

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

“A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust”

March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent

SACRAMENTS

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass per request.

MATRIMONY

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact a priest of the parish one year in advance of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require that couples begin to work with the parish at least one year prior to a wedding.

BAPTISM

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized should call the parish office to register for Baptism Prep. Please call well in advance of birth of your child.

CONFESSION

Anytime by appointment

Tuesday: 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.; Saturdays: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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**STATIONS OF
THE CROSS**

A LENTEN TRADITION
Fridays at Noon & 6:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 11

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family
4:30 p.m. George Curley (Family)

Sunday, March 12

8:00 a.m. Ann Poprocky (Torok Family)
10:00 a.m. Ed Fenton (Marylyn & Family)
11:30 a.m. Dolores Nese (Family)

Monday, March 13

7:45 a.m. Coleman P. Keane Sr & Jr
(Family)

Tuesday, March 14

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family
6:30 p.m. Month's Mind

Wednesday, March 15

7:45 a.m. Anthony DePaulo
(Vincent Family)

Thursday, March 16

7:45 a.m. Bill DeZorzi (Family)

Friday, March 17

7:45 a.m. Donnelly Family (Kathleen)

Saturday, March 18

8:00 a.m. Paul Hudak (Friends & Family)
4:30 p.m. Andy Duris (Bonnie & Al)

Sunday, March 19

8:00 a.m. Anthony DePaulo (Nancy Dupier)
10:00 a.m. Patty Santimyer (Ruby)
11:30 a.m. Margaret & Stephen Stromp
(Regina Fenton)

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HOURS: 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

CLOSED 12:00 NOON • 1:00 pm

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Happy Birthday Father Roniel!



**Father Roniel celebrated his birthday this past Tuesday, March 7th.
Be sure to wish him a happy Birthday after Mass.**



Immaculate Conception Parish offers Online Giving

**For additional information, or to sign up, visit our website at:
www.icirwin.org/giving/funds**

This option makes use of current technology and security standards and allows you to easily setup recurring contributions.

Start giving online today!

- Efficient. Set up direct withdrawals from your checking, savings account or a credit card.
- Simple. Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
- Convenient. No need to write a check or have cash available.
- Online Giving is intended to be a convenient electronic tool for parishioners participate in weekly offertory.
- Please prayerfully consider giving online. If you have any questions, contact the parish office 724.863.9550.



This Week on the Corner

IMG/IWG Men's and Women's Group

IMG Saturday - March 18th 6:30am-8:00 am

IWG Sunday - March 19th 6:30 am-8:00 am

Our next sessions will be next Saturday, March 18th for the men's group (IMG) and next Sunday March 19th for the women's group (IWG) at 6:30am in Our Lady's Plaza. Last week, we saw the chiefs priests succeeded in pressuring Pilate into sending Jesus off to be crucified. In this fourth session of Dr. Edward Sri's Lenten Presentation "No Greater Love - A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, we will look at "The Death of the Messiah - Jesus Carries His Cross, Is Crucified and Dies". We will focus on the two Stations of the Cross that the Gospels specifically highlight: 1) Simon of Cyrene carrying Jesus' Cross; and 2) the women of Jerusalem weeping for Jesus. Next, we will consider what usually happened in Roman crucifixions in general, then look at the specific events surrounding Christ's crucifixion. All are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend!

Month's Mind - Tuesday, March 14th 6:30 pm

- ✠ Joe Banks
- ✠ Charles Kuntz
- ✠ Rosemary DeFalco
- ✠ Donna Jean Morack
- ✠ Delores A. Vieceli
- ✠ Joan Wagner
- ✠ Andrea Taylor



Our **Homebound** Ministers help to keep those who cannot attend Mass connected to our Parish Family by bringing them the Word of God and the Eucharist. If you know someone who isn't able to attend Mass and would like to receive

Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact Sharyn Gesmond at the Parish Office 724.863.9550 or sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Attention All Volunteers:

If you are interested in volunteering or planning to resume volunteering for our parish ministries and parish activities please contact Sharyn Gesmond at sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-863-9550.

Church Floor Cleaning March 20 – March 24

- **The Church will be closed** after morning Mass until 4:30 pm.
- **Divine Mercy will meet** and be held in Gathering Room
- **There will be No Adoration** Tuesday March 21

FAITH FORMATION -

Grades 1-2 - Faith Formation for Public School

Students, Saturday March 18th, 9:00 am - 10:30 am 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

Grades 3-6 – Faith Formation for Public School

Students, Monday, March 20th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

7th Grade Faith Formation– Class will be Monday March 13th from 6:00-7:15pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.

8th Grade Faith Formation– Class will be Monday March 13th from 7:45 to 9pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.



The return of the BURGER BASH!!!



4 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Notes from the Pastor



THE THREE STAGES OF THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY: FROM THE DESERT TO THE MOUNTAIN

*Last Sunday we listened to the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus upon the mountain. Pope Leo the Great said that this event was necessary to help overcome the scandal of the cross for which Jesus would endure. The Divinity of Jesus had to be realized and witnessed in order to desire sharing in such perfection. Peter, who hardly knew how to express himself, wanted to stay and gaze upon the glory of Jesus at expense of never leaving the mountain top. **But that would be too easy....** For real holiness takes place in the trenches of life while longing for the mountain top.*

The spiritual life goes through three stages that prepare us to witness the mountaintop experience as well as prepares us to obtain the admittance to its experience eternally. The three stages are

Purgative way
Illuminative Way
Unitive Way

TIME IN THE DESERT

The Desert experience for the Israelites was a way to purge them from their self sufficient desires and count on the providence of God. In turn Jesus goes out into the wilderness (desert) to be tempted by the devil to show us that His Human Nature was subjected to worldly needs and desires. However Jesus did not fall for His focus was on the unity that He shared with the Father and the Holy Spirit through His Divine Nature. Lent calls us, as well, to share the desert experience of the Israelites and Christ himself as well so we can be purged from desiring fulfillment from worldly desires, promises of success and human accolades. **Therefore, when we fast and abstain from things that are connected to earthly fulfillment we enter into the purgative way of spirituality.** Through this experience we learn how “temptations” cause us to sin and turn our hearts and souls from union with God’s divine will. The purgative way leads us to desire God’s Mercy and forgiveness to renew our fundamental option of His love. As we say in our Act of Contrition: **“I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of Hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all-good and deserving of all my love.”** Loving God is our desire and sin stands in the way. The Lenten Discipline of Fasting allows us to prepare and desire the mountain top experience by being connected first to the Human nature of Christ and longing for a share in the Divine.

TIME ON THE MOUNTAIN

“it is good to be here!” Prayer leads us to an experience of the quiet solitude of God’s presence. When we separate ourselves from the distractions of daily life and the temptations that hold us fast to the world around us we can really enter into the love of God. This event we call prayer as the apostles experience with Jesus needs neither words nor outward expression.... just an “awe and wonder” of His greatness. Being enveloped in the love of God satisfies all our needs. If we were able to ask for anything it would be not to have to leave... **and** an invitation for our dear ones to share the experience.



This perfect desire and experience of God comes through prayer (time spent in conversation with Him) and is perfected by his Grace. This stage is the unitive way. Our lives resonate with God and the fullness of life is based on eternal life rather than worldly trappings. Union with God in this life is full... it is the peace we seek.

TIME IN THE TRENCHES

The first two Sunday’s give us hope that the desert experience will end with the mountain experience but it also reminds us of the daily work of carrying the cross and the building of the kingdom through personal sacrifice is what transforms us to desire more fully and remain on the mountain. This is known as the **Illuminative way**. It is the stage that calls for us to give Alms. One who enters this stage of transformation is enlightened to the sharing of one’s Time Talent and Treasure as the work of the fruit already obtained. Alms giving no longer suffice as a sacrificial gift but a sharing of wealth that disposes others to the Kingdom. The Secret of our desire to be closer to God cannot be contained and it spills out into every action word and deed. As Alms are given in the name of Christ and His Church for the poor of spirit as well as poor of nature frees us to be true missionaries. It frees us from a possessive love of God to a self-sacrificing love of Him. Ultimately the illuminative way of giving empties oneself to accept not only the cross of suffering as recognition of the human condition but the vehicle to the perfect union with God that becomes our quest and gift upon our death.

So let us continue on our way in this Lenten journey to desire God above all through the desert, under the weight of the Cross to the mountain of the Resurrection! This transformation through the disciplines of Lent gives us a true share in the Glory of the eternal Kingdom!!



What are the Scrutinies?

"In order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated. By this means, first of all, the elect is instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered and thus saved from its present and future consequences. Second, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water (gospel of the Samaritan woman in the first scrutiny), the light of the world (gospel of the man born blind in the second scrutiny), the resurrection and the life (gospel of Lazarus in the third scrutiny). From the first to the final scrutiny the elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation." CCC130

A Reflection on the First Scrutiny—"The Women at the Well"

A woman came. She is a symbol of the Church not yet made righteous. Righteousness follows from the conversation. She came in ignorance, she found Christ, and he enters into conversation with her. Let us see what it is about, let us see why *a Samaritan woman came to draw water*. The Samaritans did not form part of the Jewish people: they were foreigners. The fact that she came from a foreign people is part of the symbolic meaning, for she is a symbol of the Church. The Church was to come from the Gentiles, of a different race from the Jews.

We must then recognize ourselves in her words and in her person, and with her give our own thanks to God. She was a symbol, not the reality; she foreshadowed the reality, and the reality came to be. She found faith in Christ, who was using her as a symbol to teach us what was to come. *She came then to draw water*. She had simply come to draw water; in the normal way of man or woman.

Jesus says to her: Give me water to drink. For his disciples had gone to the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman: Jews have nothing to do with Samaritans.

The Samaritans were foreigners; Jews never used their utensils. The woman was carrying a pail for drawing water. She was astonished that a Jew should ask her for a drink of water, a thing that Jews would not do. But the one who was asking for a drink of water was thirsting for her faith.

Listen now and learn who it is that asks for a drink. ***Jesus answered her and said: If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," perhaps you might have asked him and he would have given you living water.***

He asks for a drink, and he promises a drink. He is in need, as one hoping to receive, yet he is rich, as one about to satisfy the thirst of others. He says: *If you knew the gift of God*. The gift of God is the Holy Spirit. But he is still using veiled language as he speaks to the woman and gradually enters into her heart. Or is he already teaching her? What could be more gentle and kind than the encouragement he gives? *If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," perhaps you might ask and he would give you living water.*



What is this water that he will give if not the water spoken of in Scripture: ***With you is the fountain of life?*** How can those feel thirst who ***will drink deeply from the abundance in your house?***

He was promising the Holy Spirit in satisfying abundance. She did not yet understand. In her failure to grasp his meaning, what was her reply? *The woman says to him: Master, give me this drink, so that I may feel no thirst or come here to draw water*. Her need forced her to this labor, her weakness shrank from it. If only she could hear those words: ***Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you.*** Jesus was saying this to her, so that her labors might be at an end; but she was not yet able to understand. (Saint Augustine)

"To make Heaven your planned and desired final destination rather than an acceptable detour at death."

Pray to experience God in all His glory. To sit and listen to Him.... To experience the peace of heaven. Fast from temporal things not in reciprocation but in preparation when these things are taken from you. Give Alms in the spirit of knowing that all has been won for you in the Resurrection.



Views on Vocations

A Put Out into the Deep Five Part Series

By Tyler Randolph

Particular Christian Vocations



Last time, we learned that we all have a calling from God, a vocation, to be holy. Now let us take this a step further and expand our definition. A vocation is a calling from God to a way of life - of how we are meant to serve him in the world. Since we are all “universally” called to holiness, it only makes sense that each of us then would be called to take the next step: to discern a particular call to serve God and others. God calls each one of us to a particular Christian vocation be it Priesthood, Married Life, Religious Life or Single Life.

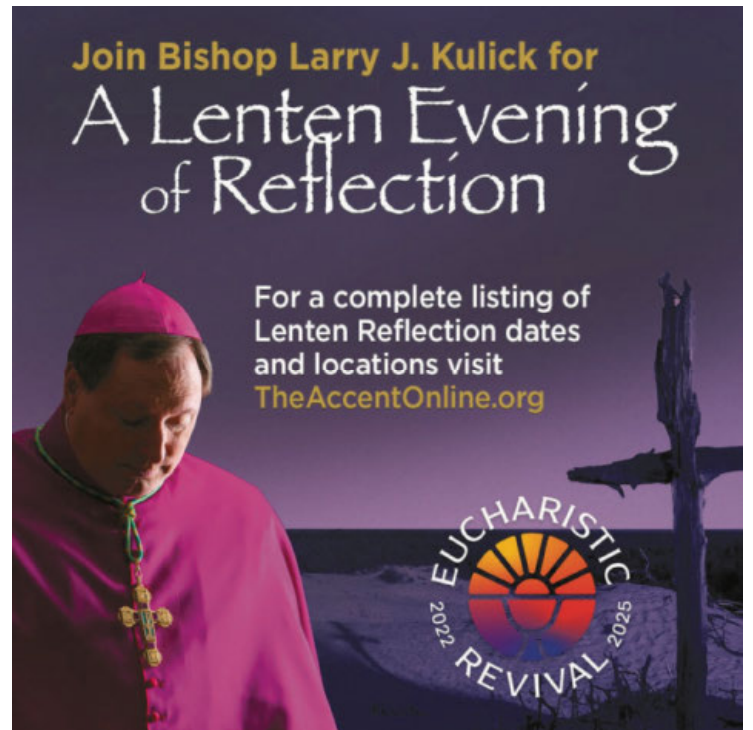
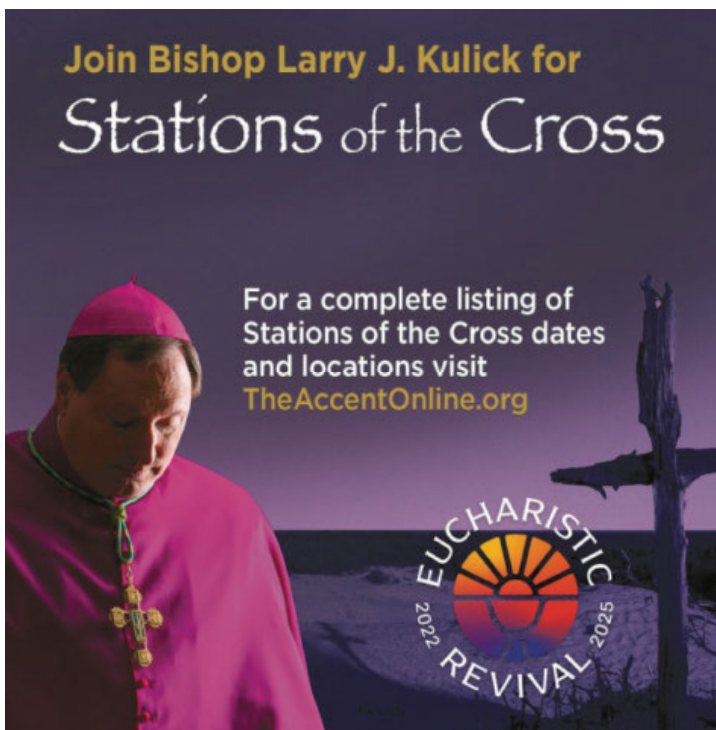
Priesthood is probably the first thing you think of when the word “vocation” is mentioned. The vocation to the priesthood gets a lot of attention because, let’s face reality, we need priests! For the Church to continue and for the Sacraments to be readily available to the faithful, we need those who are willing to answer the call to the priesthood.

Married life is the most common vocation. Through marriage the husband and wife serve one another out of love, and serve the Church through the raising of children in the Church.

Religious life, joining a religious order as a monk, nun, or sister serves the Church through the charism of their particular religious order.

Single life is a vocation as well, as single people many times may have more freedom and opportunities in serving the Church in various ways.

However, each path to holiness is valid and important. It should not be thought that one way would be better than the others! Now that we know what these particular Christian vocations are, we will next examine how they can be found.



Candles

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Michele Ruby by Courtney

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Colleen Lissey

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Liddie Blank by Divine Mercy Prayer Group

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Kathy Corbett McCoy by Toni & Nick Michel

St. Joseph's Candle: In Memory of John Churma by Audrey & Family

Altar Candles for the Month of March:
In Memory of James A. Salvatore by Luann & Mel Hunter

Readings of the Week

March 12th - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus	17:3-7
Romans	5:1-2; 5-8
John	4:5-15; 19b-26; 39a; 40-42

March 19th - 4th Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel	16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ephesians	5:8-14
John	9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Prayers and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy for the families of Delores Viecei, Joan Wagner, Fredrick Whitney and Jennifer Christian who have recently passed away. May they rest in peace.

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Tuesday beginning after 7:45 am Mass. If you need to leave and there is no one else in the church during Adoration, please call the church office at 724-863-9550 and someone will come over. Thank you

What better way is there to spend an hour or two then in His presence of Eucharistic Adoration. A sign up sheet is available in the back of the church for you to sign up and spend some private time in prayer and in His presence. You can come after mass, for lunch and dinner. Bring a friend and/or bring the family after school. Just come! - Thank you to all who have already signed up!

Stewardship Corner

Weekly Offering

Sunday Offertory Week of Feb 25-26, 2023	\$15,612.50
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OSV Sunday Offertory Feb. 27-Mar. 5, 2023	\$4,788.19
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Don't forget that Immaculate Conception has online giving available to our members.
<https://www.icirwin.org/giving/funds>

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 7 Angels Corner



Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza
2740 STROSCHEN RD



My name is Zachary Hoffman and I am a Life Scout in Troop 480. I am working on the rank of Eagle Scout and part of my rank requirement is to complete a project for the community. For my project, which was recently approved by Father John, I planned to construct and erect a "Blessing Box" at our church near the Food Bank Distribution Site on the side of the church behind Mary's garden. My project would allow people to obtain nonperishable food items as needed in the event of a food emergency between food bank distribution events. I've estimated that it will cost nearly \$500 to complete my project. If you would like to learn more about my project stop by and ask me after 1 I am mass which is when my family usually attends mass. If you would like to donate to help offset the cost of my project you can place an envelope in the collection basket on Sunday or mail to the office with either my name or "Blessing Box Project" noted on the outside of the envelope. - Zach Hoffman

Lenten Fish Dinners



Greensburg: Our Lady of Grace Parish hall, fish fries Fridays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-7 p.m., drive-thru only. Information: 724-836-8157 (call for preorder and payment option details).

Greensburg: St. Bruno Parish center, fish dinners Fridays, 4-7 p.m. (Good Friday, 2:30-7 p.m.), dine in or takeout. Information: 724-836-0690 or ourladyofgracechurch.org.

Jeannette: Sacred Heart Parish school cafeteria, fish fries Fridays (including Good Friday), 4-7 p.m., dine in or takeout. Orders: 724-527-9940 (beginning at 2 p.m.).

North Huntingdon: St. Agnes Parish hall, fish fries Fridays, 2-7 p.m., drive-thru only. Information: 724-863-2626 or stag-neschurch.info.

Crabtree: St. Bartholomew's Parish & Crabtree Volunteer Fire Department, will partner together to have their annual Fish Fry. Come and check out our new location and our new renovated Kitchen. The fish fry will be in the bottom of Marian Hall (388 Cemetery Rd, Crabtree, PA 15624). Their Fish Fry will be on Ash Wednesday, February 22 and also every Friday in Lent. It will begin at 4:30 PM and will go until 7:00 PM. They will be offering Eat-In or Take-out. You can call 724-834-9789 or 724-834-1028 to place your orders.

Derry: St. Joseph Parish with St. Martin Parish, New Derry (St. Joseph Parish hall), fish fries Fridays, noon-6 p.m., takeout only. Orders: 724-694-6192.

Latrobe: St. John the Evangelist Parish hall, fish fries Fridays, noon-6 p.m., dine in or takeout (delivery with minimum order).

Perryopolis: St. John the Baptist Parish hall, fish fries Ash Wednesday, 4-6 p.m., Fridays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., dine in or takeout. Orders: 724-736-0158. Information: sjbperry.org or 724-736-4442.



HITTING FOR HOPE FRANCISCAN BASEBALL

What is Hitting for Hope?

This season, Franciscan Baseball is raising funds to support women with unplanned pregnancies. For each game the Barons win this year, players, coaches, and families will be making a donation to pregnancy crisis centers in the Steubenville, OH and Pittsburgh, PA areas!

What have we done?

Hitting for Hope was founded in 2020 by current Barons player Ryan Scavnick. Since then, the project has raised \$20,000 to provide nearly 600 care packages to support women in the care of local pregnancy centers.

How YOU can help!

Please consider making either a one-time donation or a pledge to donate per win the Barons have this season! If you are unable to donate, please consider sending this flyer to family and friends! Go Barons!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

QUESTIONS?

Contact Ryan Scavnick at:
hittingforhopeproject@gmail.com

CONNECT WITH US AT:

hittingforhope.com

FOLLOW US!

Instagram: @hittingforhope
Facebook: @hittingforhopeproject

DONATION INFO

Donations can be given to a Barons baseball player or mailed to:

Franciscan University Baseball
Finnegan Fieldhouse
1235 University Blvd
Steubenville, OH 43952

If writing a check, please write out to "Franciscan University Baseball" with "Hitting for Hope fund" in the memo line!

Pledges can be made at hittingforhope.com/donate





Spring Fling Card Party

**Christian Mothers/Women's Guild
Immaculate Conception Church
In
Our Lady's Plaza**



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Thursday, April 20, 2023

Enjoy playing cards or bring your favorite board game

Food, Fun, Raffles, Door Prizes, Basket Auction & Share the Wealth

Doors open – 6:00 P.M.

Light Dinner – 7:00 P.M.

Admission \$15.00 (Recommend Tables of Four)

For Reservations call Sharyn at 724-863-9550

Seating is limited

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 12, 2023 - Order of the Mass

VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, raise up from our homes those called by the Father:
 courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate,
 faithful people to Consecrated Life, and holy men and women to the Sacrament of Marriage.
 Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness by listening to the Father's voice and
 responding with a sacrificial love. Holy Mary, Model of vocations, pray for us.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Glory of These Forty Days

ERHALT UNS, HERR



1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We cel - e -
 2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw The lov - ing
 3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De - liv - ered
 4. Then grant that we like them be true, Con - sumed in
 5. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, To you be

1. brate with songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all
 2. God who gave the law; And to E - li - jah,
 3. from the li - ons' might; And John, the Bride - groom's
 4. fast and pray'r with you; Our spir - its strength - en
 5. ev - 'ry pray'r ad - dressed; Who are in three - fold

1. things were made, Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 2. fast - ing, came The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 3. friend, be - came The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 4. with your grace, And give us joy to see your face.
 5. Name a - dored, From age to age the on - ly Lord.

Text: LM; *Clarum decus jejuni*; St. Gregory the Great, ca. 540-604; tr. fr. the *English Hymnal*, 1906;
 Maurice F. Bell, 1862-1947, alt. Music: J. Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1543;
 adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750, alt.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.



Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

(Then repeat the first Kyrie.)

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95
Proulx/Gelineau

*If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And 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. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" — For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. — Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. 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 who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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PREPARATION OF GIFTS

Leaving Her Water Jar Behind



1. Leav - ing her wa - ter jar be - hind,
 2. "Come, see a man who told me all
 3. When Je - sus spoke, his words brought life,
 4. By all the wells of our own day,

The wom - an ran from Ja - cob's well;
 That I have ev - er claimed or done!
 Like wa - ter poured on shriv - eled seed:
 This Je - sus waits to meet us still,

Her dai - ly chores had fled her mind,
 Such wis - dom from his lips did fall!
 His truth as pierc - ing as a knife,
 Where our pre - tens - es fall a - way

For she had won - drous news to tell:
 Could this be God's A - noint - ed One?"
 His grace yet great - er than their need.
 When we ask him our lives to fill.

For - sak - ing what had drawn her first,
 Her neigh - bors heard, then with her ran
 So they pre - vailed on him to stay
 Come with your thirst - y heart and mind;

She quenched in - stead a deep - er thirst.
 To meet this wise and ho - ly man.
 And teach them more an - oth - er day.
 You too may leave your jar be - hind.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Mass of Charity and Love
Steven C. Warner

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na in the high - est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your
Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.
A - men, a - men, a - men.

Steven C. Warner
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AGNUS DEI

Chant, Mass XVIII

A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis. *(repeat)*
A - gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Proulx

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus, Ever-flowing Fountain

Refrain

Je-sus, ev-er-flow-ing foun-tain, Give us wa-ter from your well.

In the gra-cious gift you of-fer There is joy no tongue can tell.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b.1939
 Tune: GRACIOUS GIFT, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; Michel Guimont, b.1950
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy Like the wide-ness
 2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures
 3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat-ter Like a crowd of

1. of the sea; There's a kind-ness in his jus-tice
 2. of our mind, And the heart of the E-ter-nal
 3. fright-ened sheep? Fool-ish hearts, why will you wan-der

1. Which is more than lib-er-ty. There is plen-ti-ful re-
 2. Is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more
 3. From a love so true and deep? There is wel-come for the


1. demp-tion In the blood that has been shed; There is
 2. sim-ple We should take him at his word, And our
 3. sin-ner And more grac-es for the good; There is

1. joy for all the mem-bers In the sor-rows of the Head.
 2. lives would be thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.
 3. mer-cy with the Sav-ior, There is heal-ing in his blood.

Text: 87 87 D; Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
 Music: Oude en Nieuwe Boerenlities, c. 1710.

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