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**Third Sunday of Lent**

**March 15, 2020**

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

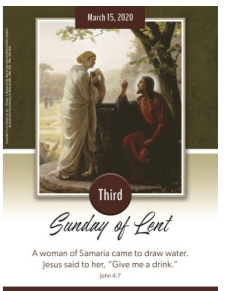
— *Romans 5:8*



**ST. JOSEPH MISSION**

Oscar Garcia/Mission Council President

Meetings held on last Thursday of the month at 7:00PM. Elva G. Garcia/ President Altar & Rosary Society . Meetings held on the first Sunday of the month after 9:30 a.m. Mass.



03/08/2020 Weekly Offerings: Loose change: \$ 924.72 Envelopes: \$ 1,732.00 Total: \$ 2,661.72

03/08/2020 Weekly Offerings: Loose Change : \$ 81.00 Envelopes: \$ 111.00 Total: \$ 192.00

**Saturday, March 14 — 6:00 PM**

† **MODESTA PENA & TEO GARCIA** by Marin Perez, Jr.

† **DELIA D. GARCIA** by Gloria Stickle

† **ELMIRA L. GUERRA** by M/M Ruperto Canales

**Sunday, March 15**

**7:30 A.M.**

† **ANTONIO P. IBARRA** by M/M Ruben Lopez

† **OSCAR GABRIEL PENA** by M/M Arnoldo Lopez

† **PEDRO & LEONOR DELGADO AND DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS** by George Delgado

**11:30 A.M.**

† **FOR ALL DECEASED CLASSMATES OF THE CLASS OF 1963** by M/M Sam Smithwick, III

† **ZULEMA P. TORRES** (Birth. Mass) by Cris Torres & family

† **TAYLOR SCOTT GARCIA** (3rd Anniv) by Cris Torres

**7:00 P. M.**

† **ANDEA C. BUSTOS** by family

† **PHILIP RODRIGUEZ** by Elma Gonzalez & sisters

**Saturday, March 21 — 6:00 PM**

† **REYNALDO VIDAL** by M/M Hector San Miguel & family

† **GREGORIO D. LONGORIA** by Clara Solis & family

† **JOSE LUIS GARCIA** by Emilda Garcia & family

**Sunday, March 22**

**7:30 A.M.**

† **MARTIN A. VALDEZ, JR.** by Mrs. Idolina Villarreal

† **BERTA B. GUERRA** by Rachel Salinas

† **JESUSITA M. BRIONES SALINAS** by Juan M. Salinas

**11:30 A.M.**

† **NINFA LICHTENBERGER** by Teresa Lichtenberger Jaime

† **ERIC MIGUEL GALVAN** by M/M Rogelio Dimas

† **MAURICIO V. MENDOZA III** by M/M Joe Ramos

† **HILDA RAMIREZ** by Gracie Uribe Cano

**7:00 P. M.**

† **ELMIRA L. GUERRA** by M/M David Lopez

† **YOLANDA BARRERA** by Joey Gonzalez

Altar Servers please follow your schedules.

**Mass Intention for Sunday, March 15, 2020, at 9:30 A. M.** † **ARNOLDO CADENA** (2nd Anniv) by Gloria Cadena & family † **DALIA M. GARCIA** by Gloria M. Munoz, mother † **BELINDA M. MUNOZ** by Petra Contreras

**Mass Intention for Sunday, March 22, 2020, at 9:30 A. M.** † **J.M. GONZALEZ** by Juanita Gonzalez & family † **MANUEL & EMETERIA RUELAS & DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS** by Marina Rivera & Ruelas family

**Weekly Announcements**

- In light of the seriousness of the Coronavirus, the Diocese has advised that parishes use certain precautions to avoid the spread of this virus. During Mass we will avoid shaking hands; communion will be received only by hand, not by mouth and during the Prayer of the Our Father there will be no holding of hands.
- Donations and Volunteers help to make Garden & Plant Booth at our Annual St. Francis de Paula Church Jamaica a HUGE SUCCESS!!! So please get growing!!! Between now and May 9th get dividing, cutting & sowing. Grow as many plants as you possibly can to donate. Contact Irma Garcia at 361-701-8725 or Libby Vela at 361-701-3759 to pick-up cuttings, plants or garden art. Time is short so don't delay. God's Work. Our Hands
- There will be no religion classes this Sunday, March 15 and Wednesday, March 18 . Have a safe Spring Break!

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

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

**Second Reading** — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

**Gospel** — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

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**THIRST**

Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

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**LECTORS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday, 03/21/2020**

6:00 P. M. Marin Perez Amada Hernandez

**Sunday, 03/22/2020**

7:30 A.M. Irma Uresti Nora Sendejo

11:30 A.M. Sally Lichtenberger Andreana Chapa

7:00 P.M. Lala Perez/Elvira Trejo

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Elvira Maldonado, Moses J. Gonzalez, Diamantina (Tina) Luera, Beatrice Luna, Margarito Maldonado, Juanita Balboa, Lupe Taylor, Tina Garza, Emily Barrientes, Ruben Gaitan, Anita Doris Bazan, Daniel X. Elizondo

- \* If you are going to have surgery, please feel free to come by the rectory and receive the sacrament anointing of the sick.
- \* The sick list will be made new every 6 months. In **January** and in **July**. If you need someone to be added to the prayer list, call the office and the name will be added.

**Monday, March 16 — No Mass**

**Tuesday, March 17— 6:00 PM**

† **ELMA R. GARCIA** by M/M Gilberto Uribe

† **MARIA ORALIA SALINAS** by Gilberto Valerio

**Wednesday, March 18— 7:00 AM**

† **ROEL MENDOZA** by M/M Angel Saenz & son

† **PAULA S. HINOJOSA** by Petra Contreras

**Thursday, March 19 — 6:00 PM**

† **LILIA T. MEIERS** by Rosie Olivares

† **RUBEN R. SMITHWICK, SR.** by Gene & Gloria C. Guerra

**Friday, March 20 — 7:00 AM**

† **JULIA O. GARCIA** by M/M Adalberto Vera

† **ROEL S. DIAZ** by M/M Carlos Omar Garcia