

NO CCE classes March 15-21. We're off for the Parish Mission. CCE classes COME BACK March 22, 24, 25 continuing Big Idea 4: How to be Missionary Disciples of Christ. Our topic: Acting Upon My Call.



Breaking Open the Word for [The 3rd Sunday in Lent](#)

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Reading 1: *God told Moses: I will stand there in front of you.*

The Israelites grumbled against Moses, testing the Lord by asking: “Where is God?” The Almighty had freed them from slavery in Egypt, drowning their enemy in the Red Sea; guiding them with a pillar of cloud by day and guarding them with a pillar of fire at night; and He fed them manna – bread from Heaven. Yet the journey was difficult and the Israelites lost their faith. Moses prayed to God for help, and He led them to water. We, too, find ourselves asking, “Where is God?” when times are tough. When life is hard, we should follow Moses’ example and **pray**, one of our three Lenten pillars.

Reading 2: *God proves His love for us by giving us His Son:* Jesus embraced a life very different from His life before His Incarnation. He chose to live confined by space and time, just as we are, and He chose the shameful death of a criminal to free us from the power of sin. Because of Jesus’ Paschal Mystery – His Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension into Heaven – God poured His love into our hearts and empowers us with His Holy Spirit to live in a state of grace, free from any mortal sin and cleansed from venial sins. **Fast** from what tempts you to sin to observe Lent. **Fast** from too much “screen time.” **Fast** from your favorite food. **Fast** from whatever keeps you from spending time with God. He calls us all to be **saints**, fills us with the hope that we can become saints, and gives us the power to be so.

Gospel: *Jesus said: I will give you Living Water.* Jesus speaks with a Samaritan woman at the well and asks for water to slake His physical thirst. He promises her Living Water to slake her spiritual thirst. He knows exactly what we need. While He asks us to **give** of our time to be with Him, He rewards us with His Presence. When we **give** to those in need, we are giving to Him, and Jesus will not fail to reward us. Consider how you might **give** something to the Lord and receive the gift of His Presence dwelling within you. Come a bit early for Mass and pray quietly. Stay after Mass ends for extra prayer time. Visit Jesus in the Adoration Chapel (M-F, 9 AM to 9 PM).

