

From the Desk of the Pastor

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

On this Third Sunday of Lent we begin a three-week series of Gospel readings from St. John. These texts have been historically associated with Christian initiation.

The three great stories of the woman at the well, the man born blind, and Lazarus are intimately associated with pre-baptismal catechesis for those preparing to be initiated at the Easter Vigil.

For those of us, who are already baptized, the readings continue to offer an equally important opportunity to explore the meaning of our own Christian initiation: our commitment and life of discipleship.

Today's the flowing of water in the Exodus story speaks of a saving God who has rescued us even in the midst of our grumbling, hardness of heart, and lack of trust.

St. Paul in the second reading today speaks of the love of God that has been 'poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit'. Jesus in the Gospel offers to the woman and to all who hear the gospel, the gift of Living Water – Himself, and the divine love that He embodies.

The Johannine narratives are carefully constructed presentations meant to strike a spark of recognition in every listener.

The turning point in the story is when Jesus shocks the woman by disclosing that he knows facts about her personal life that no ordinary person could know. The woman is mortified by what Jesus says about her life. The subtle dramatic effect is geared to engage us with a sense of intensity.

It draws us to see and recognize ourselves in the interaction between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. This leads the woman to realize that Jesus must be a prophet; The conversation that follows opens her eyes to see that Jesus is the Messiah. The woman lets go of her self-deception; and once that happens, she finds herself filled with the possibilities of the new Eternal Life.

He redefines everything anew. His love, his soothing invitation, his offer of healing forgiveness – all of these are recounted in the hope that we will understand more deeply what it means to be given the gift of living water in baptism.

TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

En este Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma iniciamos una serie de tres semanas de las lecturas del Evangelio de San Juan. Estos textos han sido históricamente asociados con la iniciación Cristiana.

Las tres grandes historias de la mujer en el pozo, el hombre que nació ciego y Lázaro están íntimamente asociadas con la catequesis pre-bautismal para aquellos preparándose para ser iniciados en la Vigilia de Pascua.

Para aquellos de nosotros, que ya estamos bautizados, las lecturas siguen ofreciendo una oportunidad igualmente importante para explorar el significado de nuestra propia iniciación Cristiana: nuestro compromiso y vida de discipulado.

Hoy el flujo del agua en la historia de Éxodo habla de un Dios salvador quien nos ha rescatado aún en medio de nuestras quejas, dureza de corazón y falta de confianza.

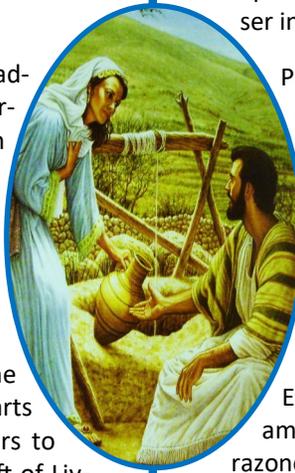
En la segunda lectura de hoy San Pablo habla del amor de Dios que ha sido 'derramado en nuestros corazones atreves del Espíritu Santo'. Jesús en el Evangelio le ofrece a la mujer y a todos los que escuchan el Evangelio, el don del Agua Viva – Si Mismo, y el amor divino que Él encarna.

Las narrativas de el evangelio según San Juan, son presentaciones cuidadosamente construidas con la intención de crear una chispa de reconocimiento en cada oyente.

El punto de inflexión en la historia es cuando Jesús sorprende a la mujer al revelarle que sabe datos sobre su vida personal que ninguna persona podría saber. La mujer es mortificada por lo que Jesús dice acerca de su vida.

El sutil efecto dramático está orientado para envolvernos con una sensación de intensidad. Nos lleva a ver y reconocernos en la interacción entre Jesús y la mujer Samaritana. Esto conduce a la mujer a darse cuenta que Jesús debe ser un profeta; La conversación que sigue abre sus ojos para ver que Jesús es el Mesías. La mujer deja ir su autoengaño; y una vez que eso sucede, se encuentra llena de posibilidades de una nueva Vida Eterna.

Él redefine todo nuevamente. Su amor, su invitación calmante, su oferta de sanación en el perdón – todos estos son recountados en la esperanza de que comprendamos más profundamente lo que significa ser dado el don del agua viva en el bautismo.



The Recitation of
the Holy Rosary
On Weekdays of Lent
After the 9:00am
Mass in English



On Fridays during Lent,
we have the praying of
the Stations of the Cross
after the 9:00am Mass

VIA CRUCIS
Domingo
a las 11:00am

2026 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.” Isaiah 40:31

The Annual Appeal is our chance to join with Catholics throughout our Archdiocese to assist those who depend on us. Your generosity supports essential ministries that care for our youth, accompany families, serve those most in need, and support our priests.

Our Parish assessment for this year 2026 is \$32,295.00.

Your generosity makes a real difference in the lives of many throughout our Archdiocese. Our parish mailing has gone out this weekend. It is our hope, you will receive it soon. For more information or to make a donation, please go to:

<https://sfarchdiocese.org/aaa/>

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of this request!



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

February 28 — March 1, 2026

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 269.00
Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$2,387.75
Easter Flowers.....\$ 545.00
Reserve Funds.....\$1,525.25

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

March 8: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal
March 15: Catholic Relief Services
March 29: Palm Sunday
April 5: Reserve Fund & Easter Sunday

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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

2026 Parish Assessment \$32,295.00

Kindly consider in any way you can help our Parish make this assessment. Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7 TO MARCH 14

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
March 7, 2026	March 8, 2026	March 9, 2026	March 10, 2026	March 11, 2026
<p>9:00am ✠ Albert & Michael Gagnani</p> <p>4:30pm Parish of St. John</p>	<p>8:00m ✠ Genevieve Heze</p> <p>10:00am ✠ Eduardo S. Genoves ✠ Deceased Members of the Galang Family Joaquin Garcia de Joya 🕯</p> <p>12:00pm ✠ Carlos Romeo Godoy ✠ Gery Nicolas Moran ✠ Mario Ernesto Maida Bermudez</p>	<p>9:00am ✠ Lucena Marilla</p>	<p>9:00am ✠ Manuel B. Saoit ✠ Matthew Malvar</p>	<p>9:00am Young Men's Institute Deceased members</p>
		THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		March 12, 2026	March 13, 2026	March 14, 2026
		<p>9:00am ✠ Henry & Teresa Thran ✠ Mary Redubaldo</p>	<p>9:00am Young Men's Institute Living members</p>	<p>9:00am ✠ Michael Murphy</p> <p>4:30pm William A. Recio 🕯</p>

