing Faith Formation

4yr olds and Kindergarten: Sunday, 9-10:00 a.m.
1st grade – Jr. High: Sunday, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Registration forms are available at st-justin.org or in the Parish Office.

Sacramental Preparation Program (2nd grade and up)

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Called to His Supper,

Session 6 – **We Remember Jesus at Mass** pgs. 34-39:

Completed by Saturday, March 2

Start Session 7 on Sunday, March 3

God's Gift: Reconciliation & Eucharist,

Chapter 14– **Jesus Calls Us to Love** pgs. 59-62:

Completed by Saturday, March 2nd

Start Reviewing: I Pray These Prayers pgs. 102-113



Friendly reminder: Please email anai.g.torres@dsj.org your 1st and 2nd choice First Eucharist Mass.



High School Confirmation Program

Sunday, March 3

Session: Confirmation

4:15-6:45 p.m.

Parish Ministry Center

Contact noel.balce@dsj.org for more information.

RCIA

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 5, at 7:00 -8:30pm in the PMC.



Sunday, March 10th attend 12:15pm Mass for Second Scrutiny, dismissal after homily.



Infant Baptism

Our next infant baptism preparation class is
Wednesday, March 20th at 7 p.m.

Please email laura.ortiz@dsj.org to register.

MINISTRY NEWS

COMMUNITY MINISTRY UPDATE

Ongoing Food Pantry

Our food pantry continues to be open Tuesday through Saturday to serve the local community. Through this service we provide groceries to approximately 460 families each month in addition to 80 sandwiches a day to unhoused individuals. We currently need help with the following:

Food Pantry Front Desk / Client

Intake: (9:15 am – 12 noon)

Fridays: Mar 8, Mar 15

Donation Pickups at Lucky:

(45-60 min, between 7:30 am – 10:00 am)

Every other **Sun** am

Every other **Mon** am

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Nancy Uyeda** at (408) 296-1193 ext. 105.

Outgrown Shop

The Outgrown Shop is open on Saturdays 10am to 4pm for retail sale and to accept donations. Please limit clothing donations to one bag for now. The Outgrown Shop also provides Food Pantry clients with the opportunity to choose clothing and shoes, **Tues - Thurs (10 am - 12 pm)** with two racks full of Outgrown Shop clothes next to the Food Pantry. If you are interested in volunteering to help sort donations or supervise racks near the Food Pantry once or twice a month, please contact Nancy Uyeda.

Clothes/Rack: (9:40 am – 12 noon)

Urgent Need: Mar 7, Mar 14, Mar 21, Mar 28

Used Medical Aids

We have a surplus of standard walkers, crutches, and commodes, and a limited number of rollator walkers, wheelchairs, and shower chairs. They wait to serve someone who needs them!

Hygiene Items & Blankets Needed

Year-round, unhoused and grocery clients ask for hygiene items: toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, shavers, new hairbrushes, and combs, which we quickly run out of. As the weather has grown cold, there is a need for gently used blankets or sleeping bags to be distributed to needy individuals. Donation Bins inside the Church? Yes! They've been there for years but blend so well with the church décor that few people know they exist. They are situated against pillars. One is near the Baptismal Font, the other, near the Tabernacle. Parishioners are welcome to place their shelf stable food and clothing donations in either bin.

Extra Items Needed

If you have a surplus, we can always use the following:

Clean Socks

Small, clean rubber bands

Grocery-sized brown bags

Grocery-sized plastic bags (clean, with handles)

Canned goods

(up to 2 years expired ok)

Senior Citizen Outreach Dinner

Our dinner is scheduled for this, **Sunday, March 17th**. It will take place in the Parish Small Hall beginning at 1:30 p.m. These free meals followed by BINGO are intended for Senior Citizen Members of our Parish Community.

Readings for the week of March 3, 2024

Sunday:

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

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

Friday:

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

Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/
Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday:

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus was not afraid to confront iniquity wherever he encountered it, and his zeal for righteousness was so strong it looked like anger as he drove the moneychangers from the temple. Pray that, with that same devotion and care, he will cleanse our hearts from sin.

Observances for the week of March 3, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Casimir

Thursday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Friday: St. John of God, Religious

Saturday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious;
St. Catherine of Bologna

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins



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May 3-5	St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista
July 12-14	San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville
Sept. 20-22	St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista
Nov. 15-17	San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville

LENT RETREAT EVENINGS

With former President of
Santa Clara University

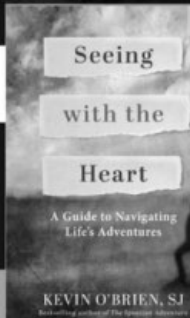
*Fr. Kevin
O'Brien, S.J.*

*Seeing with the
Eyes of the Heart:
A Journey to Easter*

March 4th, 5th and 6th, 7:00pm
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with
Fr. Eric Piczon
Friday, April 19
7:00 pm

CLOSING MASS

with
Bishop Oscar Cantú
Sunday, April 21
8:30 am

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Annual Diocesan Appeal

Supporting Our Mission Together

PARISH PROGRESS

Parish Goal \$178,500 # of Contributors

\$115,770	TOTAL	226
	Week 9	
	Week 8	
	Week 7	
\$15,262	Week 6	33
\$17,925	Week 5	35
\$18,464	Week 4	36
\$35,189	Week 3	65
\$17,190	Week 2	37
\$11,740	Week 1	20



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We thank you for your gifts and your prayers!



Santa Clara, California

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday

8:30 a.m.

Saturday

8:00 a.m.

Livestream via YouTube

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

Livestream via YouTube

10:30 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays

3:30-4:15 p.m.

Or by appointment

RAISING CHICKENS TO SUPPORT HER FAMILY

Nowadays, in Morazán, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enabled Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services' project on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.



St. Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner

Sponsored by St. Justin's Stablemates & Ladies Guild

Saturday, March 16th

Large Hall

Dinner, Libations, Irish Music and Dancers

\$25 Each Ticket/ Buy 8 Tickets to Reserve a Table!

Tickets available at Parish Ministry Center, School Office, and after Masses on the weekends of March 2nd and March 9th or Your favorite Stablemate! Tickets are limited.

You can also pay for your tickets on the St. Justin's Giving Page.

Click on One-Time Only and scroll to the Stablemates Fund.

Call Gary Christensen at 408-431-8244 for more information.



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