

March 12, 2023 Third Sunday of Lent



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."... 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?" 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." - John 4:5-42

"Lord ... give me this water, that I may not thirst" (Jn 4,15 ; cf. Gospel Acclamation). The request of the Samaritan woman marks a crucial turning-point in her long and intense conversation with Jesus that takes place at Jacob's well, near the city of Sychar. St John recounts it in today's Gospel.

Christ asks the woman "Give me a drink" (v. 7). His material thirst symbolizes a far deeper reality: it expresses his ardent desire that his dialogue partner and her fellow-citizens will open themselves to faith. The Samaritan woman, when she asks Christ for water, is basically revealing the need for salvation present in every heart. And the Lord is revealed as the one who offers the living water of the Spirit, that satisfies forever the infinite thirst of every human being.

The liturgy for this Third Sunday of Lent presents a splendid commentary on the Johannine episode when it says in the preface that Jesus "so deeply thirsted" for the salvation of the Samaritan woman that "he set on fire in her the flame of God's love".

The episode of the Samaritan woman charts the journey of faith that we are all called to pursue. Even today Jesus continues "to thirst", namely, to desire humanity's faith and love. From our personal encounter with him, if we recognize and receive him as the Messiah, come our attachment to his message of salvation and the desire to spread it in the world.

This is what happens in the rest of the Gospel passage. The bond with Jesus totally transforms the life of the woman who hurries without delay to proclaim the good news to the people in the nearby village: "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" (Jn 4,29).

Revelation received with faith asks to become a word proclaimed to others, witnessed in the concrete choices of life. This is the mission of believers, coming from and growing in their personal meeting with the Lord.

I congratulate you on what you are doing, above all, in the work of catechesis, the liturgy and charity. In fact, they are the permanent pillars of Christian life and are to be developed with the aid of the support and services of organization and formation offered by pastoral offices of the Vicariate. Indeed, every parish community grows more united and active when it walks in affective and effective communion with its legitimate Pastors and the

entire diocesan family.

Pay special attention to families, so that they may fully realize their vocation. Even if they should encounter difficulties in conjugal life or in the education of their children, may they never cease to remember the fundamental "yes" that husband and wife declared on their wedding day. God never lets those who trust in him lack the support of grace.

Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, continue to carry out with dedication that specific apostolic work that is so necessary for the life of the Church: the permanent Mission. This is a precious heritage... Taking on the problems of others gives you the possibility of offering them the concrete witness of God's infinite love. In addition to the visits to families and the efforts to build friendly relations with people, may you also take pains to intensify fruitful experiences of formation that benefit children and young people... If you inculcate confidence in these boys and girls, they will be generous apostles among their peers and actively cooperate in the parish projects.

The words of the Apostle Paul in the second reading refer to the gift of the Spirit, symbolized by the living water, that Jesus promises to the Samaritan woman. The Spirit is the "pledge" of the definitive salvation that God has promised to us. Man cannot live without hope. Many hopes go down when they crash against the rocks of life. However Christian hope "does not disappoint" because it is based on the solid foundation of faith in the love of God revealed in Christ.

To Mary, Mother of hope, I entrust your parish and the Lenten journey towards Easter. May Mary, who followed her Son Jesus to the Cross, help us all to be faithful disciples of the one who makes well up in our hearts the water for eternal life (cf. Jn 4,14).

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-St. John Paul

Readings For This Week

Reading I: Exodus:17-3-7

Reading II: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Readings For Next Week

Reading I: 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7, 10-13a

Reading II: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

FINANCE

1st Collection= \$2,653

This week's 2nd Collection is for Building & Maintenance

Next week's 2nd Collection is for Catholic Relief/CCHD

St. Bernard Parish Rosary Program Totals

Rosaries this week= **83** Cumulative total= **880**

Put your rosary totals in the marked baskets. Please join us for Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday Rosary @ 11:30am @ St Bernard before Holy Mass.

Gospel Lecture Series Resumes TODAY You are invited to Deacon Frank Weber's popular Lecture Series on the Gospels. It features ***The Messianic Prophecies of Jesus***. These are recorded lectures given in memory of Fr. Eric Freed in the Pinocchi Rm after the 10:30 mass on Sunday, March 12th and Sunday, March 19th.

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule:

Saturday, March 11

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00pm Int. Merle Myers St. Joseph Church

Sunday, March 12

7:30 am Int. Merle Myers St. Joseph Church
9:00 am Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church
10:30 am +Gertrude Ricks St. Bernard Church
12:15pm +Felipe de Jesus Silva Rodriguez Sacred Heart

Monday, March 13

12:15 pm +Christopher Weber St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, March 14

7:30 am Hugo Pompati & Family St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, March 15

12:15 pm +Judy Williamson St. Bernard Church
1:00 pm Adoration & Confession St. Bernard Church
6:00 pm Adoration & Confession Sacred Heart Church
7:00 pm Sp +Felipe de Jesus Silva Rodriguez Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, March 16

7:30 am +Hans Burchardt St. Joseph Church

Friday, March 17

12:15 pm +Judy Williamson St. Bernard Church
*After Mass -Stations of the Cross St. Bernard Church
7:00 pm (Sp) Stations of the Cross Sacred Heart Church

Saturday, March 18

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00pm +Hans Burchardt St. Joseph Church

Sunday, March 19

7:30 am +Catherine Conway St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +John Moon Sacred Heart Church
10:30 am Int. Ryan Pepper St. Bernard Church
12:15pm Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For:

Alex Anderson, Amber, Peter John A., Francis Roberts, Norma & Al Marty, Pat Kinsella, Jeanne Michaels, Dan, Stella, Sandra, Maureen Sullivan, Martha Fosnaugh, John Hinds, Marian Griffin, Margaret Knight, Julie Dolan, Winsome Miller, Margarita Martinez, Evangelina Martinez, M. Vargas, Neal Geving, Family of Mario Jesus Lopez, Jacob Rivera, Tici McCormack, Delores McBroome, Vickie B, Jean Murphy, Millie Perrone, Star Salazar, Barbara, Shawn, Laurie Morales, Marilyn Ziblich, Anderson Family, Judy Mill, Monika Rose Cleenewerck & Basil & Santos Mainus

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

Faith Reyna-Sanchez, Dave Silverbrand, Judy Williamson, Ahron Journey, Rosemary Buss, Betty Lutje, Vivian LaMont, Chet Branum, Tom Bronchetti, Bernice Abreu, Delores Soares, Eveline B. Sutton, Yvette Logan, Avira Agata Concepta Gomes, Chad Kryla, & Fr. Gerard Brady

St. Bernard's Phone Prayer Line.

For those who are interested in joining the prayer chain or anyone with a prayer request, please call Alan/Illeen at (707) 442-6844. "Prayer is an act of love, words aren't needed. Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love." ~ St. Teresa of Avila

Sacred Heart Spanish Lenten Retreat-March 18th

There will be a Lenten Retreat in Spanish on March 18th 8:30am-4:00pm at the Sacred Shed at Sacred Heart Church in Eureka. Please call the office at 707-443-8429.

For Sale Commercial Grade Stainless Kitchen Counter

St Vincent de Paul 9 foot commercial grade stainless steel kitchen counter for \$300. See Mary SVDP 3rd St

ICF St. Joseph Table Sunday March 19th

The Italian Catholic Federation will host a St. Joseph Table bake sale in the courtyard outside of the side door of St Bernard Church on Sunday March 19th from 10:00 AM until noon. Cakes, biscotti, cookies, muffins, brownies, and bread will be available on a donation basis. In addition, a limited number of religious items for the Lenten season will also be available.

The Italian Catholic Federation Thanks You

The Italian Catholic Federation (Eureka Branch #145) thanks you for supporting the 2023 peanut butter and jelly donation drive. The Champion of the Super Bowl of Peanut Butter and Jelly 2023 is St Mary's Parish in Arcata (for the second year in a row)! St Bernard and Sacred Heart collected 373 pounds of the 1,326 pound grand total. Betty Chinn's ministry to the homeless is very grateful for these food donations to feed the homeless folks of Humboldt County.

St. Bernard - St Patrick's Fest - Saturday March 18



The St. Patrick's Fest hosted by St. Bernard and put on by the Knights of Columbus will be on Saturday, March 18th at 5:00pm in the St. Bernard Parish Hall at 6th and I Streets in Eureka. The menu will consist of corned beef and cabbage with all the usual goodies. Irish beer and wine will be available for purchase. Back by popular demand is the Pot of Gold Raffle. Tickets are \$30 Adults and \$15 Kids (12 & under) and available at the door or from any Knight. Come eat delicious food, laugh with friends, and enjoy the entertainment and live music.

40 Days For Life Has Begun On February 22 -April 2, 2023 40 Days For Life is praying peacefully near Planned Parenthood at the corner of Wilson St & Walford Ave to help save the lives of unborn children and refer women to real no cost help, so that they may feel supported in having their precious babies. Please consider volunteering an hour or more to pray, fast and keep vigil. Vigil hours are from 7am-7pm daily until Holy Week. Contact Stephanie 707-498-7758 and/or learn more and sign-up at 40daysforlife.com/humboldtco Women and men who suffer from post abortion trauma can find healing at SilentNoMore and RachelsVineyard websites.

Baby Bottle Boomerang Invitation

Baby bottles for donations to the Pregnancy Care Center and J Rolpe are in the churches. Please take one home and support your catholic pro-life values by collecting monetary donations for the pro-life centers. This is a great Lenten project for the family: placing money in the bottle for the help of Moms and babies. Return to church office or PCC.

Natural Family Planning Class Information

Natural Family Planning classes teach a highly effective scientific method involving charting the individual body's system for the purpose of determining fertile and infertile times. . Please go to the Couple to Couple League website to compare classes, find classes near you or to register <https://ccli.org/> Natural family planning (NFP) can now be learned: self-paced, live online, or onsite. Cost is \$150 and taught either in Spanish or English.