

**March 3, 2024**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

*Liturgy of the Word*

**First Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7**

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?" . . . The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 95**

**Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. R.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. R.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works." R.

**Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-8**

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

**R. Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

**Gospel: John 4: 5-42**

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 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, "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." The Gospel of the Lord. . . Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

## Weekly Mass Intentions

March 3th: Ms. Kim Young, deceased daughter to our Mrs. Deborah Young.

March 12th, Mrs. Joyce Ann Roberts, sister to our Mrs. Myra Clinton, on the 12th anniversary of her passing.

March 17th, Mrs. Barbara Brown, beloved mother to our Mrs. Karen Brown-Berkley, on the 35th anniversary of her passing and her 85th birthday.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon them, may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen

**Friary Mass Envelopes** available on the info table, If you would like have mass offered for a loved one in the friary chapel.

On Feb. 2, 2024 Fr. Patrick remembered Mrs. Geraldine Smith at the request of her friend, Mrs. Colette Attenoukon.

## Missionary Discipleship Program

Once again we will be offering our Missionary Discipleship Program for those desiring to deepen their relationship with Jesus and His call for Discipleship.

**Please stop at the MD table** at the back of church or call Paula Cullings at 443-858-4646

## Mother's Day Candles and Novena

The Annual Mother's Day Novena of Candles and masses is available now. The envelopes are available on the info table. Please write the name of the person you would like to remember, living or deceased on the envelope and drop it in the collection basket. The candles will be on display on Mother's Day, May 12th. Donation: \$3.00. Envelopes on info table or call Faye to give information.



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## Tithe Update for 2/11/24

Regular: \$3,940.00 Utilities: \$137.00 Cont. Mission: \$80.00

## Prayer—Fasting—Almsgiving!

## Seek the City Update

Over the next month the Archdiocese Seek the City Process is moving through the Parish Modeling Phase. Fr. Paul & Leadership Team members will be attending the next few meetings to help develop a new model for our City Church. Here is the process:

1. **Next Session #2: Fri., March 8, Regional Model discussion to provide critical feedback in refining draft options. (Team Only) St. Mary's Seminary**
2. **Session #3: Fri., Mar. 22, Based on feedback, participants to review draft models for each region and then build consensus.**
3. **Citywide 2024 Lenten Pilgrimage Journey - A time to gather, reflect and pray each Wed. during Lent. This is an open invitation to all who wish to participate.**
  - Wed. Mar. 6, "Living the Eucharist", Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 7pm to 8:30pm.
  - Wed., Mar. 13, "Hope in the Eucharist", Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 7pm to 8:30pm.

## Lent at Saint Ambrose

**Stations of the Cross** throughout Lent, Sundays at 9:30am in place of the rosary.

**Bible Study for Women** Women's Bible Study, Wednesday, 7PM on ZOOM, Meeting ID: 751 9795 7055 Password: 123456 or dial in: 301-715-8592

## Parish Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick

Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 24th, after the Revival.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation Opportunities

The Sacrament will be celebrated, Sunday, March 3rd & 17th after 10am mass in the confessional and Chapel in back of church.

## We celebrate our Elect:

Our FIVE Candidates for Full Communion at Easter:



Deitrick Goodwin  
Vanessa Lewis  
Hugh Privette  
Larry E. Veney, Sr.  
Patricia Veney

**The First Scrutiny will be celebrated March 10th with the Presentation of the Creed and the 2nd Scrutiny of Presentation of the Lord's Prayer on March 17th.**

## Holy Week Schedule:

### Operation Faith Lift:

**Saturday, 23rd, Street Evangelization, Noon to 2PM**

**Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 24th**, We join our brothers and sister from St. John Lutheran & Holy Nativity for Blessing on Palm at Park Heights Ave & Cold Spring Ln. 10:15AM



**Tenebrae Service, Monday, March 25th, 7:15PM**

**HOLY WEEK Holy Thursday, March 28th, 2024**

**Mass of the Last Supper and Washing of Feet/Hands, 6:30PM.**

**Good Friday, Service, 3PM**

**Holy Saturday, No Vigil Mass.**

**Easter Sunday, Mass at 10AM.**



**Healing Prayer:** Mary Adderly, Helen Augins, Jean Bennett, Parrish Boyd, Karen Brown-Berkley, Annie Bruce, Renee Bruce, Al Butler, Debbie Chase, Eric Cullings, Dale Dyson, Earlene Forrest, William Ford III, Eric Frazier, Sarah Gamble, JoAnn Glenn, Angela Johnson, Cornell (Nelson) Johnson, Josie Johnson, Joseph Jones, Sheila Leary-Smith, Charles Manns, III, Eric Manns, Sr., Kimberly Merrill, Allan Noble, Charles Richardson Williams, Corey Richardson, Rhonda Rumbra, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Veronica Spears, Augustine & Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas, Rosalie Watkins, William Young, Sr., Maxine Witherspoon, Eugene Zaborowski and Alice Zaborowski.





### Mother Lange Awards

This afternoon at Mt. Providence Motherhouse, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD 21227 we will present our three candidates from the parish at the Mother Lange Awards. The recipients from Saint Ambrose are:

**Mrs. Christine Barnes (Leadership)**

**Mr. George Johnson, (Service)**

**Ms. Tracey Stone (Youth-Service)**

All are welcome to attend. There will be a free will offering for the Oblate Sisters and their needs so please consider donating to help our Oblate Sisters on behalf of our recipients. Congratulation! Fr. Paul will be presenting the motherhouse with a check in the amount of \$700.00 in honor of our recipients.

### Baptism Preparation Class



Deacon Rubio will be conducting a Baptism Preparation class for all parents and Godparents on Sunday, March 17th at 8:30am in the rectory. If you have an infant or young child below the age of seven, please contact

Deacon to register for the class. Parents and Godparents NEED TO ATTEND. At Least One Godparent MUST BE A WORSHIPING CATHOLIC, the other may be Catholic or of another Christian denomination. Please call Deacon Rubio at 410-207-8591 to register. Baptisms will take place on Easter Sunday, March 31st at the 10am mass.



**We need you to step up & Step Out!**

**Saturday, March 23rd, 2024**  
**Operation Faith-Lift!**  
**NOON TO 2PM!**

We will go door to door in the neighborhood and distribute invites to join us for our Easter celebration. If you aren't comfortable or able to join us in this, then—at the same time: St. Anthony's Closet & St. Vincent de Paul Society is hosting its next **FREE FLEA MARKET & GIVEAWAY!** Join in the street ministry or help here in front of church—but just **STEP UP & SHOW UP!**

### CHURCH HOUSE CLEANING



**CHURCH CLEANING**  
WE COULD USE YOUR HELP...

**Join us on Saturday, March 30th,**  
**Holy Saturday Morning for our annual**  
**CLEAN UP!**

**Donuts & Coffee at 10:30am followed**  
**by the BIG CLEAN AT 11am!**  
**Sign up for all of these activities at the**  
**info table in the back of church.**