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MARCH 12, 2023
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m.
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m.
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m.,
10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
& 6:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday & Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
(unless noted in bulletin)

Devotions

First Friday

Adoration/Benediction
at 6:30 a.m.

First Saturday

Adoration after 7:00 a.m. Mass
(unless noted in bulletin)

PARISH OFFICE

MONDAY through FRIDAY
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed on holidays

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This week's Readings: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
Roman 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

Next week's Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a;
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
or John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

"GIVE ME A DRINK."

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love and joy!

Are you thirsty? This a question we need to ponder on this Third Sunday of Lent. When we experience being thirsty, there is a deeper longing to be quenched so that the craving will be eased. Water will satisfy that thirst and eventually get fulfilled when taken. We all know the importance of water. It cleans, replenishes, it sustains, and, most of all it, gives life. It soothes our thirst and makes us feel satisfied. As our physical bodies need water, so is our soul. This water that nourishes our soul is no other than Jesus Himself, the Living Water.

Life these days have become so troubling. The respect for life and humanity is fading. Hopelessness and loss of life linger, brought about by men and women who don't have regard for faith and morals. So many confused ideologies and principles exist that many people feel uncertain about what to believe as true or false. The emphasis on "my" freedom has been regarded as a virtue rather than considering what good or bad it can bring to one's life. Certainly, such an attitude can impact people's lives, not only one's own. Our world is thirsty for peace, joy, life, and love. Who could quench that thirst if we are so thirsty for such things?

The story of Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the well demonstrates how a simple request of the Lord for water became a teachable moment. Jesus knew who she was initially, but He made the woman realize what she had done and needed to do. Having met and known Jesus, what else could she ask for? In short, the conversation became a beautiful encounter of conversion and mission.

The conversion story of the Samaritan woman can also be our own story where we need to refocus our minds on what the Lord teaches us. He is the Living Water that satisfies our longing for a better, if not the best, life. He is the One whom we can seek to give us the water that nourishes our fulfillment in life,

not what the world offers.

We know who Jesus is. We know what He did for us. We are very much aware of what He taught. But do all these enable us to have a genuine encounter with Him? We know in life that we desire good things, but we tend to satisfy these desires with pleasure and materialism. Our thirst is quenched by what the world offers us, only to discover that we thirst for more. But if we realize and accept that Jesus is the One who can quench our thirst, we know we can continue toward the Kingdom of God and live better here on earth.

Your friend in Jesus,

F. P. Abaya IV



**Reverend Pascual Abaya IV
Rector**

***The love of God
has been poured
into our hearts***

Romans 5:5

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 12
Third Sunday of Lent
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, March 13
Monday of the Third Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, March 14
Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, March 15
Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, March 16
Thursday of the Third Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, March 17
Friday of the Third Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm
Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:30pm

Saturday, March 18
Saturday of the Third Week of Lent
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm
Adoration/Benediction following 7:00am
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 19
Fourth Sunday of Lent
2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE

March 12, 2023

In today's Exodus reading, we hear Moses' frustration with the Israelites who demand he find water in the desert. He prays to God, who provides water from the rock in Horeb. The Israelites demand water but they really want God to send them a sign of his presence. It is a human story; it is easy to trust God is with us when all is right in our lives. But in our desert times, when struggle, heartache, and loss occur, we wonder where God is. Like the Israelites, we thirst for reassurance that God remains ever with us.

In today's Gospel we hear a story about water and thirst. Jesus tells a Samaritan woman he is the source that can quench her thirst for all eternity. She does not understand. Jesus' conversation with her reveals an amazing truth: he is Christ, the Messiah, who offers her salvation. She believes and testifies to this Good News in her town, where people began to believe because of her testimony. This Lent, we, too, are invited to testify how Christ, the Messiah, quenches our thirst.

SHARING FAITH

What part of your life might you leave at Jesus' feet as you go out into the world to give witness to God's Good News?

Have there been times when you have grumbled at God for things that happened in your life? What kind of dialogue does God invite you to have?

What does life-giving water mean to you?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Water for the Church is a deep symbol of new life. Water (or lack of it) in various places in the world is a sign of abundance or scarcity. The United States is rich in the abundance of water, compared to many places. How are we Christians called to use and conserve that resource for the good of all God's people?

Pray using Psalm 95. In your reflection, explore what it means to keep your heart from hardening to God's will. Discuss it with a group or use it for daily prayer this Lent.

The Samaritan woman acted as an evangelizer. John the Baptist was another such figure. The Catholic bishops of the United States define evangelizing as "bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself" (Go and Make Disciples, 10, citing Evangelii Nuntiandi, no. 18). Where and to whom do you evangelize?

REFLECTION

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?" (John 4:28).



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 27 - March 5, 2023

Offertory Collection

Sunday Offering	\$ 6,146.72
Weekday	\$ 1,017.89
Other Feast & Solemnities	\$ 96.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,975.99
Total Offertory	\$ 10,236.60

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 46.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 33.95
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 944.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 306.00
Total	\$ 11,567.55

MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL IS TO FOSTER AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH STEWARDSHIP IS UNDERSTOOD, ACCEPTED AND PRACTICED THROUGHOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

God of Mercy,

You have given us this special time to reflect on our lives, embrace the Good News and draw us closer to you.

During this season of Lent, help us use this time to fast and pray, be more generous and show others how to live in Christ.

Let us see each day of this season as a new opportunity to renew our lives and gain a deeper appreciation of Your active presence in our hearts and our community of faith.

Give us the grace to see Your face in others, especially the poor and those who suffer.

And through your Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of Your love so that we may be better stewards of Your redeeming work throughout the world.

We ask this through Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Your accumulated offences do not surpass the multitude of God's mercies: your wounds do not surpass the great Physician's skill.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem (313 - 386) Doctor of the Church, Feast Day, March 18.

BIBLE STUDY

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace Church



**Every 3rd Sunday of the Month
With Deacon Joe and Easter**

Refreshments will be served by the Senior Ministry

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Bible Study with Deacon Joe and Easter is moved to Third Sunday of the month. We will meet here at the Cathedral Basilica after the 12:00 Noon Mass. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 19th. All are welcome!

FROM FARMING TO FISHING

Raul and Rhodora were coconut farmers in their town in the Philippines, but it took a lot of work before they made money. They participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that helped them build their own fishpond to raise and sell fish. The fish provide nutritious food for their family and more accessible income, enabling Raul and Rhodora's granddaughters to attend school. What changes have you made in your professional, personal or spiritual life that have benefited others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

SAINT OF THE WEEK