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Third Sunday of Lent The Samaritan Woman ~John 4: 05-42

Water jars were valuable commodities in the Holy Lands of the first century. Making them required long hours of work; not only forming them, but finding and excavating the clay by hand. No one would intentionally leave their water jar behind let alone amongst a group of strangers from a rival faith tradition. This detail often goes unnoticed and is omitted from the shorter version of the Sunday reading. It is however, a detail worth noting. Once the Samaritan Woman finds the “water of eternal life” in Christ she no longer needs the heavy burden of the jar to retrieve water from the well. In a sense her earthly burdens have been lifted and thus left behind. We too can relinquish our earthly burdens to Christ. The water jar can also be seen as symbolic of the woman’s work life. One of her daily chores would have been to haul water from the well back to her home, a laborious and difficult task. When she recognizes Jesus as the Messiah she leaves her water jar at the well and goes to “evangelize” to the rest of the town. Likewise when Peter, James and John were called by Jesus they too put down the symbols of their work life (their fishing nets) and followed him. Many of us define ourselves by what we do, rather than what we believe. It is surprising how many people, when asked about themselves, respond with their job title. It is only when we recognize Christ as the source of our lives, our living water, things begin to change. It is when we realize we not only worship him in church, but that we worship him everywhere; we can finally set aside our water jars and drop our nets. We can do this because we have finally found meaning in our life...in Christ. © 2011 James E. Carper. All rights reserved.

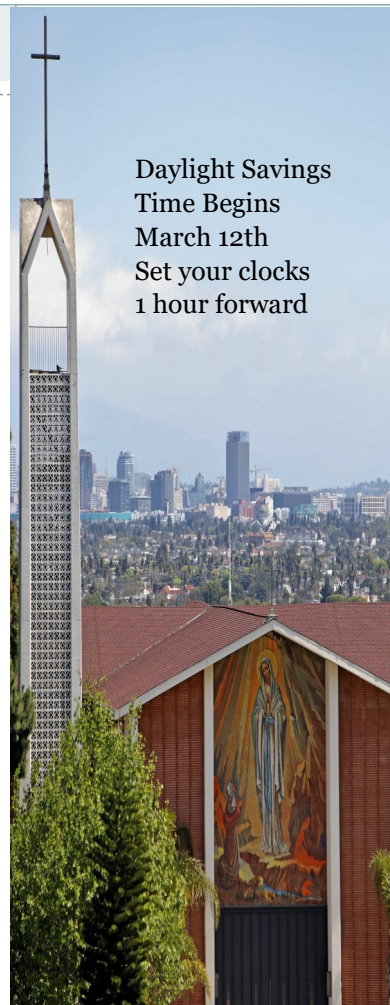
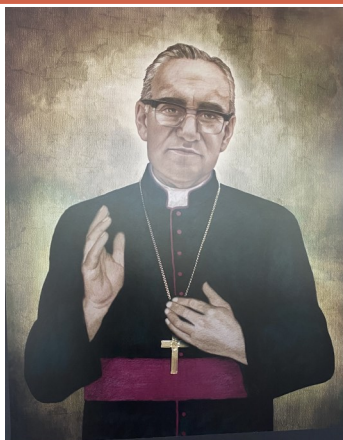
Coming to St Bernadette in March: Journey of the Saints Exhibition “So All May Be One”

The Community of South Los Angeles is invited to journey with the 23 portraits of saints on display at St Bernadette. Learn more about their diversity and impact on our world.

Saturday, March 11, 2023

Come to 4:00 pm Mass

For a sneak peek following Mass



Daylight Savings
Time Begins
March 12th
Set your clocks
1 hour forward

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“Trust in the LORD with all your heart” Proverbs 3:5	

The Third Week of Lent: Don't Give UP! Give it Up!

In this, the third week of Lent, we often find our resolution beginning to wane. What would it hurt to have just one piece of chocolate, or one little drink? Maybe I'll watch the news tonight, as long as I don't watch any other TV. I know I said I wouldn't gossip, but this is just too juicy to wait until Easter . . .

The Israelites, too, went through periods when their commitment declined, even as God was guiding them through the desert toward the Promised Land. In the Scripture Readings for the Third Week of Lent, we see God forming His covenant with the Chosen People and confirming it with a blood sacrifice. Yet when Moses goes up on Mount Sinai for 40 days to receive the Ten Commandments, the Israelites apostatize, asking Aaron to create a golden calf for them to worship. How easy it is to forget all the good God has done for us! During these 40 days, we'll be tempted many times to turn our backs on those Lenten disciplines we adopted to draw us closer to God. If we simply persevere, however, the reward will be great: the grace which comes from dedicating our lives to Christ. The readings for each day of the Third Week of Lent, found on the following pages, come from the Office of the Readings, part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official prayer of the Church.

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2018/february/what-to-give-up-for-lent-2018-top-ideas-twitter-100.html>



**Join us for
Bible Study**

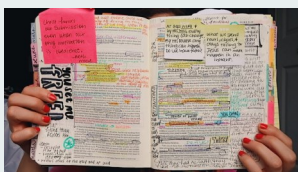
**1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 & 7:00 PM
Via ZOOM**

**1:00 pm Meeting
ID: 87233018319
Passcode: 689472**

**Contact:
Carolyn James
(323) 394-5441**

**7:00 pm Meeting
ID 811 5705 8134
Passcode: 6FuFf7**

**Contact:
Elsie Dixon
(310) 410-2962**



It Isn't Easter, without Easter Lilies

ORDER NOW!!!

"Remember a Loved One"

"Beautify your Home"

"Plant in the Back Yard"

TAKING ORDERS UNTIL March 21, 2023

**6 inch pots / 5 to 7 Blooms
\$20.00 each
(323) 293-4877**

What's a Confirmandi??? In Confirmation the "Confirmed" (confirmandi) receives the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the imposition of hands and the anointing with oils by the bishop. This sacrament brings us deeper into communion with the Church. It is the third and last Sacrament of initiation. "Like Baptism, Confirmation is given only once. It imprints upon the soul the sign Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of his Spirit by clothing him with power from on high to be his witness." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1304) It is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as on the day of **Pentecost**. Confirmation is the last of the three sacraments of initiation (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation). It unites us more firmly to Christ. It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit and, like baptism, leaves an indelible mark on the soul. The Anointing with oil is an ancient Biblical tradition. The Jews had a messiah and it was usually their king at the time, however they were also awaiting a greater Messiah, one who would deliver them from oppression. Jesus WAS the Messiah. The sign of the Messiah was he was royal and messiahs were put in their position by being anointed with oil confirming their appointment by God. This tradition, carried on in Christianity, with the teaching of "sharing in Christ's messiahship" and his royal priesthood. In fact, the first example of Catholic Confirmation can be found in Acts 8:14-17.



Coffee and donuts



Join us for Coffee and Donuts

After 10:00 Mass in the Grotto
Every Sunday in the Parish Hall
If you would like to
sponsor Coffee and Donuts
Contact the Parish Office
(323) 293-4877

St. Bernadette Women's Retreat March 31 - April 02, 2023

MADE FOR GREATER

You Are Made For Greater Things Than These

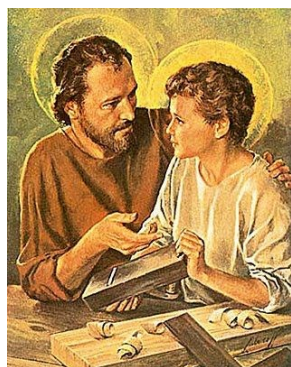
The Carmelite Sisters invite all women to attend this retreat at the Sacred Heart Retreat House. This year's retreat theme comes from a quote of Mother Luisita to one of her Carmelite daughters, exhorting her to keep her eyes fixed on HEAVEN and to remain firm in conviction of the dignity of every life. We believe Mother Luisita's wisdom has much to offer the world in our present time. The Carmelite Sisters invite all women to come on retreat at The Sacred Heart Retreat House.

Registration is now available!

By PHONE (626) 289-1353

Or, REGISTER ONLINE:

www.sacredheartretreathouse.com



March is the Month of Joseph

While May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Catholic Church, March is dedicated to Mary's spouse, St. Joseph. With the solemn feast of St. Joseph falling on March 19th in the Church's liturgical year, Catholics celebrate St. Joseph's Day even when it falls during the season of Lent as it did this year. St. Joseph stayed in the background and served Mary and Jesus as their protector and provider. Aside from the infancy narratives in Matthew and Luke's Gospels, little is known about St. Joseph except he was a carpenter. Scholars say St. Joseph probably

died between the years of Jesus being found in the Temple and the start of his public ministry. While devotion to Mary flourished in the early Church, devotion to St. Joseph did not really develop until the 17th and 18th centuries when religious congregations helped promote St. Joseph as a patron and intercessor.

Mass Intention requests:

Is it for an individual? or family?

Is the person Living? Deceased?

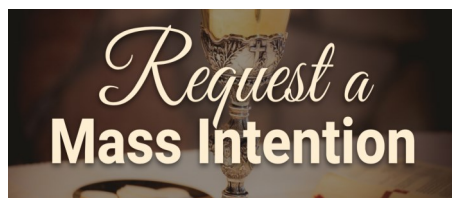
Name of the person making the request?

The Contact person's name?

(If different than the requestor) Phone?

Email address? Requested date of the Mass?

Please note if the intention is for a special occasion, such as a birthday, or an anniversary Are prayers for the healing of a specific disease?



LITURGY SCHEDULE

MARCH 13, 2023
MONDAY OF THE THIRD
WEEK OF LENT
TO MARCH 19, 2023
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN
LENT

Monday, March 13, 2023

8:00 am

Communion Service

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

8:00 am

Communion Service

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Thursday, March 16, 2023

8:00 am Mass In-Person

Liturgy of the Word
(pre-recorded)

Friday, March 17, 2023

8:00 am Mass In-Person

Liturgy of the Word
(pre-recorded)

Saturday, March 18, 2023

Liturgy of the Word
(pre-recorded)

Confessions 3:00 pm

Vigil Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 19, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Mass

Coffee & Donuts

following Mass in the Grotto

Other Sacraments
(as Scheduled)

Mass Intentions

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1 Corinthians 15:58

Oh Lord, help every worker to work wholeheartedly for the church. Help them to remember the work they do in the church is not in vain as Your Word declares Your work is never wasted.



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Mass Intentions for this Week

March 11, 2023

Issac Bacon

March 12, 2023

May the Father welcome us in his love
empowering us to turn from sinful ways
and be heralds of his truth in the world.

7 Rules of Life

@MINDSETOF GREATNESS

1. Make peace with your past so it won't disturb your present.
2. What other people think of you is none of your business.
3. Time heals almost everything. Give it time.
4. No one is in charge of your happiness, except you.
5. Don't compare your life to others and don't judge them. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
6. Stop thinking too much. It's alright not to know the answers. They will come to you when you least expect it.
7. Smile. You don't own all the problems in the world.

The Seven Holy Virtues

Three Spiritual Virtues

Fides (Faith)

Spes (Hope)

Caritas (Charity)

Four Cardinal Virtues

Prudence

Temperance

Fortitude

Justice

Did you know? March 11-12 Archdiocese of Los Angeles Fingerprinting Procedures

The Archdiocese provides fingerprinting services free of charge and works with the California Department of Justice to have these fingerprints submitted and scanned by the appropriate agencies. Anyone in the archdiocese who has regular contact with minors or vulnerable adults, whether in a paid or volunteer position, must be fingerprinted before they can begin work.

For more information about fingerprinting protocols, visit:

<https://handbook.la-archdiocese.org/chapter-9/section-9-3>

