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Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

Office Hours

Monday (Closed)
Tuesday - Friday
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday:	5:00 PM - English 7:00 PM - Español
Sunday:	9:00 AM - English 12:00 PM - Español
Tuesday:	8:15 AM - English
Wednesday:	9:00 AM - English
Thursday:	8:15 AM - English
Friday:	8:15 AM - English

Confession | Confesiones

Saturday
400pm-5:00pm inside the Church.

Baptisms

Call the Parish Office for preparation times.
Llame a la oficina parroquial para agendar un bautizo.

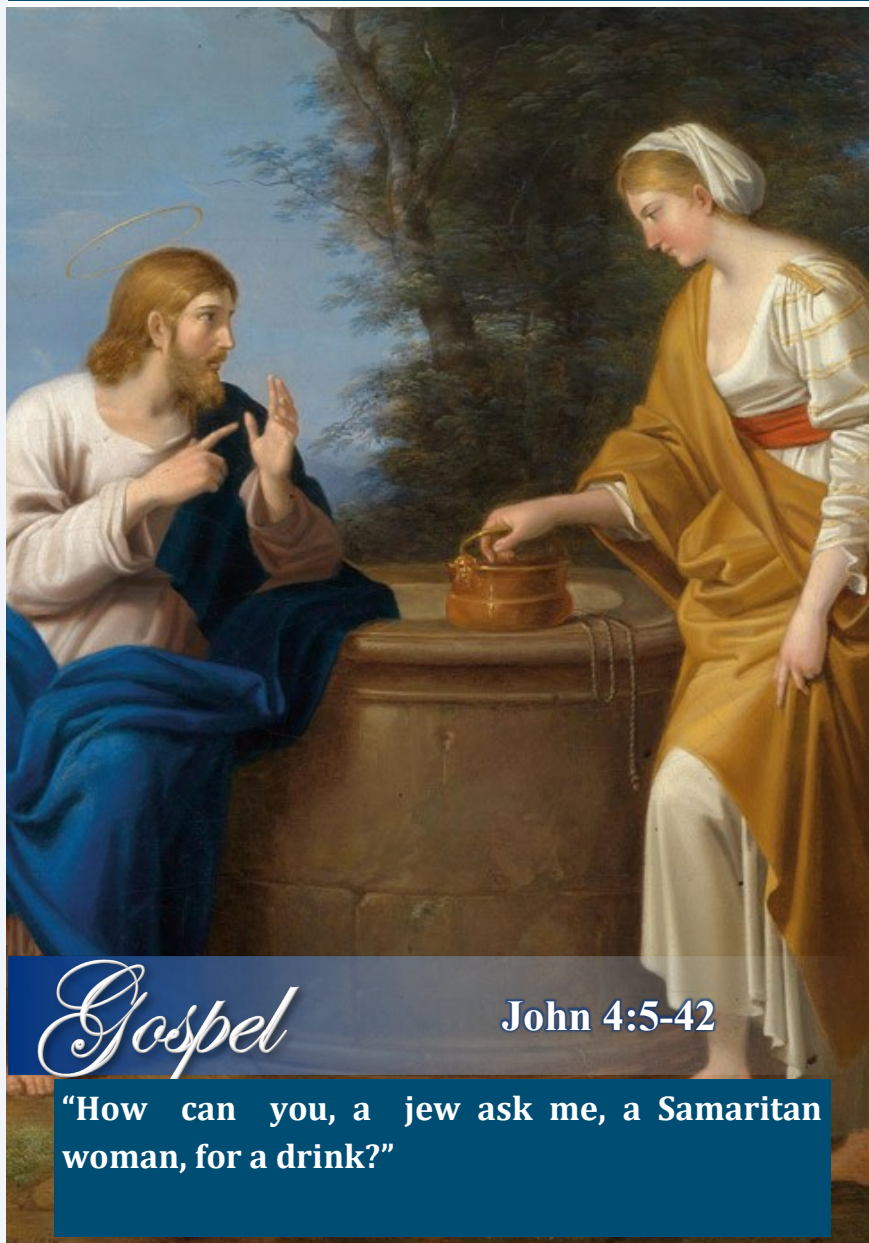
Weddings & Quinceañeras

At least six months notice required.
Se requiere un aviso de al menos seis meses.

Parish Staff

Personal parroquial

Rev. Victor Gutierrez *Pastor*
Kerri Bray-Smith, *School Principal*
Gabriela Valadez, *Secretary*
Diana Jimenez, *Bookkeeper*
Miluska Beltran, *Volunteer Rel. Ed. Director*



St. Philomene Parish Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of St. Philomene Parish, are a communion of brothers and sisters united by our communion with Jesus Christ who gathers us and empowers us with His Holy Spirit to worship God in faith through the celebration of the Sacraments, prayers, evangelization and loving communion and service. We rejoice and embrace the diversity of all our members as a gift from God.

Today's Readings

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

God tells Moses to bring forth water from the rock

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95:1-2,6-7,8-9

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

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Chris died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Reading

John 4:5-42

Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.

Background on the Gospel

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink? Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the Community was of paramount importance.

Background on the Gospel

The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans share Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera Lectura

Éxodo 17,3-7

Dios le dice a Moisés que haga brotar agua de la roca.

Salmo Responsorial

Salmo 94,1-2.6-7.8-9

Ojalá escuchen hoy su voz: "No endurezcan el corazón.

Segunda Lectura

Romanos 5,1-2.5-8

Cristo murió por nosotros cuando aún éramos pecadores.

Evangelio

Juan 4,42.15

Jesús se revela a la samaritana junto al pozo.

Antecedentes del Evangelio

Este domingo y los dos siguientes, dejamos de leer el Evangelio de Mateo para leer el Evangelio de Juan. Este es el único Evangelio que no pertenece a un año litúrgico específico. En cambio, las lecturas del Evangelio de Juan se intercalan a lo largo de nuestro ciclo litúrgico trienal.

En el Evangelio de hoy, el diálogo entre Jesús y una mujer samaritana es uno de los más largos y teológicos de las Escrituras. Lo más sorprendente de la conversación es que se lleva a cabo. Se esperaba que Jesús, un judío practicante de aquella época, evitara conversar con mujeres en público. La animosidad entre judíos y samaritanos también debería haber impedido la conversación. La propia mujer alude a la ruptura con la tradición: "¿Cómo puedes tú, siendo judío, pedirme de beber a mí, una mujer samaritana?". Sin embargo, Jesús no solo conversa con la mujer, sino que también le pide compartir su vaso, una acción que lo hace impuro según la ley judía.

La conversación inicial entre Jesús y la mujer se comprende mejor si consideramos la importancia del agua, especialmente en el clima de Israel. Al principio, la mujer entiende la promesa de Jesús de "agua viva" en sentido literal: "Señor, dame esa agua, para que no tenga sed ni tenga que venir aquí a sacarla". Sin agua corriente, la visita diaria de las mujeres de la comunidad al pozo era de suma importancia. Las mujeres del pueblo habrían ido al pozo temprano por la mañana, pero esta mujer llegó al mediodía, la hora más

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calurosa del día. El momento de su visita es una clara señal de que era una paria dentro de la comunidad samaritana. En su conversación con Jesús, aprendemos que era una paria debido a sus "muchos maridos".

Tras la conversación se esconde la animosidad y la rivalidad entre judíos y samaritanos. Los samaritanos compartían ascendencia judía, pero se habían casado con extranjeros cuando vivían bajo el dominio asirio. La religión samaritana incluía la adoración a Yahvé, pero también estaba influenciada por la adoración a otros dioses. Cuando los judíos rechazaron la ayuda samaritana en la construcción del Templo de Jerusalén, los samaritanos finalmente construyeron un templo para sí mismos en el Monte Gerizim (el mismo monte mencionado por la mujer junto al pozo). Al igual que los judíos, los samaritanos creían en la llegada del Mesías.

El momento culminante de la conversación es cuando Jesús se revela a ella como el Mesías. Su respuesta a las preguntas de la mujer samaritana sobre la adoración pretende predecir un tiempo en el que la adoración en verdad y espíritu se convertirá en la forma de adoración.

Después de la conversación, la mujer samaritana se convierte en discípula. Aunque es una paria y no judía, regresa a su pueblo para guiar a otros hacia Jesús y preguntarse si ha encontrado al Mesías. Los habitantes del pueblo samaritano regresan con ella para conocer a Jesús personalmente, y se dice que muchos llegan a creer en él.

La importancia del encuentro entre Jesús y la mujer samaritana tiene múltiples niveles. El primero es personal: La mujer se convierte a la fe en Jesús como Mesías porque él conoce su pecado, pero aun así le habla. El segundo es social: Tras conocer a Jesús como el Mesías, la samaritana se convierte en evangelizadora de su pueblo.

El tercer nivel de la historia es educativo: Jesús aprovecha su encuentro con la samaritana para enseñar a sus discípulos que la misericordia de Dios es ilimitada. Los discípulos regresan de sus compras bastante confundidos y encuentran a Jesús hablando con una samaritana, ¡y una mujer, además! Pero la conversión de los habitantes del pueblo samaritano es un anticipo del tipo de comunidad abierta que se creará entre quienes creen que Jesús es el Mesías.

Mass Intentions

Intenciones de la Misa

Sat	Mar 07	5:00 pm	Blessed Souls in Purgatory
		7:00 pm	Jose Antonio Alvarado † Maria Bertha Guzman de Alvarado † Almas Benditas del Purgatorio
Sun	Mar 08	9:00 am	Catalina Abella † Elsa Magalong †
		12:00pm	Moises Gonzalez Velasco † Francisco Santos † Paula Colon Sandoval † Margarito Velasco Quiroz† Ines Galindo Leon †

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Prayers For The Recently Deceased

Oremos por los recién fallecidos

Myrna Rodrigues	Nelly Callueng
Dee Rentaria	Maria Elena Villalobos Rosas
Jonathon Keeber	Adriana Isabel Peña
Mary Tietrasritta	Bladimir Zarate
Juan Carlos Sanchez	Susan Farwell

Events of the week

Mon	Mar 09	7: 00pm	Grupo de Oración
Thu	Mar 12	6:30 pm	Penance Service Servicio Penitencial
Fri	Mar 13	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross Vía Crucis
Sat	Mar 14	4:00pm	Penance Service Confesiones

Weekend Collections

Colectas de Ofertorio del Fin de Semana

March 1, 2026

Sunday Collections: \$ 5,033.10

No Second Collection

I would like to thank you all for your generous donations for the upkeep (physical and pastoral) of our beloved Parish! Let us together continue the mission of Jesus! May our God abundantly bless you and your families!

Rev. Victor Gutierrez



Please Keep In Your Prayers

Por favor mantenlos en tus oraciones

Rafael Alvarado Preciado	Jose Alvarado Luna	Rafaela Preciado Bautista
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If you wish to volunteer and/or donate, please visit our website at www.sharinggods bounty.com for additional information."

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Si desea ser voluntario o donar, visite nuestro sitio web www.sharinggods bounty.com para obtener más información.

St. Philomene Food Closet

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

We are in need of dozen egg cartons. Drop them off at the food closet.

For those in need of food: We are open Mondays from 9am-12:15pm.

Interested in volunteering for the food closet?

We need help sorting food donations on Saturday mornings from 10am - 12pm. Call 916-481-7113 and leave a message.

¡GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD!

Necesitamos cartones de huevos vacíos, de una docena. Déjelos en el Dispensario de Alimentos.

Para aquellos que necesitan comida: Abrimos los Lunes de 9am a 12:15pm.

¿Interesado en ser voluntario en el Dispensario de Alimentos?

Necesitamos ayuda para separar las donaciones de alimentos los Sábados por la mañana de 10am - 12pm. Llama al 916-481-7113 y deja tu mensaje.

Saint Philomene Church

EUCCHARISTIC

Adoration & Confessions

THURSDAYS

7:00pm - 8:00pm

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

-St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Iglesia de Santa Filomena

ADORACION

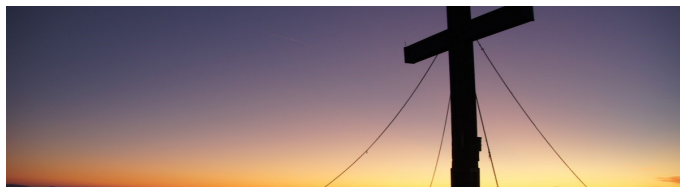
Eucarística & Confesiones

THURSDAYS

7:00pm - 8:00pm

"Mil años disfrutando de la gloria humana no valen ni siquiera una hora dedicada a la dulce comunión con Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento."

-St. Pio de Pietrelcina



Lentent Schedule 2026

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FEBRUARY 20TH - MARCH 27TH

Every Friday during Lent

7:00 pm inside the Church

PENANCE SERVICE - MARCH 12

Bilingual Service

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

SERVICIO PENITENCIAL - MARCH 12

Servicio Bilingüe

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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MARCH 28TH
PASSION STATIONS OF THE
CROSS

APRIL 11TH
BLESSING OF THE
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Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether longtime residents or newly arrived in our Parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered with St. Philomene, please fill out this form and place it in the Collection basket or mail it in to the Parish Office. Thank you and God bless you!

Registration/Change of Address: Allow at least 3 months to receive envelopes or for any changes.

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☐ I have changed my address; my envelope # is _____

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