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Sunday March 3, 2024~ The Third Sunday of Lent

From the Bishop's Pen...

"The water that I shall give you will become a spring of eternal life."

We have a group of elect entering the Church and a group of candidates receiving full communion in the Church at the Easter Vigil, so my reflections are from the Third Sunday in Lent, Cycle A.

In the first reading from Exodus, the Israelites thirsted for water to drink. However, their thirst showed their lack of trust in God. He had led them out of the captivity of slavery in Egypt and parted the Red Sea for them. Yet, their thirst led them to "put God to the test", that is what the word Massah means in Hebrew. Meribah is Hebrew for "quarreling", which is what the Israelites did with God, because they constantly wanted assurance that He was with them and would take care of them. Why did they always need reassurance?

They needed reassurance, because the Israelites were always wallowing in self-pity. They were hurting and angry with God. The Israelites did not have true "faith and trust" in God. The Israelites had "faith and trust" in God only when He worked a wonder for them. However, when that wonder faded from memory, so did their "faith and trust" in God. The Israelites' "insatiable thirst" for another sign from God, was the result of feeling sorry for themselves, living in their own self-pity.

In the Gospel, the Samaritan woman came alone at midday to Jacob's well to draw water, because she was rejected by the other women, probably because of her lifestyle. She too was living in self-pity. Jesus saw in her, a woman who had an "insatiable thirst." He saw a woman who thirsted for love, who had five husbands and currently had another lover. Jesus offered this woman "living water," and the Samaritan woman went from self-pity and rejection and thirst to "faith and trust" and fulfillment in Jesus, in His grace, and in His gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Samaritan woman's thirst for "living water" led her to the source of "living water," Jesus Christ. It is the same "insatiable thirst" that has led our Catechumen, Candidates, and children to seek full reception, full initiation into the Church, the Body of Christ. These Catechumen and Candidates are seeking the waters of eternal life through Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

So, how does our "insatiable thirst" lead the rest of us to trust and believe in Jesus' gift of "living water" and eternal life through the Holy Spirit during this Lenten Season? It leads us to make our "daily trip to the well." We need to come to the same well from which the Samaritan woman left as a disciple of Jesus. We need to come to the well of prayer. When we pray, we draw from the well of Jesus' grace, wisdom, and love, refreshing and nourishing our souls, strengthening us for the discipleship He calls us to.

- Bishop Roy Campbell

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MASS/LENTEN SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Daily Mass 8:30 am

Weekly on Tuesday Exposition / Adoration 6:00 pm Benediction 6:45 pm Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Every Friday During Lent Stations of the Cross after 8:30 am Mass & 7:00 pm

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Melcome

To The St Joseph Catholic Church Community

Our desire is that every member of our parish family encounters Jesus Christ in a very personal and life-changing way as they journey through life within our community. That now includes you and we welcome you to this very personal, communal journey of faith as part of our parish family. As you begin the next part of your faith journey with us, we encourage you to check in at the Welcome Table and complete the parish registration form. You may also get the form from a Hospitality minister. Stay connected with the St Joseph Community through our Website and Facebook God has given you aifts to share in helping the Church build the kingdom and accomplish her mission. Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help you discern where you are meant to serve. When we fully reopen, please check out our Ministries and Organizations at the Welcome Table or our Website. Pray, discern, then take that leap of faith and get engaged in the life of the parish.

> LET US KNOW YOU ARE HERE SO WE CAN PROPERLY WELCOME YOU!

PARISH TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Please use your offertory envelopes, and fill them out completely. Enclose your check or cash in your offertory envelope and write the amount on the envelope. As a reminder money/checks do not stay together with the envelopes so if there is no information or amount on the envelope you may not receive proper acknowledgement for your offering. If you choose to send in your Church envelopes by mail or drop them off at the Church, please do so. Your tax deductible offerings are based on the information on your envelopes. We have also set-up **Online Giving** through **Faith Direct**, which is an easy, simple, and secure way to continue supporting the ministry and mission of our parish. We had to make a number of decisions regarding our current Church staff because we are unable to collect our regular offertory. Please go to the link: https://www.stjoseph-largo.org/online-giving to sign-up for Faith Direct, make a contribution, and to view a video about enrollment and have your questions answered about online giving.

Mass Special Intentions Mass Intentions are made in the Church Office during regular business hours or may be given

to Hospitality Minister after the Sunday Masses. You will be contacted if the date requested is not available. Bookings for one name for several days in succession will not be accepted. An offering is **\$10.00** *CASH* per date / per envelope. Mass intentions are acknowledged at the Sunday and daily Masses. Mass intentions must be received in the office by Monday 9:00 am

to be included in the bulletin for the next week.

Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ 13,894.20 February 25, 2024

Our average weekly parish expenses for February 2024 - \$ N/A

> Our Offertory last week was % of Expenses

Faith Direct: February 2024 - \$N/A

Last Week's Attendance Total: Sunday Masses -785

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the **NEXT** bulletin are due in the Church Office on Monday by 12:00 noon. The bulletin is sent to the printer on Tuesday morning.

COMMUNION CALLS / HOME VISITS

The Eucharistic Ministry is available for communion calls and home visits If you or someone you know is homebound but would like to receive communion on a regular basis, contact the parish office (301-773-4838) to schedule a visit. Monday through Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

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St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

Masses / Observances and Church Activities



Monday March 4, 2024
St. Casimir
Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday March 5, 2024
Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition / Adoration - 6:00 pm
Benediction - 6:30 pm
Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday March 6, 2024
Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Confession / Reconciliation
THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU
6:00 pm

Thursday March 7, 2024
Sts. Perpetua and Felicity,
Martyrs

Daily Mass - 8:30 AM

Friday - March 8, 2024
St. John of God, Religious
Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Stations of the Cross
9:00 am & 7:00 pm

Saturday - March 9, 2024

St. Frances of Rome, Religious;
St. Catherine of Bologna
Confession / Reconciliation
The Light is on for You
10:00 am - 11:00 am
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm
Note: Anointing of the Sick
At the Vigil Mass

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday March 3

- SJYM Krispy Kreme Popup (RR) (AFTER ALL MASSES)
- Sodality Pray the Rosary CLR1 (AFTER 8:00 Mass)
- SJCC Gospel Choir (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- SJCAF African and Friends Choir (CL R2) 10:30 am
- RCIA Class (CLR 1) 12:00 pm

Monday March 4

PRCIA Class
(Virtual) 7:00 pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/
j/81533487037?
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2YwZERmcXhUUT09

Tuesday March 5

• Funeral - (CH)
Carolyn Branch
Viewing 10:00 am
Funeral Mass 11:00 am

Wednesday March 6

- Line Dancing (RR) 11:00am
- Choir Lenten Meeting (RR) 7:00 pm
- African and Friends Choir Rehearsal (CLR2) 7:00 pm

Thursday March 7

- Line Dancing (RR) 12:30 pm
- St Joseph Sodality
 Pray the Rosary
 (Virtual) 5:00 pm Call in
 number (848) 220-3100
 Conference ID: 06241954#
- Cantor Rehearsal (CH) 5:30 pm
- SJCAF-Charismatic Group (CLR 1) 7:00 pm
- KofC Officers
 Planning Meeting
 (RR) 7:00 pm

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Daily Readings for the Week Week of March 3, 2024

<u>Sunday:</u> 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

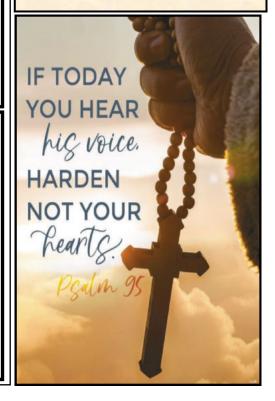
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

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

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

<u>Next Sunday:</u> 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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Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

Gerry Anderson, Agnes Bell, Carla Amorim, Melody & Carl Atkinson, Randy Belt, Veronica Blakeney, Maxine Brown, Renee Burroughs, Paula Butler, Tanesha Butler, Angela & Wick Cartwright, Alberta Christian, Angela Clark, Connie Clark,

Chuck Clay, Angella Coker, Herman Davis, James Doe, Gregory Eades, Verna Etheredge, Tammy Flarisee, Mary E. Fletcher, Larry & Evelyn Frelow, Gina Geron, Rita Gant, Regina Gary, Maureen Gramby, Agnes Grayson, Catherine & Jennifer Gresham, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Lawrence Hill, Sheila Hinton, Doris Hite, Luis Howell, Mark Humphrey, Cathy Jackson, Gwen Jarman, Demetrius Jackson, Katie Jackson, Melvin James, Wendell John, Latashia Johnson, Lyell Johnson, Roland Joyner, Duke Kelly, Fr. Mike King, Mark Sr/Mark Jr & Gabrielle Landry, Alton Ernest Lewis, Henrietta Long, Edwina Love, Karee Lucas, Sadie Malveaux, Barbara Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Leondre Massey, Anthony Mc Donald, Carlos Menefee, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy Mooney, Madga Nelson, Paul Newman, Ronald Nickens, Gail Norris, Cynthia Obedike, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Irene Richmond, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Ronald G. Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Marcia Savoy, Thomas W. Scott, Carolyn & William Scriber, Tyrone Sellers, Dana Chapman-Sewell, Lucille Shaw, Madeline Stillwell, Gwen Sutton, Lucille Swann, Candice Taylor, Kenneth Taylor, Carolyn Thrash, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Paula Wynn,

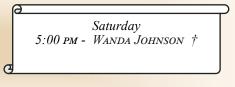
And the Recently Deceased:

Carrie Richards

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



Sunday 8:00 am - St Joseph Family 10:00 am - J-Marie Tchefo † 12:00 pm - John Adeleye Jr. Birthday Blessings



LIVE THE LITURGY:

Inspiration for 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.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

First Reading

The "10 Commandments" given to Moses at Mount Sinai reveal God's moral and ethical expectations for Israel. Which of these Commandments do you personally find most challenging to follow?

SECOND READING

Early in his letter to the Corinthians, Paul speaks of his firm conviction in the power and wisdom of his proclamation, "Christ crucified." What are you confident about in your faith life?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus' deep passion ("zeal") for the Jerusalem Temple led to his strong (and violent) reaction to what he witnessed in the Temple. What is something you feel passionate about as it relates to your faith?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

Question: What is unique about the dimensions of the papal flag? Answer: (a) It is one of only two square country flags in the entire world. (b) It is one of only two triangle country flags in the entire world (c) It is one of only three octagon country flags in the entire world

Answer on Page 5

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED End of Mass

Question:

Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

Answer:

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

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For Our Young Parishioners

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Imagine coming to your church to pray. All around your church, you see people selling animals. It smells like a barn. The animals are loud. The people are shouting. You cannot even pray with all the noise and activity going on around you. That is what Jesus found in today's Gospel. It broke his heart and made Jesus angry. God's house is not supposed to be turned into a barn or a store. It should be a special place where people can meet with God and talk to him. Jesus cleaned out his Father's house. He turned it back into a place of prayer.

PRAYER

God, my church is a place for prayer. Help me to remember that always.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Read John 2:13-25 with your family. Ask God to help you keep your church clean. Church should never be a store or a barn. It should be a special place to pray.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of people singing and praying in your church.

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Thursday March 7

SVDP Meeting (CLR1) 7:00 pm

Saturday March 9

- Religious Ed Classes (CH, RR, All Classrooms)
 10:00 am
- Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CLR2) 3:30 pm
- SJYM Krispy Cream Donut POPUP (RR) After Vigil Mass
- Cantors Workshop with Ron Harbour (CLR 2)
- Come and See Meeting (RR) 6:00 pm

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered (a) It is one of only two square country flags in the entire world.

Note: The other square flag is the flag of Switzerland.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS Every Friday 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

LENTEN REFLECTIONSEvery Friday - 7:30 pm

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Confession / Reconciliation Every Wednesday - 6:00 pm Every Saturday 10:00 am & 3;00 pm

DAILY QUITE TIME TO PRAY

FASTING

ABSTINENCE

ALMSGIVING

HELLO GENERATIONS X, Y AND Z

A Special Invitation to:
Stations of the Cross
Friday March 15th 7:00 pm in the church
followed by
Lenten Reflection
in the Rosemont Room
Join us for Soup, Salad and Fellowship
Bring a Friend

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Can you recite the Ten Commandments by heart? Several years ago a national US survey found more people could identify the ingredients in a Big Mac and name the children in the Brady Bunch television show than recite the Ten Commandments. Of course, being able to recite them is not nearly as important as living a life in harmony with them. However, if we simply live to not break them then we are only living out half of our discipleship.

Every commandment calls us to action beyond the simplicity of its words. We are not to kill, but we are also called to support life. We are not to steal, but we are also to share what we have freely. We are to have no other Gods before our God, but we also need to actively praise and glorify Him.

To live a moral life is to do more than follow rules and laws. It is to actively live in a way that gives witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. This way of living is stewardship. As we focus more on the penitential message of Lent, we need to not just reflect on what we have done wrong, but equally what we have failed to do. To be given so much by a loving God and not share those things with God and His people is wrong as well. Perhaps as we reflect on these things we might find ourselves adding something to our lives that will last for many Lenten seasons to come.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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