

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Gathering of March 8 – March 14



## PRAYER SHEET

### I. Gathering and Introductions

### II. Opening Prayer



O God, the living fountain of new life, to the human race parched with thirst, you offer the living water of grace that springs up from the rock, our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant your people the gift of the Spirit, that we may learn to profess our faith with courage and conviction and announce with joy the wonders of your saving love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

### III. Gospel Reading

### IV. Video Reflection: Parish Priests

**V. Discussion Questions: Many questions are offered as suggestions for discussion. Please pick and choose the questions that best suit your group.**

- a. In the book, “A Quiet Place,” a guy in Chicago (page 8) hurt his relationship with his family due to not spending time with them. What happens when we distance ourselves from God and fail to converse with him on a regular basis? Can you name ways that you see the effects on that in your life?
- b. On pages 11 – 13 of “A Quiet Place,” the author points out the difference between “saying our prayers” and actually entering into a relationship with God. How do you go about “getting to know” God and building relationship with God?
- c. Some prayers we know “by heart”, such as the Hail Mary and Our Father. Can those prayers still be used to “build relationship with God”? If so, explain how that can be done.
- d. Why does the author of “A Quiet Place” say that prayer is a gift? What does he mean by that?
- e. Fr. Ed and Fr. Joshua spoke about solace and salvation. How does an active prayer life connect with solace and salvation?



- f. Like the woman at the well, we all have experienced failings and broken relationships. If we have failed to converse with God on a regular basis, how can we begin to reinvigorate that habit?
- g. On pages 19-20 of “A Quiet Place,” the author refers to the psalms. Why are the psalms important for our habit of prayer? How can they, or how do they, inspire your prayer?
- h. What are some of your favorite ways to pray? How do you best enter into conversation with God?
- i. When your prayer life is at its best, describe the effects that you notice it having on the rest of your life. What difference does it make?

## VI. Closing Prayer

O Communion of Love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, embrace us as your children in this family of faith. Welcome us to a place at your table in the wedding feast of heaven.

O Father of Mercy, forgive us as we forgive. Reconcile us as one Body in Christ and make us instruments of your Peace.

O Spirit of Fire and Light, send us as your witnesses in daily life. Through our prayer, faith, and good works may we become welcoming doorways, inviting others to enter and encounter your Holy Communion of Love.

We make this prayer, Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and through Christ our Lord. Amen.

