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Gospel Meditation

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!

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March 15 - March 22, 2020
Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 15 9:00am-Mass
 Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42
 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Monday, March 16 4:30pm-Communion Service
 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. Ps 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 17 10:00am-Mass
 Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Mass Intention for John Dumesnil

Wednesday, March 18 4:30pm-Communion Service
 Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 19 4:30pm-Communion Service
 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/
 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday, March 20 9:30am-Communion Service
 Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 21 4:30pm-Mass
 6:30pm-Spanish Mass
 Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/
 Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 22 9:00am-Mass
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/
 Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

**If today you hear his voice,
 harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Nina Breaux, Megan Autonberry & family, Brenda Jones, Royce Owens, Bill Branham, Bethany Forristal, Don Moore, Carol Moore, Jim Muir, Troy Lange; Winter Sims, Jeanie Hebert, Rebecca Duckworth, Zane Duckworth, Dana LeJune; Don Moore, Norton Leger, Dan Salzer, Don Watt, Steve Tompkins, Henry Rossi, Bennie Mahaffey, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson, Ted Koch, Fr. Frank Rossi, Cheyenne Courtney, Audrey Douzant

Repose of the soul: Bobby Lehman, Tara McDowell, Irving 'Bruce' Broussard, Adam White; Barbara Kainer

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. Names written in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church will be offered as daily Mass intentions.

**PRAYER SUPPORT FOR OUR
 PASTOR AND PARISH**

Let's join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00pm. God's grace always remains with us.

Sun. Mar 15 <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> 9:00am - Mass Faith Formation following Mass	Mon. Mar 16 4:30pm-Communion Service	Tues. Mar 17 10:00am-Mass 3:30pm-Choir Practice 6:30pm-RCLA: Exploring the Catholic Faith	Wed. Mar 18 2:00pm-Bible Study 4:00pm-Rosary 4:30pm-Communion Service 6:00pm-CCE	Thurs. Mar 19 <i>First Day of SPRING</i> 4:30pm-Communion Service 5:00pm-Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Mar 20 9:30am-Communion Service 5:30pm—Stations of the Cross (led by Stewardship)	Sat. Mar 21 3:45-4:15pm-Confessions 4:30pm-Mass 6:30pm-Spanish Mass
Sun. Mar 22 <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> 9:00am - Mass Faith Formation following Mass	Mon. Mar 23 4:30pm-Communion Service 6:30pm-Pastoral Council	Tues. Mar 24 10:00am-Mass 3:30pm-Choir Practice 6:30pm-Penance Service	Wed. Mar 25 2:00pm-Bible Study 4:00pm-Rosary 4:30pm-Communion Service 6:00pm-CCE	Thurs. Mar 26 4:30pm-Communion Service 5:00pm-Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Mar 27 9:30am-Communion Service 5:30pm—Stations of the Cross (led by Youth)	Sat. Mar 28 3:45-4:15pm-Confessions 4:30pm-Mass 6:30pm-Spanish Mass

Lenten Schedule

Friday (every week)
 5:30 pm — Stations of the Cross

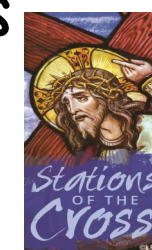
Tuesday: March 24, 2020
 6:30 pm — Penance Service



RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

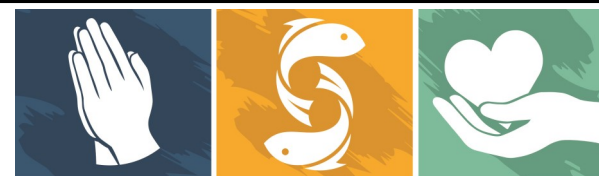
NEW ITEMS FOR LENT

Jewelry
 Wall Crucifix
 Stations of the Cross cards
 Lenten Daily Prayer card sets



Come and see what is available.

**Browse on Saturday after Mass
 or while having coffee after Mass
 on Sunday mornings.**



PRAY FAST GIVE

Weekly Stewardship

March 7 & March 8 Weekly Offering \$ 3,449.20
 Average Weekly Cost \$ 3,152.00
 Excess/Deficit \$ 297.20

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**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
 EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020, 6:30 PM
 FAMILY CENTER

**Jn 9:1-41
 The Ten Commandments**

Conscience Formation for End of Life Care

If you missed the presentation last week at the Senior Citizen's Lunch and would like a copy of the legal documents presented, go to the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops website at

txcatholic.org

- Click on *Pastoral Resources*
- Scroll down to *End of Life Directives*
- Download the forms

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Maureen Peltier at (713) 582-9838 or maureen@mpeltier.com

Breakfast with the Bishop

Saturday, March 28, 2020, 9-11 am
 St. Jude Family Life Center
 Beaumont, TX

- Adult/Teen: \$25 •Children 6-12: \$10
- Children 5 and under: FREE

RSVP forms are in the vestibule
 Hosted by Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas

Upcoming Events

- March 24: Penance Service, OLOP, 6:30pm
- March 28: Breakfast with the Bishop, St. Jude Family Life Center, Beaumont, TX
- April 4: Encounter Catholic, Dogwood Weekend, Downtown Woodville, until end of parade.
- April 4: Passion Play, Part 1, after 4:30pm Bilingual Mass, performed by group from Cristo Rey, 5:30pm
- April 5: Passion Play, Part 2, after 9:00am Mass, performed by group from Cristo Rey, 10:00am