

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2020**

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 16

Ps 84:3...2 Kgs 5:1-15b...Ps 42:2, 3, 43:3, 4...Lk 4:24-30...
Ps 117:1, 2

8:00 AM Mass – Special Intention

Tuesday, March 17

*Cf. Ps 17:6-8...Dn 3:25, 34-43...Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,
8 and 9...Mt 18:21-35...Cf. Ps 15:1-2*

8:00 AM Mass – All Fathers, Grandfathers, and
Father figures, living/deceased

Wednesday, March 18

*Cf. Ps 119:133...Dt 4:1, 5-9...Ps 147:12-13, 15-16,
19-20...Mt 5:17-19...Cf Ps 16:11*

12:05 PM Mass - Intention not scheduled

6:00 PM Mass will be at St. Mary Church

Thursday, March 19

*Cf. Lk 12:42...2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16...Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,
27 and 29...Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22...Mt 1:16, 18-21,
24a or Lk 2:41-51a...Mt 25:21*

8:00 AM Mass – John Robertson +

Friday, March 20

*Ps 86:8, 10...Hos 14:2-10...Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 and 17...Mt 12:38-34...Cf Mk 12:33*

8:00 AM Mass – Bill Snyder +

Saturday, March 21

*Ps 103:2-3...Hos 6:1-6...Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab...
Lk 18:9-14...Lk 18:13*

8:00 AM Mass – Intention not scheduled

4:00 PM Mass – Maria Bernard +

Sunday, March 22

*Cf. Is 66:10-11...1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a...Ps 23:1-3a,
3b-4, 5, 6...Ep 5:8-14...Jn 8:12...Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9,
13-17, 34-38...Cf. Jn 9:11, 38*

8:30 AM Mass – Maritza Ream +

11:30 AM Mass – People of the Parish

Stewardship makes a difference...St. Joseph's Day Dinner and Table has been postponed to May 1st, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, due to the coronavirus concerns.

Every woman of the parish over 18 years of age is considered a member of the **St. Anne's Altar Society**. Annual dues are only \$5. Please drop your envelope in the **collection basket** or forward it to the **Parish Office**. Please do not include your dues on the same check as your regular contribution.

Next weekend our second collection is for **Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC)**. The funds provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY INCOME

Monthly Budget Goal \$63,917.00

	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Aged, Sick & Poor</u>
Week 1	\$11,039.75	\$ 1,227.50
Week 2	<u>\$10,988.35</u>	<u>\$ 251.00</u>
Total	\$22,028.10	\$ 1,478.50

This Coming Week

Monday, March 16

9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry - Rectory Basement
6:00-6:50 PM School of Religion – Ruggle Hall

Tuesday, March 17

8:00 AM Father's Day All School Mass - Church

Wednesday, March 18

9:00 AM-12:00 PM Sewing/Crafts Group-Rectory Basement
9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry - Rectory Basement

Thursday, March 19

7:00 PM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal – Ruggle Hall

Friday, March 20

9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry - Rectory Basement
12:00 noon School Early Dismissal
Afternoon Optional PT Conferences - School
12:00 noon Stations of the Cross - Church
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, March 21

2:30 PM Confessions
3:30 PM Rosary
4:00 PM Mass

Sunday, March 22

8:00 AM Rosary and Confessions
8:30 AM Mass – Cathedral Choir Sing
10:45 AM Glory and Praise Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Rosary and Confessions
11:30 AM Mass – Glory and Praise Choir Sing



Many blessings to our Cathedral and St. Mary Parish teens who were Confirmed last Sunday: **Natalie Burnett, Rudy Daise, Jeffery Ellsworth, Landon Gardner, Connor Heitman, Shannon King, Skylar Kline, Rorey Mattox, Seth Metcalf, David Moyer, Ethan Ousley, Michael Partamian, Collin Schiermeyer, Sam Schoeberl, Adan Seiter, Allison Stroud, Aman Tekilezgi, and Joe Weaver.**

Orders for the **Altar Society's Easter Lily Sale** are due by **Friday, March 27**. Please drop your order form with payment in the collection basket at weekend Mass, or deliver to the Parish or School Office. Pick-up will be after Masses on **April 4-5**. Lily plants can be purchased to take home, given as a gift, or as a memorial to be displayed in church. Cost is \$15/plant.

Thank you to Paula Bokay and Alrita Wagner for their help at the joint **Day of Recollection!** **Thank you, too,** to the several Cathedral ladies who participated in this day of prayer.

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” (Ps 95)

Father Hansen’s message . . .

Last week I wrote of the fruit of faithfulness. This week’s article is about fruit of the Holy Spirit of peace. It seems like just yesterday I was advised in the confessional to pray before an image of Mary, Queen of Peace, each morning while making my morning offering. I’ve been doing so for over twenty years. The University of Dayton has a tremendous Marian studies program. I found this article about Mary, Queen of Peace. Let’s go to her frequently during these Lenten days asking her to pray for us, that we have the fruit of peace from the Holy Spirit.

“Queen of Peace

Q: Can you provide information about the title Our Lady of Peace and any artist depictions of this title?

A: The title of Our Lady of Peace is not too well defined. It appears normally as Queen of Peace for which the Church has a special Mass, *Missa Beata Maria Virgo Regina Pacis*, where you find various reasons why Mary is called Queen of Peace. She is mother of the "Prince of Peace" (Introit) who reconciled heaven and earth (Communio). She was standing at the foot of the cross where Christ merited peace for the whole world. At Pentecost Mary prayed for the Spirit of peace (Preface). She is our intercessor with God to obtain the spirit of love, unity and reconciliation (Collect, Communio). Mary is the Immaculate Conception, a person at peace with herself and with God. There are many papal encyclicals asking Mary to intercede for peace. *The Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary* (1990 English version) contains a Mass (for ordinary times) devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace.

In 1917 Pope Benedict XV added the advocacy "Queen of Peace" to the Litany of Loreto. The peace of the world is a special theme at Fatima, and again in Medjugorje. It had an impact on such movements as the Blue Army and various Rosary movements. This is one of the reasons why Our Lady of Peace is sometimes represented as Our Lady of Fatima or Our Lady of Medjugorje. Our Lady of Peace is the patroness of El Salvador.”

Bishop Johnston urges everyone to pray and he offers this as a recommendation:

"O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith
firm.

You, Patroness and Protector of the People of the United States
of America,

know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do
not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us
from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin." Amen.

CHECK THIS OUT . . . The Good News of Cathedral

- **Congratulations to Jesse and Amanda Hausman Medina**, Cathedral class of 03 & LB Class of 07, on the birth of **Maverick Jay Medina** on **March 4!**

School and ECC News

- **There will be a Father’s Day All School Mass on March 17 at 8:00 AM.** We extend a special invitation to all fathers, grandfathers, and father figures to attend this special Mass with our school children.
- Come enjoy **Cathedral Showcase of Learning on Mon., April 6, 6:00-7:00 PM** in our gym. Our students’ presentations, art projects, science exhibitions, technology, geography projects and more will be on display.
- **St. Joseph Catholic Middle School Spring Fling** for Grades 6-8 Catholic School students – **Fri., March 20, 7:00-9:00 PM.** in St. James gym. Come enjoy the fun and music by DJ Flo, Bags Tournament, and Snacks.
- **Boots and Beauties Daddy Daughter Dance on Sat., March 28, 6:30-8:30 PM** in our gym. Sponsored by Cathedral’s Girl Scout Troop 6011. Bring a Dad, Grandfather, Uncle, or other special guy. Tickets \$20 per couple; \$5 for each additional girl.

The **Office of Divine Worship** is co-sponsoring 24 hours of **Adoration and Confessions with Mir House of Prayer, Friday, March 20 at 8:15 AM until Saturday, 8:15 AM on March 21.** Check out kcsjatholic.org/events/24-hours-2020.

Organ Recital on March 22 – Jacob Hofeling will present an organ recital at **First Presbyterian Church, 301 N. 7th St., at 3:00 PM on Sunday, March 22.** This free recital is open to the public, and is sponsored by the St. Joseph Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

St. Patrick’s Trivia Night – March 28, 6:30 PM in the **St. James Parish Basement.** Doors open at **6:00 PM;** trivia begins at **6:30 PM.** Teams need to be made up of 6-10 people. \$10/person. Concessions available. Mulligans offered for \$1 a piece or 10 for \$8; only 1 Mulligan can be used per round. Please call **Rachel Copeland, 816-248-1259.**

Serra Club News: By becoming a member, YOU can increase the culture of vocations in St. Joseph. To learn how, please join them for a Rosary and Serra Club in formation meeting at **Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on March 18 at 6:00 PM.** The program: **The Newman Connection, “Keeping Our Children Catholic”** by **Homer Radford.**

The Catholic young adult group, **Coram Deo,** is meeting on **Mon., March 16,** for ***Mondays on the Bluff!*** Meet at **St. Rose of Lima Parish at 6:10 PM** for a rosary and fellowship. Please bring a few bucks in cash to help defray the cost of pizza. All young adults ages 22-35 are invited to attend. Contact **Ally Goetz** at agoetz@olog.org.

Thank you to **Ann and Dennis Gronniger** for providing snacks for our School of Religion students.

Thank you to **Mrs. Tabor** and her **students** for donating books and toys to Cathedral’s Food Pantry.

Sacrifice of Praise

Third Sunday of Lent: Exodus 17:3-7 / Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 / John 4:5-42

Contrition Offers Us a Way to Approach the Lord

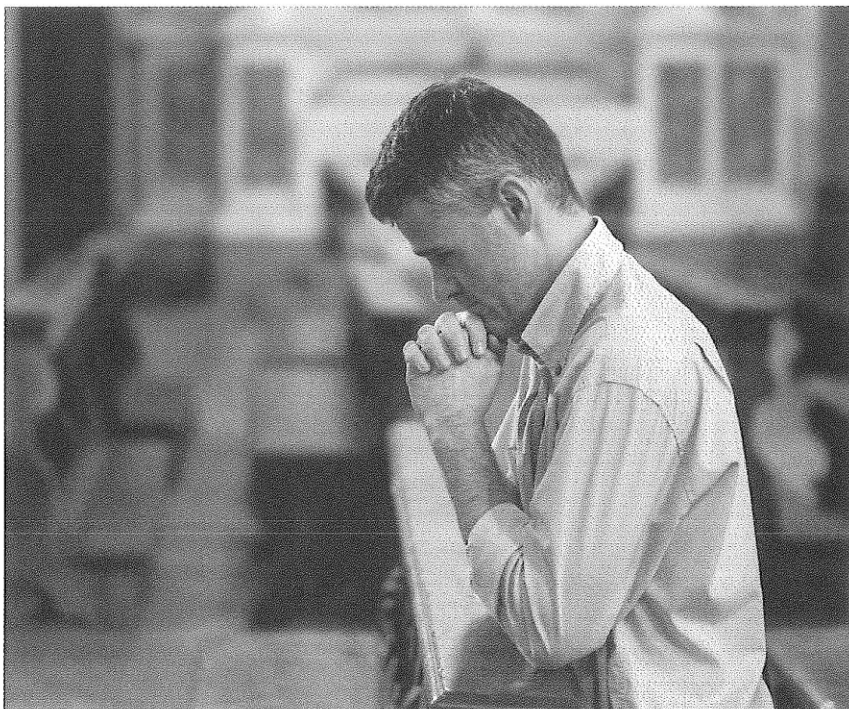
In today's Gospel reading, every detail of the encounter between Jesus and the woman at the well, a Samaritan woman, reveals Jesus' deep abiding love for all people.

First, let's look at the location and time of day when Jesus and the woman at the well meet. Jesus is in Samaria, home to people considered unclean by the Jews. Everything they touch, including the water in the well, would have been considered unclean. Note the time of day: It is the hottest time of the day; most of the women would have completed the task of collecting water in the cool of the morning. The Samaritan woman comes at this time to avoid others, specifically the judgment of others.

During their conversation, we can witness the progression of the woman's faith. (Perhaps you recognize yourself in her story?) Her relationship with the man seeking to have his thirst quenched is one with a stranger.

Next, Jesus reveals he knows the intimate details of her life. He gently but clearly states the truth of her current state of life, causing her to consider him a prophet. (Perhaps you, too, have experienced the Holy Spirit nudging your heart, gently revealing behaviors or choices that keep you bound and ashamed.)

After gaining her trust by showing the woman that despite all she has done or who she may be, he longs to give her the promise of salvation; she now sees him as the Messiah. Finally, accepting this invitation to be set free through the living water of his mercy and forgiveness, she proclaims him as Savior. She emerges from this encounter contrite and transformed, symbolically dropping her pot (see Jn 4:28) and with it her



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FOR REFLECTION

- Sometimes we need to ask for forgiveness; other times we need to offer it. Recall examples of each in your life. Did you experience joy from offering or receiving forgiveness?
- When have you encountered God's mercy in your life?
- When you come to pray, do you first seek God's forgiveness for your sins?

old way of life. From what situation can Jesus' mercy and love free you?

As a true disciple, the Samaritan woman, known as St. Photina in the Eastern rite, finds others with whom to share the Good News. She runs to find others with which to share her story and invites them to encounter Christ for themselves. Many became believers because of her testimony. Remarkable are the words of those who returned to the woman to report, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have

heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

Jesus thirsts for each of us to encounter him, to witness our relationship evolve from strangers to believers, to proclaim him as Savior.

Embracing contrition, we can be freed from our burdens through the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pray for and with a heart of contrition to allow Jesus to gently show who you presently are and who he longs for you to be.



Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for the invitation during Lent to take a closer look at my life, to look deeply at the places in which I may be faltering or missing opportunities to show your glory in the world. Lord, thank you for the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please strengthen my heart to make a healing, grace-filled confession before Easter.

How to Make a Good Confession

Has it been a while since you've been to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Lent is the perfect time to rectify that. Here is a quick refresher:

- Examination of Conscience. Spend some time in prayer recalling your sins.
- Confession begins with, "Forgive me, Father, it has been X amount of time since my last confession." If you are nervous or unsure how to proceed, this is a good time to ask for assistance.
- Share your transgressions, listen to the priest's response, and receive your penance.
- Conclude with the Act of Contrition. Feel free to bring it written down if you don't have one memorized.
- Upon leaving the confessional, spend a few moments completing (if possible) the penance the priest has assigned you.

That's it. You are now a new creation in Christ. Allow the grace of this sacrament to guide your prayer, almsgiving, and fasting for the remainder of your Lenten season.

The Great Mercy of God

Bartolo Longo was a priest of Satan before his conversion to Catholicism. He feared, "As the priesthood of Christ is for eternity, so also the priesthood of Satan is for eternity. So, despite my repentance, I thought that I was still consecrated to Satan, and I am still his slave and property as he awaits me in hell. As I pondered over my condition, I experienced a deep sense of despair." Consolation came to him as he recalled this promise from the Blessed Virgin Mary, "One who propagates my Rosary shall be saved," and he recounted, "Falling to my knees, I exclaimed: 'If your words are true that he who propagates your Rosary will be saved. I shall reach salvation because I shall not leave this earth without propagating your Rosary.'"

Blessed Bartolo spent his life promoting the Rosary; in fact, it was from his writings that Pope St. John Paul II based the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, also known as the Mysteries of Light. If Blessed Bartolo's life could be used for such a splendid purpose, imagine what amazing things God can do with you?



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Lord Jesus, let my heart never rest until it finds You, who are its center, its love, and its happiness. By the wound in Your heart pardon the sins that I have committed whether out of malice or out of evil desires.

— ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE