

March 7 • Third Sunday in Lent

Holy Family

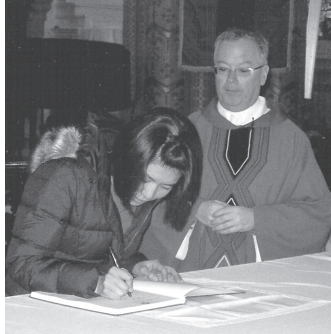
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Parish

A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue our Lenten journey, we ask that the Spirit lead us! Lent is a time of grace as we recall the events that led to Our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. As we acknowledge our need for the Lord's mercy may we pray for one another.



On Sunday March 21st, we will have our annual reconciliation service at 9:45 a.m.

Plans are proceeding with the healing garden that will be located along the West elevation of the Church. An architect has begun the process of drawing up plans. The garden will be a beautiful place for meditation. As plans become more advanced I will let you see the design.

In addition to all the planning for the rest of Lent and Holy Week, we are also getting things set for a special celebration on Sunday, April 25th. We will be marking the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Church. We will be honoring the many artists that contributed to this spectacular building. There will be several descendants of Anton and Sebastian Buscher, who were the wood carvers that did the High Altar, the statues, the altar rail, and the confessionals at that liturgy. It will be a great celebration.

There are materials in the back of Church regarding Christ the King College Prep. This exciting initiative of the Jesuits is in the same spirit as Christo Rey College Prep. Christ the King has a special outreach to African American students. It is a collaborative effort that makes an outstanding Jesuit education available to all. The school is off to a great start and has a beautiful building on Jackson Boulevard.

Holy Family is a site for taking applications for jobs related to the census. These jobs pay well and provide good experience for someone who is out of work or underemployed.

I am on my annual journey to gather palms for Palm Sunday. Its not easy but some one has to do it!

Have a Blessed week,

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Masses

Monday-Friday..... 7:30 am
(St. Ignatius Chapel)
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

Confessions

Sunday mornings from
8:45 - 9:15

Weddings

Arrangements must be
made at least six
months in advance.



Focus on the Word

The Sunday readings are placed in this bulletin for the benefit of those who might have a hearing impairment, and for your reflection before Mass and during the week. Since an important part of our Sunday worship is hearing the scripture proclaimed, we urge you to LISTEN to the readings as they are proclaimed. Thank you.



Reading I

Ex 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

Responsorial Psalm

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

Reading II

Rom 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

Gospel

Jn 4:5-42

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." Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, 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 speaking with you." At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" 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?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." 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

3rd Sunday of Lent

The account of Moses and the burning bush that is not consumed is one of the early Bible stories that we learn as children. By the third or fourth grade a child can recite the story that is often illustrated in religious education textbooks. So well-known is the encounter between God and Moses that the name has even been given to a common landscape shrub. *Euonymus alata* is known as "Burning Bush" to gardeners throughout the country, because its leaves turn fiery red in the fall.

But the story in Exodus 3 is less about a bush that is not consumed and more about God's revelation of God's self. God speaks the sacred name to Moses in response to his question: "When I go to the Israelites, if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?"

God tells Moses, "I am who am." The Hebrew word is indefinite in its meaning. It could also be translated, "I will be who I will be," or "I am going to be who I am," or even "I am who I will be." In other words, it is hard to pin God down. As limited creatures, we will never exhaust the fullness of the Creator of all.

Those of us who have been baptized for a while may sometimes think that we understand all about God, and that we have settled into our relationship with him. As parishes prepare men and women for baptism at the Easter Vigil, those of us who are long-baptized may want to listen to those who are coming new to the faith. They may have some insights about God or some stories of conversion that can help us on our own pilgrim way to the kingdom. Even after all these years, God is still doing something new!

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Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed on Fridays of Lent for those 14 yrs. or older.

Fast on Good Friday for those ages 18-59. Only one full meal and two smaller meals are allowed with no solid food between meals.

