



So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a

Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

John 4:5-15, 25-26

Mass Intentions

This Weekend

Saturday	3:30 PM	Recitation of the Rosary
March 14	4:00 PM RIP	Thomas F. O'Connor By: Bill & Marlene O'Connor
Sunday	9:30 AM	Recitation of the Rosary
March 15	10:00 AM RIP	Anthony & Elizabeth Coyne By: Charlie & Betsy Bashaw

Daily Masses

Monday	7:00 AM RIP	Patty Romano By: Mary Folsom
March 16		
Tuesday	7:00 AM	Ann Desruisseaux By: Parishioners of St. Charles
March 17		
Wednesday	7:00 PM RIP	Michael Shaughnessy By: Bill & Marlene O'Connor
March 18		
Thursday	7:00 AM	Constance Brodeur By: Karen Brodeur
March 19		
Friday	5:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
March 20		

Next Weekend

Saturday	3:30 PM	Recitation of the Rosary
March 21	4:00 PM RIP	Michael Shaughnessy By: James & Ryan Jones, Sean Doyle
Sunday	9:30 AM	Recitation of the Rosary
March 22	10:00 AM RIP	Esther Barry By: Julie & Steve

Readings for the Week of March 16, 2020

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b/Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Parish Support

WEEKLY GOAL \$2000.00

Weekend of March 7, 2020 & March 8, 2020

Weekly Offertory:		\$ 1609.00
<i>Envelopes</i>	\$ 1154.00	
<i>Loose Donations</i>	\$ 455.00	
<i>Easter Flowers</i>		\$ 140.00
<i>Votive Candles</i>		\$ 32.25
		\$ 1781.25

Last Year's Offertory Collection
March 10, 2019 \$ 16.27

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Lector: John Marchica
 EMHC: Bernie Hindes
 Greeters: Charlotte Scanlon, Barbara Stickney & Sandi Gaspardino

Sunday March 22, 2020

Lector: Chris Hodsdon
 EMHC: Tom Ronning
 Greeters: Marge Ladd, Betsy Mercier & Kay Stack

Stations of the Cross every Friday at 5:00 PM ending on April 10th.

Sunday, March 29, 2020, 3:00 PM

St. Peter's Church

There will be a Lenten Penance Service Sunday, March 29th at 3:00 pm, at St. Peter's Church. This is a combined service with St. Charles. Father John will be joined by Father Maria in hearing individual confessions following the service.



Pray for Healing and Comfort

Especially for: Constance Burns, Carole Zinter, Deacon John Blicharz, Doreen Aldrich, Mary Frances Branch, Warren Peschl, Daniel Bryant, Monica Luedtke, Lois Woodard, Joseph Marion, Jr. Fr. Al Dagnoli, Paul Desruisseaux, Betsy Bashaw, Betsy & Bob Anderson, Frances Gallagher, Mary Damon, Grace Shelc, Tom Shelc, Ed Hindes, Maria Coyne, Mary Grippo, Madison Bills, Robert Brown, Mary Folsom, Peggy Lafave, Lorraine Reynolds, Bob Hanold, Marilyn Lemoine, Patrick Barry, Robert Fogg, Bernie Hindes, Nick Deistler, Ted Waryas, Peter Bodner, Ellah Williams, Fred Waryas, Maybelle Long, Joseph Mitchell, Heather Rodger, Patricia Jones, Frances Hackett, Colleen Paquet, David Robarge, Kathy Mcarthy, Tom Burns, Mary Lou Fogg, Jim Nyberg, Cheryl Elyse Garrett, Ed Atkins, Conner Glover. **Please contact the rectory (463-3128) if you wish Father Maria Lazar to make a sick call or bring Holy Communion to someone who is unable to attend Mass.**

Third Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law. The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come. The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah. (Copyright © 2020 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. www.loyolapress.com)

Sharing Thoughts with Deacon John Blicharz.

Join Deacon John as he discusses Foster Parenting with Alex Stradling, Throughout the month of March. Airs Sundays at 10:00 am / Tuesdays at 8:00 pm / Saturdays at 3:00 pm on Fact 8 TV. If you would like to do a show with Deacon John please contact him at 802-463-4206



GUIDELINES FOR LENT

The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance and works of charity. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. The rule of **fasting** states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, "sufficient to maintain strength", are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18 to 59. Self-imposed fasting on the other weekdays of Lent is recommended. Abstinence on all Fridays of the year is also highly recommended. Parents and teachers should see to it that, even those who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence because of age, are brought up in an atmosphere that is conducive to a sense of penance.

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As Knights we are called to be leaders within our



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Church and live our Baptismal promises. Let's use the time of Lent to open our hearts to the power of God's love. This Easter season, may we strive to live up to our principles of Fraternity, Unity and Charity. Lent is upon us and we are currently conducting our annual "40 Cans for 40 days of Lent" Program. Please help our community by bringing nonperishable food items to church each weekend. Our goal is to exceed last year. For more information on how to join the Knights of Columbus please call Grand Knight, Tom Ronning (603) 313 - 8839.

Christ Our Hope Campaign



We're excited to announce that starting next month our parish will be taking part in the **Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church**

campaign. The campaign will build up our diocese through vibrant parishes, strengthening faith formation efforts and serving the poor. We will kick off the campaign next month. We are still looking for people to serve on the campaign team to help spread the message and follow up on gift requests. If you are interested, please talk to Fr. Maria after Mass. We'll be sharing more information with you as we get closer to the kickoff date. Also be sure to read the Vermont Catholic Magazine and Inland Sea for more information about the campaign.

Meet Yvone – CRS Rice Bowls

Meet Yvone from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvone now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Visit crsricebowl.org for more. **Please pick up a CRS Rice Bowl in the vestibule or sacristy. Thank you.**

