



A WOMAN OF  
SAMARIA CAME TO  
**DRAW WATER.**

— JOHN 4:7 —

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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## The Worshipping Community of

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*"The Uptown Church with the down home message"*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026**

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of March 8, 2026

### Sunday:

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2,  
5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-  
42

### Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/  
Lk 4:24-30

### Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 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:

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

### Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,  
14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

### Saturday:

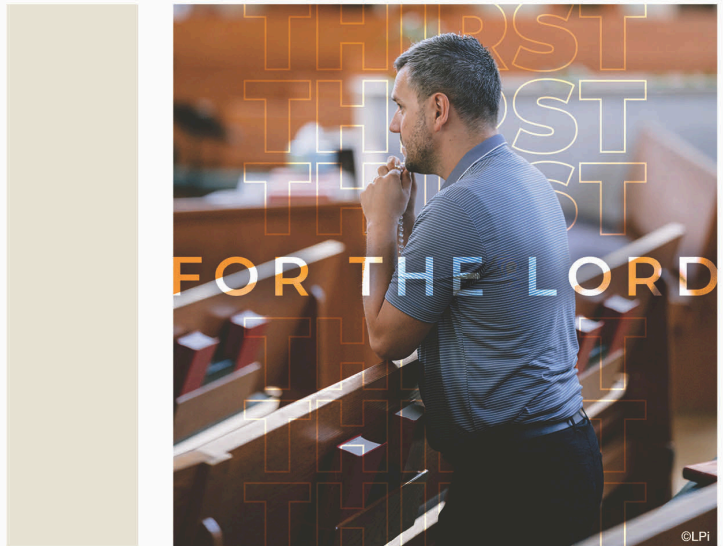
Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/  
Lk 18:9-14

### Next Sunday:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,  
5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17,  
34-38



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: **“One sows and another reaps” (John 4:37)**. He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

**Lenten challenge:** Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— *Father John Muir*

Weekday Mass

Wednesdays - 8 a.m.

Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Sunday (Gospel Mass) 10:00 a.m.

Livestreaming available on our Facebook and YouTube

Baptisms: 4th Sunday of the month except during Lenten Season

Weddings: Contact the rectory six months prior to desired wedding date

Confessions: One-half hour before Sunday Mass

Prayer Line: 508.924.5792 - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at Noon

Bible Study: 508.924.5792 - Thursdays at 6pm

**Saturday, March 7, 2026**

**4pm**

**In Memory of:** Our Parish Family and Families

**Sunday, March 8, 2026**

**8 am**

**For:** Our Parish Family and Families

**10 am Gospel Mass**

**For:** Our Parish Family and Families

**For the Repose of the Souls of:** Isaiah Preyan & Diana Pierre Bell

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

**For:** The People of the Parish

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Repose of the soul of the Holy Father and for:

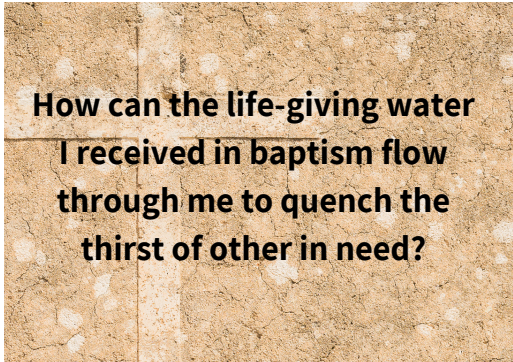
Our Parish Family Sick and Shut In: Leonard Anderson, Evangeline Thompson Antoine, Diane Austin, Joseph Bates, Jr., Loyce Bradshaw, Charles Braneon, Lorraine Burke, Barbara Butler, Virginia Butler, Augustine Cain, Dominique Carter, Jessie Caston, Sr., Jessie Caston, III, Ginny Clark, Bernadine Coco, Joyce Coleman, Keith Coleman, Santiago Cooper, Myrna Daniels, Lamar Davis, Souleymane Diop, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Dix, Bonnie Easton, Cameron Fritz, Gilda Griffin, Godfrey Harris, Linda Harris, Wanda Haydel, Tammi Lynn Howard, Joseph James, Hubert Jarrow, Jr., Ruth Jerome, Jaylen Johnson, Tommy Johnson, Anna Jones, Evelyn Johnson, Kaylen Johnson, Ruth Kennedy, Felicia Meyers, Edgries Moon, Keith Newton, Donna Phillips, Omar Phillips, Thomas Phillips, Calvin Preyan, Joyce Randolph, Deja Rawles, Scott Rivera, Kim Roby, Matilda Romero, Janice Sawyer, Lula Mae Schexnayder, Carrie M. Shedd, Scott Schryver, Jane Silva, Cindy Sims, Enjoli Sims, Kaila Sims, Kira Sims, Alma M. Smith, Bill Starr, Marquerite Stepter, Glenda Stewart, Annie Stoot, Eugene Stoot, Diane Sims Tillman, Perry Tillman, III, Sherman Todd, Betty Williams, Jace Williams, Nedra Wicker and Mandi Young

## Lenten Journey Prayer

Merciful God, as we journey through this season of Lent, quiet our hearts so we may hear Your voice. Help us to trust that all things are in Your hands. Guide our steps, strengthen our faith, and draw us closer to You each day.

Amen.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT



How can the life-giving water  
I received in baptism flow  
through me to quench the  
thirst of other in need?

## PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 14

4pm L. Coleman

Sunday, March 15

8am Chase Pierre

10am T. Gaines

W. Kennedy

Announcer: S. Lucien

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be celebrated every Friday in Lent at 6pm followed by Mass.
- **LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS** will be held Friday, March 13 and 27 from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Your support is appreciated. Thanks to the Preyan, Rabb, Sims, Spears and Rattler Families for donations to assist with defraying the cost of the fry.
- **TRI PARISH LENTEN REVIVAL** has been scheduled for March 9-11. This year's theme is **"All in His Hands"** with our message by Revivalist Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD. Save the Date.
- **WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL BREAKFAST** Mark your calendars and make plans to come and celebrate on March 14, 2026. This year's theme is "Women of God: Stand Firm in Your Faith and Walk in Your Path" and the color is blue. Tickets are on sale now: Individual: \$25 and Table of 10: \$250. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. with the Prayer Breakfast beginning at 10am.
- **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** Donations to the Poor Box help our parishioners and neighbors in need. Thank you for your support!
- **CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION** Our Parish is seeking assistance from parish ministries quarterly to clean of our sanctuary weekly in preparation for Masses. Ministries will be scheduled on a rotating basis throughout the year. Ministries and parishioners willing to assist are asked to please sign up in the vestibule or contact Emile Pierre (504.236.7336) or John Salomone (504.307.4645).



*Tri-Parish Lenten Revival*

*"All in His Hands"*

"Cast all your worries upon Him because He cares for you" 1 Peter 5:7

Monday, March 9th  
St. Katharine Drexel  
"Into His Hands"

Tuesday, March 10th  
Blessed Trinity  
"Speak Lord"

Wednesday, March 11th  
Blessed Sacrament-St. Joan of Arc  
"The Lord Was There"

Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD  
St. Anthony Catholic Church  
Lafayette, LA  
Revivalist

March 9 - March 11, 2026  
Gathering 6pm | Service 6:30pm

Safe Parking | Light Refreshments

**PEW RALLY** Support the continuing restoration effort by adopting a pew. Here is your chance to assist in the restoration of our church and commemorate someone special in your life. Your donation of \$1,500 will cover the cost of refinishing a pew. A memorial plaque will be placed on each adopted pew recognizing your gift. The adoption gift can be made in 1, 2 or 3 payments and can be split by two donors. Begin your adoption gift by scanning the QR code or following the email address listed in the bulletin. Thank you for considering a gift to restore our church to its original luster.



Pew Rally QR Code

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please submit all bulletin entries and announcements to the parish office by close of business (4:00 pm) on Wednesdays of each week.

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## PARISH CALENDAR

### MARCH

- 7 Ministry Assembly & Workshop  
 9-11 Tri Parish Lenten Revival  
 13 Fish Fry  
 14 Women's Ministry Breakfast  
 21 Ladies Auxiliary Bus Ride  
 27 Fish Fry

## COLLECTION TEAMS

### MARCH

- |    |        |    |        |
|----|--------|----|--------|
| 1  | Team 2 | 8  | Team 3 |
| 15 | Team 1 | 22 | Team 2 |
|    |        | 29 | Team 3 |

If you are experiencing an emotional crisis, are thinking about suicide, or are concerned about a friend, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Immediately:



1-800-273-8255

This is a 24-hour hotline

**PARISH SUPPORT**

<https://bssjaparish.weshareonline.org/>  
 Text "GIVEBSSJA" to 800-950-9952  
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*May God's generosity remain in you!*

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