



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

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"A woman of Samaria came to draw water.  
Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.'  
Jn 4:7-8

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**Saturday, March 7 Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

- 9:00 First Saturday Mass
- 5:00 ALBERT, MARY & LOUIS ORABONA (deceased) by Lucille Orabona

**Sunday, March 8 3rd Sunday of Lent**

- 10:00 ROBERT DONOHUE (deceased) by Msgr. Mancini
- Noon EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
- 1:00 DAVID CABRAL (deceased) by Msgr. Mancini
- 3:00 Multi-Parish Confirmation
- 6:00 ANTHONY CABRAL, JR. (deceased)

**Monday, March 9 Saint Frances of Rome, Religious**

- 12:00 ROGER & VIRGINIA LANGELIER (deceased) by family

**Tuesday, March 10**

- 12:00 MUNIR RIHANI (deceased) by Alan and Diane Costantino

**Wednesday, March 11**

- 12:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MOYO, CUSACK, AND MHARAPARA FAMILIES by Bob and Elizabeth Cusack

**Thursday, March 12**

- 12:00 ROBERT FRAPPIER (deceased) by parishioner

**Friday, March 13**

- 12:00 DAVID THIBAUT & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GEBAR FAMILY by Michael Gebar

**Saturday, March 14**

- 5:00 EDMUND & STEPHANIE EDMONDS (deceased) by Bob and Elizabeth Cusack

**Sunday, March 15 4th Sunday of Lent**

- 10:00 WILLIAM KAVANAGH (deceased) by family (Birthday Rem.)
- FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MSGR. MANCINI by John and Diane Tapis
- Noon EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
- 1:00 VITO MASELLI (deceased) by friends (Birthday Rem.)
- 6:00 RITA C. SULLIVAN (deceased)

**Easter Flower Memorials for Departed Loved Ones**

Special envelopes for Easter Flower Memorials will be available at the entrances to the Cathedral. Donations will help to defray the cost of the flowers that will adorn the Cathedral sanctuary for the Easter season. The Easter Flowers & Decorations collection will be taken on the weekend of March 14th & 15th, but the Easter Flower Memorial donations will be collected up until Palm Sunday, March 29th for publication and may be deposited in any collection. We ask that no more than two names (families) be included with each donation. Names will be published in the Easter bulletin and placed upon the altar to be remembered in prayer throughout the Easter season. A donation of \$25 is suggested, but any amount contributed will be greatly appreciated.

**Gold Memorials \$100 & above; Silver Memorials \$50-\$99; Bronze Memorials \$25-\$49.** Thank you for your generosity.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Classes for Teen Confirmation Grades 9-12 will be held on: **Monday, March 9 at 6:30pm**

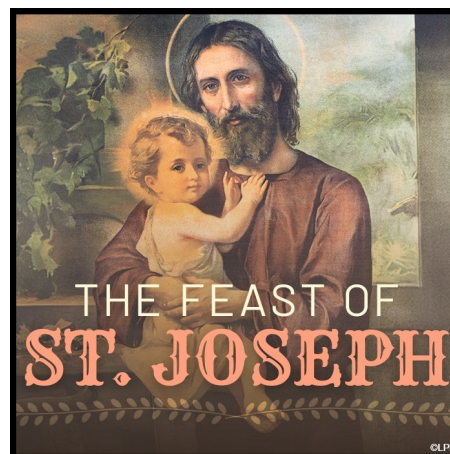
Classes for First Holy Communion and for children Grades 1-8 will be held on: **Saturday, March 14 at 10:30am.**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

O. C. I. A. & Bible Study  
**Wednesday, March 11 from 7pm-8:30pm**  
 For information please contact Sister Esmeralda @ 824-9608.



**Tuesday  
March 17th**



**Thursday  
March 19th**

**FROM THE RECTOR** - Monsignor Anthony Mancini

My dear Brothers and Sisters,  
I would like to share with you the following meditation:

***The God Who Thirsts***

We see God begging for a drink of water from a human being, and a sinful one at that. On the cross, too, he will exclaim, *I thirst*, and soon after, as the surprising result of that thirst, water and blood flow from his Heart. Indeed, he is a thirsty God, a tired God, a God looking for the companionship and dialogue of one of his creatures. How could it be that God is needy? In Christ the one who by nature has need of nothing outside himself has nonetheless voluntarily made himself needy, but only in order to communicate to us the life that is his. This action of making himself needy out of love may well be the greatest and most astounding work of his omnipotence.

What God, who is Love, needs is to give himself to us, thus obeying the deepest law of his nature as Love, and he can give himself to us only if he succeeds in kindling within us the light of faith that then provokes in us the yearning for union with him. The only thing Love wants is to be loved in turn, and, to accomplish this, Love does not hesitate to humiliate himself and make himself a beggar: *Give me a drink*, says the immortal Lord to his sinful creature.

We see clearly here that Jesus' human thirst is the means God uses to manifest himself to us, to communicate to us his divine desire to give himself to us, and this real, human thirst of Jesus is the condition, as it were, for God to be able to give us the divine water of his grace and life. In a magnificent phrase, Saint Gregory Nazianzen calls Jesus *the thirsty fountain*, that is: the Fountain of Life and Love whose very reason for being is to give itself away. The bold oxymoron Gregory uses tries to babble something of the incomprehensible nature of God's Being as love. To suffer from the thirst to give himself as the life of the world: this is the whole secret of Jesus' Heart.

ERASMO LEIVA-MERIKAKIS

*Erasmus Leiva-Merikakis, now known as Father Simeon, is a Trappist monk. He is the author of Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word, a four-volume commentary on Matthew's Gospel.*

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