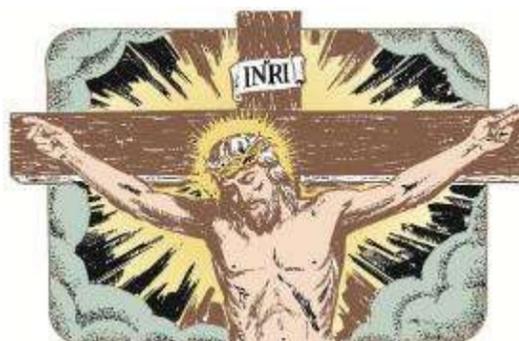


# Third Sunday of Lent March 15, 2020

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

— *Romans 5:8*



## THIRST

Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

**Gospel** — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 16</b> † Manuel Scerri † Joseph Vella
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 17</b> † Joseph A. Sant
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am 7:00 pm	<b>March 18</b> Communal Service † Martina C. Cruz † Jose Jimenez
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 19</b> † Mrs. Lopez
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 20</b> † John DeLuca
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am 4:30 pm	<b>March 21</b> † Francis Cook † Alex Hili
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am  9:30 am 11:30 am	<b>March 22</b> † Gio Batta Garibaldi † Ruth Garibaldi-Lembi Italian Catholic Federation People of the Parish † Alex Hili

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

For any available Masses listed above please see the priest before Mass with your written intention and stipend.

## Sunday Collection March 8 ,2020

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,303.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 1,697.00</b>
<b>Annual Appeal</b>	<b>\$ 796.00</b>

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check. This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system.

**We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**

## ROSARY

On Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> after the 8 am Mass until 3:30 pm, there will be a day of **Prayer, (1000 Hail Mary's). Adoration and Benediction** will be in the rectory.

Dear Parishioner,

Lent is the penitential season of the Church year. It begins on Ash Wednesday (March 6) and ends on Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Lent has six Sundays. The sixth is called Passion or Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. It commemorates the Lord's passion and death on Good Friday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil and ends with evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Then, the joyful Easter Season of 50 days begins.

Traditionally, the Lenten Season is a time of penance throughout the Catholic Church. Lent is a season in which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized. Fast and abstinence are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

So, as we enter into the season of Lent, may your loving participation in the liturgy enable you to live more deeply the life emptied on Calvary and risen on Easter Sunday.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Charito Suan  
Pastor

**During Lent, every Friday the 8:00 am Mass will be followed by the Stations of the Cross.**

**Please note: Baptisms do not take place during Lent.**

## LITURGY AND ILLNESS

Please be aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for others that those with flu like symptoms remain at home. For the convenience of those who are homebound, or unable to attend Mass because of illness or infirmity, Mass is broadcast each Sunday morning at 6:00 am on Channels 8, 20 (Comcast), KTSF 26.



### April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Thursday

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 5:30 pm  
Everyone is invited to attend.

### April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday

Stations of the Cross in various languages  
St. Elizabeth Church 7:00 pm  
Everyone is invited to participate.

## Easter Schedule



### Holy Thursday – April 9<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Morning Prayer and Meditation  
7:30 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper  
Adoration at the Altar of Repose Until 11:00 pm

### Good Friday- April 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Prayer Service/Individual Meditation  
12:00 noon-3:00 pm  
Stations of the Cross, Seven Last Words,  
Lord's Passion, Communion and Veneration of the  
Cross

### Holy Saturday – April 11<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Reflection.  
Confession 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm

### Easter Sunday – April 12<sup>th</sup>

Masses:  
7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

**The Parish office will be closed on Good Friday and will be closed on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> for the Easter Holiday.**

### Good Friday Parking

**Please note that parking WILL be available on Good Friday in Alta Vista Schoolyard.**