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Santo Niño de Cebu Catholic Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 2020

Our Mission:

The Santo Niño Catholic Church is a faith community where all are welcome to celebrate Catholic beliefs embellished by the best Philippine traditions. It is a dynamic parish responding to the spiritual needs of the community to fulfill its evangelical mission and to realize Christ's call of making disciples of all nations. (Parish Pastoral Council, 21 April 2001)

Prayer Corner

Pray:

Beloved Father, may I leave all my past and all my sins at Jesus' feet and let Your Holy Spirit fill my being with abundant life. Amen.



Today's Gospel: JN 4:5-42

The Samaritan Woman

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."

Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, 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

Reflections

WHAT'S YOUR SPIRITUAL THIRST?

What are you thirsty for? Thirst is what happens when we lack something vital. Water is essential for our physical survival, and our bodies signal us when it's time to drink fluids to stay healthy.

Likewise, water is necessary for our spiritual survival, albeit a different sort of water -- the living water, which we first received from the baptismal water that purifies us for eternal life. This living water is a holy water that enables us to have abundant life in Christ.

The Holy Spirit is the Giver of Life. One of the biblical symbols that represents the presence of God's Spirit is life-giving water. Therefore, we can surmise that Jesus wanted to give the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Samaritan woman. Why? It would still be a while before the Holy Spirit descended

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upon everyone at Pentecost.

She needed the truth; the Holy Spirit is Truth, and Jesus wanted to give her whatever she needed to repent and receive salvation and then share this new life with the people around her.

We only get thirsty when we haven't had enough to drink. Spiritual thirst shows itself in many forms: addictions, loneliness, despair, frustration, self-indulgence, or any other feeling or behavior that's triggered when we lack something that we need or want.

And why would we lack anything spiritually? Because, like the woman at the well, we sometimes fail to realize that Christ is with us. We need to receive a spiritual healing.

How does God give us this healing? He pours his love into us with all sufficiency, but to drink of it, we have to listen openly, like that woman, ready to be changed by the truth.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What sin or unhealthy habit do you need to overcome so that Jesus is free to quench your thirsts? What will you do this week to hand it over to Christ?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

1. In the first reading, why did a physical thirst turn into a sin? How does this still happen today?
2. In Romans 5, grace and hope are mentioned as gifts we receive when we have been "justified by faith" (i.e., when we've repented of our sins and sought forgiveness through Jesus). How do grace and hope quench our thirsts? How do they help us resist sin?

3. The woman at the well eagerly received what Jesus said. Even though he confronted her about her sins, she drank it all in and then, without shame, excitedly told others about her encounter with the Messiah. What need was filled by the truth? What does this teach about how we can help others hear the truth?

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MEXICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE (MACC) LENTEL SILENT MINI -RETREAT

MARCH 20 & 21

Time: Friday 5:30—9:30PM; Saturday 8:30—6:00PM

YOUTH SPECTACULAR 2020

Espectacular de la Juventud 2020

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH GATHERING

MARCH 21

TIME: Saturday, 8:30 AM—4:00 PM

St. Mary's University

1 Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio, TX 78228

Cost: \$ 20.00 (includes Lunch + Gift)

Youth Leaders! Register your group.

FESTIVAL MARIA DE GUADALUPE

MAY 3

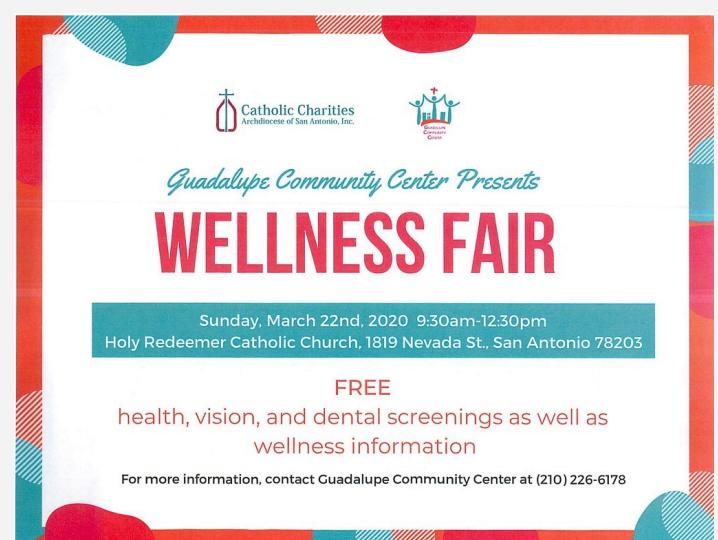
There will be booth food sales, games, lotería, and music.

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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 speaking with you."

At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them,

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The flyer for the Guadalupe Community Center Wellness Fair features a red and blue decorative border. At the top, there are logos for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of San Antonio, Inc. and the Guadalupe Community Center. The main title "Guadalupe Community Center Presents" is in blue, followed by "WELLNESS FAIR" in large red letters. Below the title, the event details are listed: "Sunday, March 22nd, 2020 9:30am-12:30pm" and "Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 1819 Nevada St., San Antonio 78203". A "FREE" section highlights "health, vision, and dental screenings as well as wellness information". At the bottom, a note says "For more information, contact Guadalupe Community Center at (210) 226-6178".

Mass Intention

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.—6:00 pm— 1. Souls of †Maria Castillo, Frances Paiz, Johnny Hinojosa, Rosario Huemer; 2. Health of Alicia Anaya and Gabriela Estrada.

Sun.—8:00 am— 1. Recovery of Nena Connor, Deacon Jun Reyes, Clarke Lewis, Helen Daley, Carmen Steele; 2. Intentions of Robert/Nel Mendez; 3. Souls of † John Saunders, Lita Pepper, Manuel Tamayo, Jent Oliamot, and Dorothy Lim.

Sun.—10:00am— 1. Souls of † Dina/Zenaida Sorio, 2. Intentions of the Two Thousand Hail Mary's devotion; 3. Recovery of Noel Casino, Clarke Lewis, and Nena Connor, . 4. † Souls of Tony Brewer, Baet Family, and Dr. Jose Gabatin.

Sun.—12 noon— 1.Souls of † Dr. Tony dela Cruz, Manuel Tamayo, John Saunders and Bobi Jean Gordon; 2. Health and recovery of Ted/ Carmen Jaceldo and Deacon Jun Reyes.

Sun.—2:00 pm— 1.Souls of † Lupita Perez, Delia Olney, Santos Adames and all the souls of our faithful departed. 2. Health of Alicia Anaya and Gabriella Estrada; 3. Thanksgiving to St Anthony for favors received from Nelly Figarola.

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"I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.'

I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." 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."

STEWARDSHIP (Collection) REPORT AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance and Offertory March 7—March 8, 2020

Mass Time	Attendance	Offertory/ Collection	2nd collection None
Sat 6:00 PM—Spanish :	113	\$354.00	
Sun 8:00 AM—English :	48	\$497.00	
Sun 10:00 AM—English:	85	\$494.25	
Sun 12:00 AM—English:	105	\$1,064.50	
Sun 2:00 PM—Spanish	110	\$302.25	
Total /Collection/Offertory Bank Adjustment Total	<u>461</u>	\$2,712.00	

"Thank you for your goodwill and generosity."



Santo Niño Catholic Church

& Koinonia Ministry



Cordially invite you to the

Lenten Silent Mini - Retreat

Contemplative Mass at 11:00 AM (Bilingual)

Friday March 20, 5:30 pm—9:30 pm

Saturday March 21, 8:30 am—6:00 pm

Place: Santo Niño Catholic Church | 5655 Rigsby Ave, S.A. TX. 78222

Registration: \$25.00 (Lunch included);
Mini –retreat T-shirt: \$15.00.

Method of Payment: Cash or Check (To Koinonia Ministry).

For more information & to enroll, contact:
(210) 648-1705 (Parish Office) or (210) 393-3493
(Koinonia).

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Members – Jim Irwin, Nelrose Mendez, and Nena Connor

MINISTRIES

WORSHIP

Acolytes: Randal Garcia
Dévotion: Dr. Connie Nepomuceno
Lectors: Socorro Candelaria
Spanish Choir: Juan Anaya
Adult Choir: Helen Ona
Youth Choir: Noel Casino
Wedding/Quinceanera Coordinator:
Alicia Anaya & Annie Spencer

EVANGELIZATION

Religious Education Coordinator: Joanne Jaceldo/Mary Ester Rodriguez
RCIA : Deacon Jun Reyes & Dr. Connie
Guadalupana: Rosa dela Garza
Youth Minirity: Russell & Bernadette Cantu

SERVICE

Nutrition: Alma de Paz
Knights of Columbus : Grand Knight Sean Flatley

Our Devotions

Adoration, Rosary & Novena: 5:00-6:00 PM M-F
Holy Spirit: Mondays
Divine Mercy/Holy Hour for Vocation: Tuesday
Perpetual Help Novena: Wednesdays
St. Jude Novena: Thursdays
Santo Niño Novena: Fridays
Sacred Heart: 1st Fridays
First Saturday of the month:
2000 Hail Mary Devotion, from 9:00 AM
Divine Mercy Devotion: Sunday 3:00 – 4:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENT

1. We are participating in the Rice Bowl Program of the Catholic Relief Services, which sends help and services to all the people in need around the world. Please pick up your boxes from the ushers or at the foyer and put your donations in the collection basket any Sunday of Lent starting on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020.
2. We are also participating in the 40 CANS FOR LENT food drive. There are two bins in the foyer. Please put only non-perishable food items in the bins. Please be generous.
3. Stations of the Cross for the Lenten season are on Fridays at 5:00 pm, and Sundays at 11:00 am starting on March 1, 2020, and will last through all the Fridays and Sundays of Lent. The religious education families are requested to lead the different stations on Sundays.
4. The 7th-grade religious education students have a suitcase drive for the homeless. Please bring your suitcase donation to the Religious Education office or the foyer.
5. RCIA First Scrutiny will be next week, March 15, 2020, at the 10 AM mass with the presentation of the Creed. The second and third scrutinies will be on the fourth and fifth Sunday of Lent at the 10 AM mass.
6. All Schedule of all the Lenten activities will be on the bulletin board.
7. Copies of your weekly bulletin can be downloaded on the internet at www.stonino.org/bulletins.



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Dear Lord, we thank you for being the Creator and Giver of all good gifts and ask you one to help us become good stewards of your gifts by teaching us how to return them to you with increase . Amen.

Online Giving



We would like to express our thanks to those who give online. We would love to see the number increase with this program, please consider our online donation.

If you want to give your tithes and donation online go to our parish website at www.stonino.org and click online giving logo.

All credit cards are accepted in our online donation.

