

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## March 12, 2023

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### ARE YOU THIRSTY?

Do you feel unsettled or sense that life is about more than the daily details that fill your time, energy, and attention? Are you anxious or worried and yearn for peace? Is there an ache in your heart that longs for relief? The thirst for meaning, purpose, peace, and solace is real. We humans have a tendency to seek relief from such thirst with wealth, material things, or social status, failing to recognize that these things are fleeting. We may distract ourselves with constant activity, keeping ourselves busy and preoccupied rather than allowing ourselves to acknowledge the yearning in our hearts. We fail to see that only Christ can quench our thirst.

### LET JESUS QUENCH YOUR THIRST

It was likely hot in the midday sun on the day that Jesus encountered the woman at the well. Scholars tell us that she must have been shunned by the other women in the community, leading her to avoid the cooler early morning time when others filled their jugs. Add to this that Jews and Samaritans shared longstanding animosity toward one another. No wonder she was surprised and perplexed when Jesus asked for a drink. Yet she did not run away. Jesus sought her out and she opened her heart and mind to his offer of salvation. Jesus seeks us out, too. Our Lord desires that we open our hearts and minds to the fullness of love, forgiveness, mercy, and peace that is only found in God. For what do you thirst at this time? Compassion, justice, consolation? Only Christ can truly quench your thirst. Jesus desires to do so. Open your heart today; "hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5).

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

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### ¿TIENES SED?

¿Te sientes inquieto o tienes la sensación de que la vida es algo más que los detalles cotidianos que llenan tu tiempo, tu energía y tu atención? ¿Estás ansioso o preocupado y anhelas la paz? ¿Tienes un dolor en el corazón que anhela aliviarse? La sed de sentido, propósito, paz y consuelo es real. Los seres humanos tenemos tendencia a buscar alivio a esa sed con riqueza, cosas materiales o estatus social, sin reconocer que esas cosas son efímeras. Podemos distraernos con una actividad constante, manteniéndonos ocupados y preocupados en lugar de permitirnos reconocer el anhelo de nuestros corazones. No vemos que sólo Cristo puede saciar nuestra sed.

### DEJA QUE JESÚS CALME TU SED

El día en que Jesús encontró a la mujer en el pozo, probablemente hacía calor bajo el sol del mediodía. Los eruditos nos dicen que debió de ser rechazada por las demás mujeres de la comunidad, lo que la llevó a evitar la hora más fresca de la madrugada, cuando los demás llenaban sus cántaros. Añádase a esto que judíos y samaritanos se tenían animosidad mutua desde hacía mucho tiempo. No es de extrañar que se quedara sorprendida y perpleja cuando Jesús le pidió de beber. Sin embargo, no huyó. Jesús la buscó y ella abrió su corazón y su mente a su oferta de salvación. Jesús también nos busca a nosotros. Nuestro Señor desea que abramos nuestros corazones y nuestras mentes a la plenitud del amor, el perdón, la misericordia y la paz que sólo se encuentran en Dios. ¿De qué tienes sed en este momento? ¿De compasión, de justicia, de consuelo? Sólo Cristo puede saciar verdaderamente tu sed. Jesús desea hacerlo. Abre hoy tu corazón; "la esperanza no defrauda, porque el amor de Dios ha sido derramado en nuestros corazones por el Espíritu Santo que nos ha sido dado" (Romanos 5:5).

**LECTURAS DE HOY:** Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

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### Please Pray for the Sick

#### Prayer List Updates



Syl Vasquez, Jr.  
Sarah Contreras  
Marty Carrera Tobias  
Frances Lozano  
Irma Urias  
Mary S. Martinez  
Galilea Romero  
Flora Torres  
Iris Luna Sullivan  
Sandy Guerra  
Abraham Guerra  
Emma O. Velasquez  
Leticia Martinez  
Kenny De La Rosa  
Raymond Sarabia  
Frank Rodriguez  
Julissa Rodriguez  
Miliana Bullock  
Hope Esquivel

Lydia Soriano  
Bobby Rollins  
Darlene Lopez  
George Garnica  
Adam Alonzo, Jr.  
Raymond Serna  
Mary Martinez  
Mark Martinez  
Cecilia Rodriguez  
Albert Rodriguez  
Albert Casillas  
Robert Sanchez  
Santos Tello  
Vanessa Quintero  
Mary Alice Vasquez  
Suzanne Gutierrez  
Heath Herring  
Joe Cevallos  
Oscar Arcos

Jennifer Olivarez  
Juanita Martinez  
Maria Rios  
Virginia R. Lucio  
Teresa Moreno  
Guadalupe Rodriguez  
Gayle Beaver  
Rick Peña  
Lori Bañuelos  
Jesus Lopez  
Joe Villanueva  
Edith Flores  
Isaiah Vasquez  
Esther Nicholson  
Valerie Vigil  
Rena Heard  
Marty Wind  
Logan  
Margie Zuniga

We thank God for the healing of so many sick parishioners. Please be courteous and call the Parish Office if your loved one is no longer suffering or sick. Thank you.

### STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 5, 2023

5 PM Mass	-\$1,317.00
9 AM Mass	-\$1,094.00
11 AM Mass	-\$2,239.00
Capital Expenditures	-\$ 903.00 2nd Collection
Mail In	-\$ 525.00
On Line	-\$ 145.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 243.65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,466.65</b>



### SECOND COLLECTION March 12, 2023 - Good Samaritans of SJB

#### 2023 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending March 5, 2023 \$ 243.65  
TOTAL \$ 6,731.35

# Announcements

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## Saturday, March 11

2:00 p.m. Wedding of Genevieve & Sergio Robledo

5:00 p.m. † Thomas Diaz - Olga Diaz  
† Minnie Talamantez - Godchild  
† Maria J. Solis - Daughters

## Sunday, March 12

9:00 a.m. † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family  
† Jose Oscar Carsadillas - Esposa  
† Ernesto Espinosa Campos - Mom

**For Health** Joe Villanueva - Family  
**For Health** Maria T. Garcia - Friends

11:00 a.m. † Tony Zuniga - Daughter  
† Paul & Juan Salinas - Grace Salinas  
† Antonio Leyva - Susan & Bill  
† Timoteo Leyva - Susan & Bill  
† Andrea Leyva - Susan & Bill  
† Lucy Leyva - Susan & Bill  
† Robert Ortiz - Wife & Family

**Gift of Life** Analisa Alaniz - Family

## Monday, March 13

12:00 p.m. For our Parish Community

## Tuesday, March 14

12:00 p.m. † Maria Polanco - Guadalupanas  
**For Health** Lori Banuelos - Family

## Wednesday, March 15

12:00 p.m. † Fr. Eddie Bernal - Friends  
**For Health** Lori Banuelos - Family

## Thursday, March 16

12:00 p.m. † Delia Lopez - Family  
† Aurora Perez - Friends

## Friday, March 17 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY

12:00 p.m. † Inez De Los Santos - Mary De Los Santos  
**Gift of Life** Ruben Martinez - Family

### CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

#### Prayer of Saint Patrick

Christ be with me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ where I lie down, Christ where I sit,  
Christ where I arise,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.  
Salvation is of the Lord.  
Salvation is of the Christ.  
May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

We would like to thank all those who attended the Lenten workshop presented by Msgr. Fr. Dennis Darilek. We are grateful to Msgr. Dennis for his time and for an inspiring and insightful session.

The Lenten Season officially commenced on Ash Wednesday. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to cultivate and improve your relationship with our Savior Jesus Christ by praying, fasting and almsgiving. We need your full participation in all spiritual activities organized by the community. Have a prayerful Lenten Season.

I invite you to join me **Sunday through Friday at 6pm and on Saturday at 4pm**, in the church, as we pray the **rosary until the end of the Lenten season**. You are also encouraged to participate in **daily Adoration Monday thru Friday from 9am to 5pm with a lunch break from 12:30pm thru 2pm**.

Our **daily Mass is at 12 noon Monday through Friday except on Wednesday at 8:15am (School Mass)**. We encourage you to boost your spiritual life and have a prayerful Lenten season.

J.S. Paluch company that has assisted our parish in producing our bulletins has now ceased its communication tools to Catholic parishes across the United States. Please join me in thanking them for a remarkable job and the resource help they have afforded us over the past ten years under my leadership. I thank Olivia Santoyo for having taken the initiative to continue editing the bulletin on her own. We hope to use the last page of the bulletin for ads and advertisement.

We pray for the victims and their families and we keep the countries of Turkey and Syria in our prayers as they navigate through this very difficult time. May all the deceased rest in peace.

We also continue praying for the end of war in Ukraine.

May God bless and protect our planet.

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor  
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# Announcements

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
 Tue: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 18:21-35  
 Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;  
 Mt 5:17-19  
 Thu: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
 Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  
 Sat: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21; Lk 18:9-14  
 Sun: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;  
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41



### Sunday, March 12 - NO CCD CLASSES

9:00 a.m. **Bilingual Mass** - Church  
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** - Church  
 6:00 p.m. **Rosary** - Church

### Monday, March 13

9am-12 Noon & 2-5pm Adoration - Chapel  
 12 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel  
 6:00 p.m. **Rosary** - Church

### Tuesday, March 14

9am-12 Noon & 2-5pm Adoration - Chapel  
 12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel  
 6:00 p.m. **Rosary** - Church

### Wednesday, March 15

9am-12 Noon & 2-5pm Adoration - Chapel  
 12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church  
 2:00 p.m. Coffee with Fr. Fidèle  
 6:00 p.m. **Rosary** - Church

### Thursday, March 16

9am-12 Noon & 2-5pm Adoration - Chapel  
 12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel  
 6:00 p.m. **Rosary** - church

### Friday, March 17 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY

9am-12 Noon & 2-5pm Adoration - Chapel  
 12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel  
 6:00 p.m. **Rosary** - Church  
 7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross** - Church

### Saturday, March 18

8:00 a.m. Church cleaning  
 4:00 p.m. **Rosary** - Church  
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**  
**(IN THE CHAPEL)**  
**9:00 AM - 12 Noon AND**  
**2:00 - 5:00 P.M.**

**6 ways to get the most out of Mass**

- Be on time!** Arrive at least 10 minutes before it starts to dial down your mind.
- Mother Church wants YOU** Help out if you can! (As a lector, usher, altar server, etc.)
- Sing...even if you're out of tune** Don't worry if you have no talent for singing; most people don't.
- Pray Business Class** Sit near the altar. It will help you pay attention.
- Give God your full attention** Isn't it fair that we spend one hour each week worshipping God?
- Call your Mother** Ask Mary to intercede for you during Mass. Pray to her for guidance and strength.

**CatholicLink**

### REST IN PEACE

We offer condolences and sympathy to our parishioners who have experienced a death in their family:

† ANGELINA LOPEZ

### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR:

EDITH FLORES

It is to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection.



We welcome anyone to assist us with cleaning our beautiful church every

**Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.**

**Ministry Scheduled for**  
**March 18, 2023**  
**ACTS/JOY**



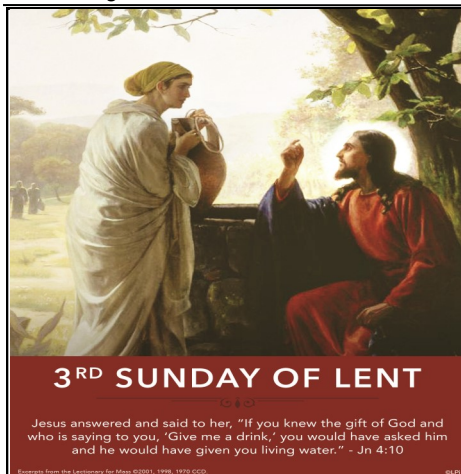
### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to [osantoyo1104@gmail.com](mailto:osantoyo1104@gmail.com) and will be finalized for approval by Father Fidèle. We ask that you submit your requests at least two (2) weeks in advance for placement in the bulletin.



### NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

If you are interested in registering as a new parishioner at St. John Berchmans Church, please contact our Parish Office at 210-434-3247 to fill out a registration form.



### GOD EVER PURSUES US

We hear today of God's unrelenting pursuit of us. Our readings tell stories of God's intense desire to share the divine life with us. From Exodus, we see how God shows endless persistence and compassion, even to those who grumble against God, or seem to have forgotten God. From the Gospel of John, we hear of how Jesus, in his extended conversation with the Samaritan woman, gives her dignity, names uncomfortable truths, and gradually leads her into a new path of faith. We can have confidence that as we bring our own confusions, fears, and failings to God, we may receive God's mercy and forgiveness. God always persists and continually finds new ways to invite people into unity with God. As Paul describes in Romans, in the cross we see how God will go to any length to demonstrate the depth and breadth of divine love.

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### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday night at 7 p.m. our parishioners remember Jesus as we trace the footsteps of Christ, on his journey from being condemned to death and up to his resurrection. This 14 step Catholic devotion commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth.

In knowing that our Lord and Savior died such a violent death for love of us, meditating on the Stations of the Cross becomes an experience where one can unite with Christ.

**Ministry Scheduled for FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023 at 7pm - Guadalupana Society**



### SJB GUADALUPANA ORGANIZATION

Would like to extend their THANKS to all who attended the Guadalupana Meat Bingo this past Sunday. It was a great success!!

We were grateful to gather as a parish community and we know everyone had a wonderful time. We also acknowledge all the Guadalupanas for their hard work.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Due to Spring Break there will be **NO CLASSES held on Sunday, March 12, 2023.**

**Classes resume Sunday, March 19th.**

We pray that our Lord will protect and watch over all families during this spring break.



### ST. PATRICK - MARCH 17TH

A missionary who brought the Gospel to Ireland.

Pray for all missionary disciples who share the joy of the Gospel with those they meet.

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19f  
Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95:1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23  
Viernes: Hos 14:2-10; Sal 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mc 12:28-34  
Sábado: Os 6:1-6; Sal 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lc 18:9-14  
Domingo: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23:1-6; Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

### DIOS NOS BUSCA SIEMPRE

Hoy oímos hablar de la implacable búsqueda de Dios hacia nosotros. Nuestras lecturas cuentan historias del intenso deseo de Dios de compartir la vida divina con nosotros. En el Éxodo, vemos cómo Dios muestra una persistencia y una compasión infinitas, incluso con los que refunfunan contra Dios o parecen haberse olvidado de él. En el Evangelio de Juan oímos cómo Jesús, en su prolongada conversación con la mujer samaritana, la dignifica, nombra verdades incómodas y la conduce gradualmente a un nuevo camino de fe. Podemos confiar en que, al llevar nuestras propias confusiones, miedos y fracasos a Dios, podemos recibir su misericordia y su perdón. Dios siempre persiste y encuentra continuamente nuevas formas de invitar a las personas a la unidad con Dios. Como describe Pablo en Romanos, en la cruz vemos cómo Dios se desvive por demostrar la profundidad y la amplitud del amor divino. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Qué puedo hacer o decir para demostrarles a los demás que en Jesús he encontrado el agua viva, que sacia mi sed espiritual? ¿Haré de esto mi misión para esta semana?