

## Third Sunday of Lent March 15, 2020

Water is necessary for life. It is so essential that scientists search for its presence on other planets to determine whether they can support life. The Israelites were desperate for it when wandering in the desert. The well in Sychar had supplied water to residents going back to Jacob. This source of water had sustained life for generations. But Jesus raises the stakes on the woman at the well. His source of water sustained life eternally.

Repeatedly Pope Francis has stressed the missionary character of the Church. The woman at the well typifies this character. She encounters Jesus, has a transformative experience, then drops everything to go tell her friends and neighbors. Her testimony bears fruit, as it leads them to go out, find Jesus, and convince him to stay. They begin to believe, but after hearing for themselves, they become convinced. Like living water, her faith in Jesus flows out from her to transform those around her.

In the passage from Exodus, God would have every right to punish the people. They were openly revolting against Moses, complaining that they were worse off than when they were enslaved. Instead, God gave them the water they needed to survive in the desert. Similarly, Jesus could have condemned the woman for repeatedly divorcing her husbands and now living with a sixth man outside marriage.

Instead, he offers her living water. Neither the woman nor the Israelites deserved the life-giving water they were given. Nor did we do anything to deserve the life-giving waters of baptism. But, to paraphrase Paul, God gave us the waters of salvation while we were still sinners.

### Question of the Week

What do I thirst for spiritually?

# LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

### Saturday, March 14, 2020

#### Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent

**4:00p.m.** Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Ellsworth McKendal – George Marcell – Tu Tran – Leonard Belton – Joyce Evans

### Sunday, March 15, 2020

#### Third Sunday of Lent

**8:30a.m.** Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Calvin Tate – Melvina Kepp – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Memory Britsch – Betty Cates – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – All deceased members of the Lay Carmelites

**10:30a.m.** Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Andre Sterling, Sr. – Galdean Smith – Intentions of Stacey and Vernon Martin

**12:00p.m.** Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – St. Maria Goretti Parish

### Monday, March 16, 2020

**8:30a.m.** Charles Winchell, Jr. – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Angela Agochukwu and Family – Gauthreaux Family – St. Maria Goretti Parish

**6:00p.m.** Intentions of St. Maria Parish

### Tuesday, March 17, 2020

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Henrietta Davis – James & Tamerle Young – St. Maria Goretti Parish and Staff

**6:00p.m.** Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Msgr. Henry Engelbrecht – Ray LeBlanc – Auxiliary Bishop Dominic Carmon

### Wednesday, March 18, 2020

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Peter and Mary Kham Nguyen – Joseph Cong Cao – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Mable Williams

**6:00p.m.** All Souls in purgatory – Intentions of Marilyn De Grasse – Therol Humphrey – St. Maria Goretti Parish

### Thursday, March 19, 2020

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Carroll Guillory – Intentions of June and Alana Pierre – Blair McDonald

**6:00p.m.** All souls in purgatory – Henry Martin

### Friday, March 20, 2020

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Glenn and David – Madison Gracie Guillory

**6:00p.m.** Intentions of Therol Humphrey – Henry Martin

### Saturday, March 21, 2020

**8:30a.m.** Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – All Poor Souls – Intentions of the Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm. in the Chapel.

### Bible Study

Bible Study this week is based on the readings for the Third Sunday in Lent Year A. The readings challenge us to live what we believe. Faith is a confident attitude toward God, to do His will. It transforms the ordinary to the extra ordinary. **Reading I: Exodus 17:3-7; Responsorial Psalm: 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Reading II: Romans 5:1-2, 5-9; Gospel: John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42.**



Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends and family.

**This week RCIA and Bible Study is held this Wednesday night at 7:00p.m. in the Center.** During lent we choose to fast from other things and feed on the word of God. We have adopted a general theme and a theme specific for each week during Lent. The general theme: Lord increase our faith! Here we ask God to strengthen and enlighten us. The theme for Week 3: **Faith that shows – Let me tell it!** Baptism compels us to live a life in Jesus Christ that attracts others to Him! We will discuss how what we believe requires us to bring others to Jesus Christ. For more information contact Deacon Terrel J. Broussard, Shelia Thompson, Harold Broussard, Byron Martin or any member of the RCIA Team at (504) 242-7554, or by email at [smgnola.com](http://smgnola.com) or [tbroussard@smgnola.com](mailto:tbroussard@smgnola.com)

All are invited to St. Maria Goretti Parish Lenten Mission, April 6–8, 2020 from 7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m. in the church. Bring your family and friends for three evenings of praise, preaching and teaching by our presenter, Father Maurice Nutt, C.S.S.R. Let's gather as a parish family keeping the tradition that Monsignor Gauthreaux started of making Holy Week a Holy Week.

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.



### Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Msgr. Gauthreaux. The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn in memory of Joseph and Edna Belson

### Lenten Schedule

Daily Masses 8:30a.m. and 6:00p.m. The Way of the Cross will follow the 8:30a.m. and Friday 6:00p.m. Masses.

### Fasting & Abstinence

**Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age until the age of 59. Only one meal should be eaten on those days and **No** meat. Those who are bound to fast may also take only one full meal. Two small meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

**Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on All Fridays in Lent.

### The Week Ahead In Our Parish

#### Monday, March 16, 2020

6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center

#### Tuesday, March 17, 2020

6:00p.m. AKA – Center  
 6:30p.m. Edge Lake HOA – Rm. 9  
 6:30p.m. N. Kenilworth HOA – Rm. 8  
 7:00p.m. Spring Lake HOA – Rm. Library  
 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

#### Wednesday, March 18, 2020

5:00p.m. Reconciliation – Church  
 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center  
 7:00p.m. Catholic Men's Meeting – Library

#### Thursday, March 19, 2020

6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

#### Friday, March 20, 2020

6:00p.m. AKA – Center  
 6:00p.m. Holy Name Radio Rosary – Rms. 3-4  
 6:30p.m. Holy Name Social – Rms. 3-4

#### Saturday, March 21, 2020

8:00a.m. LTMTTP Men's – Library  
 9:15a.m. LTMTTP Ladies – Rms. 3-4  
 2:00p.m. Ladies of the Purple Scholars – Library