

# Catholic Kid's Corner

And kids at heart!

In the Gospel this week, Jesus used the need for water to explain that he offers us life in heaven with him that will not depend on water. When we have faith in Jesus, we have eternal life. We heard Jesus and the Samaritan woman talk a lot about water. When do we use water in church? Lent is a time when we remember what Baptism means. We also try harder to live as followers of Jesus. When we were baptized, we were like the woman at the well: We came to know Jesus as our Savior, and we were sent to bring the good news of Jesus to others.

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LIFE	LIVING	NEVER	WATER	THIRST
WOMAN	TIRED	ETERNAL	JESUS	GIFT
SPRING	WELL	JOURNEY	SAMARITAN	DRINK

## WOMAN AT THE WELL

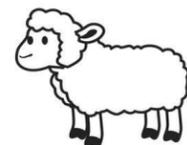
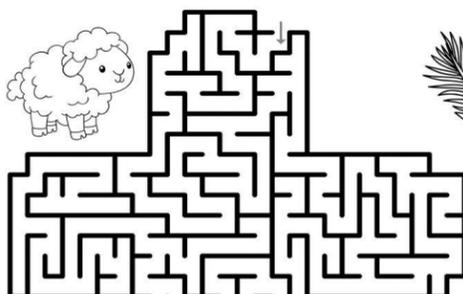
IOHN 4:1-26



LIVING WATER

### CROSS MAZE

CAN YOU FIND YOUR WAY THROUGH THE MAZE?



# RISEN SAVIOR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE

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March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

### Clergy

Rev. Charles Ugochukwu, Pastor  
 Deacon Mark Bussemeier  
 Deacon Manuel Garcia  
 Deacon Tim Parker

### Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.

First Fridays: 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days are Announced

### Reconciliation

Tuesday & Thursday: 11:00 a.m.  
 until the beginning of Mass

Saturday at 3:00pm

### Sacramental Preparation

Baptism Classes: Contact the parish office to register for the next scheduled date.

Please contact the parish office or visit the parish website for more information on all other Sacraments

### Anointings

Please contact the Parish Office.

### Parish Office

Hours: Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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John 4:5-42  
 Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.

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. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshipping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

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.

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.



**Children's Liturgy**  
 Kids K-5th Grade!  
 Join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00am & 11:00am Masses!

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday, March 7th**  
**4:00pm** - + Mary Catherine Fordice, + Ricardo & Raquel Duran, + Gary Hayes, + Mary Jo Rodriguez, The holy souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, March 8th**  
**7:00am** - + Felipe Padilla Jr. & Jesus Gutierrez, The holy souls in Purgatory  
**9:00am** - + Manuel John Gonzales, + Frank Dow, Paul, Edna, Paul Michael Tartaglia, and Parker Salazar, + Ralph Conway, Special intention for Megynn Vargas  
**11:00am** - + Yanthus Elliot, + Lou Biad, 90th Birthday blessings for Jean Garcia

**Monday, March 9th**  
**Tuesday, March 10th**  
**11:30am** - + Mary Catherine Fordice, + Odilla Torcioni, The holy souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, March 11th**  
**7:00am** - The holy souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, March 12th**  
**11:30am** - + Joe Weager, The holy souls in Purgatory

**Friday, March 13th**  
**7:00am** - For the People

There will be a second collection next weekend to benefit  
**CRS Catholic Relief Services**  
 Thank you for your support and generosity!



**Pray for the Faithful Departed**  
 † Michael Hagel  
 † Terry Bass  
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.*



THE SEASON OF **Lent**  
 PRAY FAST GIVE



**We ask our faith community to keep these individuals in your prayers:**  
 Tom Matuszak · Daniel Miranda · Raquel Rodriguez · Sofia Blackwood · Kristen Miranda · Donna Harris · Marianne Nichols · Sr. Maria Luisa Vasquez · Peter Maioriello · Joe Baca · Jim Keenan · Teofilo Guerin · Mary Lou Trujillo · Rose Banis · Hayden Mallak · Albert Martinez · Jeanette Feldman · Ronald Jennings · Paul Jessen Jr. · Corrine L. Garcia · Miles Anderson · Josie Jaramillo  
*To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the office, or submit your request through our website. The names remain in the bulletin for four weeks.*

## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Monday, March 9th**

**Tuesday, March 10th**  
 Book Study 10:00am, Youth Center  
 Divine Mercy 10:00am, Rm 4  
 Confessions 11:00am  
 Mass 11:30am  
 Alcoholics Anonymous 12:00pm, Rm 4

**Wednesday, March 11th**  
 Mass 7:00am  
 Child & Youth Faith Formation 5:30-7:00pm  
 OCIA 6:00pm, Library

**Thursday, March 12th**  
 Confessions 11:00am  
 Mass 11:30am  
 Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00pm, Rm 4

**Friday, March 13th**  
 Mass 7:00am  
 ALANON 12:00pm, Youth Center  
 Bridge 12:00pm, Rm 3  
 Stations of the Cross 3:00pm  
 Fish Fry 5:00pm, Marian Center

**Saturday, March 14th**  
 Confessions 3:00pm  
 Gambler's Anonymous 3:30pm, Rm 4  
 Mass 4:00pm

**Sunday, March 15th**  
 Masses 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am  
 Young Adults Lectio Divina 12:15pm, Youth Center

The Season of **Lent**  
 Keep Lent Holy at Risen Savior  
 † Mass every Friday at 7am during Lent  
 † Stations of the Cross at 3pm on Fridays  
 † Lenten Penance Service, 3/18 at 6:00pm



*As we have done for many years, we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM during Lent. Three of those weeks, we will have a Simple Soup Supper immediately after Stations. The other three weeks, we will have a Fish Fry at 5:00 p.m.*

**Soup & Fish Schedule**

February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Soup following Stations
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fish Fry at 5:00 PM
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Soup following Stations
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fish Fry at 5:00 PM
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Soup Following Stations
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fish Fry at 5:00 PM

## Weekly Votive Intentions

March 7th - March 13th

St. Michael the Archangel  
 Daniel Fontaine

Sacred Heart of Jesus  
 Ronan Keeton

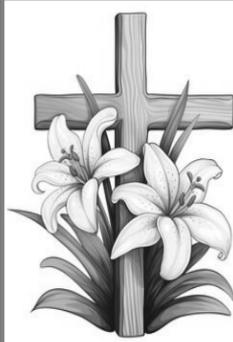
Our Lady of Grace  
 Hayden Mallak



St. Michael, St. Francis, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph, Our Lady of Grace, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary PRAY FOR US!

### Votive Candles

We have votive candles available for your intentions at our seven statues in the Church. The dedicated votives will burn from Saturday through Friday and will be replaced every Saturday. Contact the parish office.



### Easter Memory Flowers

Traditionally Risen Savior places flowers in the sanctuary at Easter in memory of loved ones. For your convenience, the purchase of the flowers has been pre-arranged. If you would like to donate in memory of your loved ones, their names will be placed in the sanctuary along with the flowers. Beginning on March 9th through March 26th please stop by the office to make arrangements.

### Christian Women Outdoors Ministry

**Tuesday, March 10th, 9-10:30am.** Easy level hike starting at Michael Emory Park located east of Tramway via Spain Road. New people are always welcome to join us as we enjoy God's great outdoors and each others' company. Contact Kay at kayhockey@comcast.net.



### 75th Annual Brother Mathias Barrett

**Saint Patrick's Day Dinner**  
 to benefit Good Shepherd Center's Works to Aid the Poor



Join us Tuesday, March 17th, 2025 4 pm to 8 pm at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church located at: 9502 4th St NW Albuquerque, NM 87114 Dinners Available To-Go! Now Accepting Sponsorships and Donations. For info visit [www.gscnm.org](http://www.gscnm.org) Or call 505-252-0236 or 505-243-2527 ext. 303

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life." Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae. © 1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

To learn more about Risen Savior's Respect Life Ministry, please contact us at [rsrespectlife@gmail.com](mailto:rsrespectlife@gmail.com).



### Youth Confirmation Retreat Dinner Volunteers Needed!

Our annual Youth Confirmation Retreat Kick-off Family Dinner is scheduled March 21st after the 4:00pm Mass. We are in need of volunteers to cook, serve, and donate towards the meal. This year's meal theme is Mexican.

Please contact Briana at [buargas@risensaviorcc.org](mailto:buargas@risensaviorcc.org) or at 505-821-1571 ext 110.

## THE CATHOLIC CORNER

### God's Mercy

We place limits on God's mercy that he does not, whether because we want to see others receive justice or because we feel unworthy of his love.

"You may object: 'But I keep falling!' The Lord knows this and he is always ready to raise you up. He does not want us to keep thinking about our failings; rather, he wants us to look to him. For when we fall, he sees children needing to be put back on their feet; in our failings he sees children in need of his merciful love." Pope Francis

Perhaps we see an enemy come back to God on his deathbed and we feel that same bitterness of the older brother of the prodigal son. Maybe we have temptations to be like Job, who didn't want to preach to Nineveh because he didn't want to see them spared. Do we ever place limits on God's mercy that he does not, whether because we want to see others receive justice or because we feel unworthy of his love?

God puts no limits on his mercy. We have no need to hide from him; we have no need to judge others for him. There is a stunning story about St. Faustina that illustrates this. One day she told Jesus that she had given him all she had. But Jesus responded, "You have not offered me the thing is truly yours." This surprised her. What had she kept from him? Jesus lovingly responded: "My daughter, give me your failings."

After retelling this story, Pope Francis reminded us: "We too can ask ourselves: 'Have I given my failings to the Lord? Have I let him see me fall so that he can raise me up?' Or is there something I still keep inside me? A sin, a regret from the past, a wound that I have inside, a grudge against someone, an idea about a particular person... The Lord waits for us to offer him our failings so that he can help us experience his mercy."

Stop placing limits on God's mercy. Do not live in the past, or make others live in the past. The Lord has come to give you freedom, new life, and resurrection. Give him your failings, accept his mercy, and live.

### 2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Archbishop Wester has stated, "The ACA fundraising campaign is not just for you and your parish. ACA funds support the education, outreach, and communication of the Gospel message throughout our entire Archdiocese." Each year, the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) blesses us with the opportunity to live our faith and to practice the virtue of charity by sharing resources to assist people who are in great need. Each gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports numerous ministries throughout our Archdiocese, such as Hispanic Ministry, Pastoral Outreach, TV/Online Mass, Deaconate Formation, and many more.

"Be generous and you will be prosperous. Help others and you will be helped." Proverbs 11:24-2

HOW CAN I GIVE?  
 Risen Savior website: [www.risensaviorcc.org](http://www.risensaviorcc.org). Click the On-Line Giving Tab. Scroll to the ACA tab.

Check or Money Order: Payable to Annual Catholic Appeal.  
 Pledging a Gift: You do not have to write a check or give cash at this time. You may pledge the amount you plan to give in the box marked 'Total ACA Pledge'. Friendly reminders will be mailed to these regularly.

Online: Donate online using your Visa, American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or via e-check by visiting our secure online donation site. <https://www.acaarchdiocf.org>. While there, you can also arrange for automatic payments as a frequency of your choice.

Gifts of Stock: A gift of stock is another way to contribute to the ACA. These gifts may allow donor tax benefits, including eliminating capital gains tax that would be due if they sold the stock independently. Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from an IRA may be diverted to ACA with possible tax benefits for such a gift. Donors should review the tax impact of such gifts with your financial advisor.

United Way and Matching Gifts: Some employers have matching gift programs, which provide employees with the opportunity to enhance their charitable contribution. Please contact your company's Human Resource professional to determine if your company participates in a Matching Gift Program.  
 \*Please reference ACA Tax ID #85-0422498, as well as your 6-digit Family ID.

Why give to the Annual Catholic Appeal?  
 It is part of our commitment to Christ and His Church. We are part of the Universal Roman Catholic Church. We are in communion with our brothers and sisters in the neighboring parishes. We are the Body of Christ.