

March 15, 2020
Third - Sunday
of Lent



Parish Calendar

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm

Sunday Masses:

6am, 8am, 10am, 12:30pm

**Daily Mass(Tuesday to Saturday) at
 7:15am**

Sunday, March 15

11am R.E Classes **C.R/H**
 12:30pm Mass/Fellowship **CH/H**
 2pm Divine Mercy **CH**
 3-6pm "Rosa de Plata" Adoration **CH**

Monday, March 16

7:15am- Communion Service **CH**
 6:30pm – Parish Zumba **H**
 7pm-8pm "Rosa de Plata" Adoration **CH**

Tuesday, March 17

5pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help **CH**
 7pm Hispanic Prayer Group **CH**
 7:30pm Neo-Catechumenal **H**

Wednesday, March 18

11am Social Ministry / GPS **H**
 6pm Wedding Rehearsal **CH**

Thursday, March 19

7pm Lenten Penance Service CH

Friday, March 20

12:30pm School Stations of the Cross
 6:30pm Stations of the Cross **CH**
 7pm Hispanic Choir Practice **R.E**

Saturday, March 21

5pm Vigil Mass **CH**
 7:30pm Neocatechumenal Way **CH**

Calendar Legend

Ch = Church RE = Religious Ed
 CC = Convent Chapel SR = Science Room
 PL = Parking Lot CR = Classroom
 TCB = TC Ching Building CF = Office Conference

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

Today's readings on this third Sunday of Lent present us with the theme of "thirst" and show us that a stewardship way of life can both satisfy our spiritual thirst for Christ and help us to satisfy Christ's thirst for souls.

Our first reading, from the book of Exodus, begins with the words, "In their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses." What little faith and lack of trust they show after all God has done to free them from slavery. But Moses cried out to God for help, and sure enough God provided abundantly to quench their thirst, instructing Moses to strike a rock "and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." God continued to provide generously for them. And He continues to provide generously for us these many centuries later.

Our second reading, from Paul's letter to the Romans, is a further reminder of God's graciousness to us: "The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." And not because we are deserving, but because God is so very good: "God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." If we spent the rest of our Lent truly contemplating that latter verse, we would surely be inspired to become more passionate stewards in response to such overwhelming love. We would become stewards who, by the heroic sharing of all the gifts God has given us, lead many of those around us to Christ and help to quench His thirst for souls.

Our Gospel passage from John recounts the life-changing encounter that Christ has with the Samaritan woman at the well beginning with His words to her, "Give me a drink." She is puzzled by this request so our Lord adds, "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." Christ is speaking these same words to us today: "Give me a drink" and "If only you knew..."

These two verses encapsulate the call to stewardship. Christ asks us to "give him a drink" by sharing what we have with Him and with others for His sake. Yet, it is Christ Himself who provides the water — the living water that is His grace: "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." For some mysterious reason, God has chosen to include us in His plan for bringing all people to salvation through Him. We live out our part in His plan through a stewardship way of life. It is an indescribable privilege to live this way.

Yet, our Lord does not wish us to be concerned about our unworthiness for such a high calling. He demonstrates this throughout the Scriptures by calling the "unworthy." In today's passage He chooses the Samaritan woman. She is a woman with a "past" and even a current living situation that is scandalous. But He calls her to conversion, and she responds to His call, becoming a disciple for her whole village. He is calling to us too, to live as His modern-day disciples. This Lent let us resolve to respond to His call with passion and commitment. Let us do our part to quench His thirst for the salvation of all.

Stewardship Collection

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| Total Weekly Collection | \$4,386.39 |
| Other Offerings/Income (Candle, Mass Offerings, Funerals Marriages, Baptisms, Unscheduled Masses & Donations) | \$2,119.01 |
| TOTAL OFFERINGS | \$6,505.40 |
| Weekly Offering needed for Operations | \$6,743.00* |
| Amount Over or Short | -\$237.60 |
| *Unplanned expenses in our budget for This Year (Increase) Parish Assessment and Property & Liability Insurance | \$21,898.00 |

Upcoming 2nd Collection:

Building and Maintenance Fund

Altar Ministry Cleaning Schedule Team 6

- *Norma Batangan
- *Aida Domingo
- *Carlina Ramos
- *Florentina
- *Puruirigan
- *Elaine Bacani

Rev. Diego Restrepo
Serna
Parish Administrator

Peter Soumwei
Deacon

Ricardo Burgos
Deacon

Bertha Guerrero
Secretary &
Business Manager

Carol Chong
School Principal

Sr. Esther Pagdato, O.P.
Sisters Convent &
Superior

Renier Torres
Pastoral Council Chair

Ping Blas
Finance Council Chair

Danielle Burgos
Religious Education
Director

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 15, 2020; Repose of the souls;

- (+)Luisa Perla Madagarang
- (+)Fermin Pascual
- (+)Erlinda Ellazar
- (+)Paulino & Annabelle
Castillo

Thanksgiving & Blessings;

- Fr. loane. Anitele'a
- Leota family
- Gimong

Birthday & Thanksgiving;

- Nicholas Sebastian

Thanksgiving & Healing;

- Sekoti Bernard & Susitina Van

March 16-March 21@ 7:15am & 5pm. Repose of the souls:

- (+)Shirley De Corte
- (+)Luisa Perla Madagarang

Our Parish
Lenten Penance
Service/
Confessions will
be on Thursday,
March 19th at
7pm.



Our Stewardship Prayer

Generous and Loving
Creator, you have called us to
Malama i ka Makana (Cherish
the Gift).

As disciples of your Son, we
ask that your Spirit open our
minds and hearts to
more deeply
appreciate your countless
blessings. Increase your
transforming spirit within us,
so as to nurture
our call to stewardship as a
way of life marked always by
faith-filled prayer,
service to others
and generous giving. With
the kokua of St. Marianne
and St. Damien, teach us to
be good
stewards so we may return a
hundred-fold the makana
entrusted to us.
We pray this through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen

PARISH MINISTRIES

Building & Maintenance
Baptism Preparation
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Marriage Preparation
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors
Altar Server
Altar Cleaners
Ushers/Hospitality
Social/Outreach
Neo-Catechumenal Way
Divine Mercy
Music Ministries
Knights of Columbus
Youth Ministry
Gimong ti Novena
*Ethnic Ministries (Hispanic, Samoan, Ilocano,
Chuukese)*

Other Masses, Adorations & Devotions

First Friday @ 7:45am-9:00am -Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament
First Friday @ 6:00pm- Ilocano Mass
First Saturday @ 8:00am- Holy Rosary - Dominican Lay
Associates
First Sunday @ 5:00pm- Chuukese Mass
First Sunday @ 10am Samoan Mass