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*A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her "Give me a drink."
(Gospel)*

March 15, 2020 Third Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Schedule

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| Monday | 8:00 am | Mass |
| Tuesday | 8:00 am | Mass |
| Thursday | 9:10 am | Mass at COS |
| Friday | 8:00 am | Mass |
| Saturday | 4:15 pm | Mass |
| Sunday | 10:15 am | Mass |

Reconciliation

1st & 3rd Saturday After 4:15 pm Mass
2nd & 4th Sunday After 10:15 am Mass

Prayer Line 651.457.0228

Readings for the week of March 15, 2020

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 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. Ps 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 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
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today's readings on this third Sunday of Lent present us with the theme of "thirst" and show us that a stewardship way of life can both satisfy our spiritual thirst for Christ and help us to satisfy Christ's thirst for souls.

Our first reading, from the book of Exodus, begins with the words, "In their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses." What little faith and lack of trust they show after all God has done to free them from slavery. But Moses cried out to God for help, and sure enough God provided generously to satisfy thirst. He continues to provide generously for us these many centuries later.

Our Gospel passage from John recounts the life-changing encounter Christ has with the Samaritan woman at the well beginning with His words to her, "Give me a drink." Then, He adds, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Christ is speaking the very same words to us today. These two verses encapsulate the call to stewardship. Christ asks us to "give him a drink" by sharing what we have with Him and with others for His sake. Yet, it is Christ Himself who provides the water — the living water that is His grace.

God has chosen to include us in His plan for bringing all people to salvation through Him. We live out our part in His plan through a stewardship way of life. This Lent, let us resolve to respond to His call with passion and commitment. Let us do our part to quench His thirst.

- *The Catholic Steward*

Cover art provided by Catholic Studies Program at St. Louis University : *Bernardo Strozzi, Christ with the Samaritan Woman (1650?)*



Mary Leibl,
Volunteer
Coordinator

Volunteer Opportunities & Parish Needs

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

We need volunteers to continue the work of serving our parish and community. Currently we have 3 continuing opportunities.

FISH FRY

Our Lenten Fish Fry has begun! Perhaps rather than giving something up for Lent, you would rather be of service to others. The Fish Fry welcomes volunteers for many opportunities. They need volunteers to **serve meals, clean tables** and **help with "Drive-Up orders**. If interested, you can call the Parish Center and leave your name. Walk in volunteers are always welcome too!

MUSIC MINISTRY

In need of Choir members, Cantors & Instrumentalists. The choir sings for Sunday 10:15AM mass and practices on alternate weeks Sept-May. Our next practice will be at 9:15am Mar 22ns. We will be practicing every Sunday from now through Easter. Cantors and instrumentalists are needed for both weekend masses.

Come be a part of the music at St. Matthews during Holy Week and the Easter Season!

In need of Choir members, Cantors and Instrumentalists. Be part of the music liturgy for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday. Take part in any or all the services. Whatever fits your schedule. For more information you may email Jill Kilzer at jillkilzer@st-mattts.org. or speak to her after one of the weekend masses.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Liturgy of the Word sessions for young children during the Sunday 10:15 am Mass continue into May, and we need helpers for Sunday Masses in March, April and May. Can you be a helper once a month during that time? You would assist the teacher with children ages 3 to 8, helping the kids find their place in a booklet, helping with crafts, etc. If yes, contact Janelle Rohr at 651-457-3522 or 651-242-6004 or email: jdrohr@pro-ns.net

I invite anyone who could help with these volunteer opportunities to contact me through the parish office or email me at mleibl@st-matts.org

THANK YOU!

We are a Volunteer Parish!! The future of our parish depends on our dedicated volunteers.

We have completed the 2nd **Fish Fry** of 2020! During the 1st two weeks, **958 dinners** have been sold!! This includes the Drive-up orders and those taken to Cerenity. **Thank You** to all who volunteer to help in any way. **Thank You** this week to the **Girl Scouts** who served our guests and cleaned the tables. A special **Thank You** to all who purchased dinners, "dine-in" and "drive-up"!

News and Events

OUR EARTH OUR HOME

...It is foreseeable that, once certain resources have been depleted, the scene will be set for new war. War always does grave harm to the environment and to the cultural riches of peoples.
Pope Francis



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to come to one of our long held religious customs, Stations of the Cross; every Monday during Lent at 6:30 pm. Led each week by a member our Saint Matthew's family, bring your family or a friend, perhaps someone you attended St. Matthew's School with. We welcome all to join us.



FISH FRY

Each Friday of Lent, including Good Friday, 4:30 - 7:30 pm
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BIBLE STUDY—

Father Adrian will continue his presentation of the Gospel of Matthew. **The next two mornings will continue to address the passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord** as recounted in the "first" Gospel. **Saturday morning, March 21, & 28, 9:15 - 11:00 am** in the parish center, lower level. Kindly RSVP to the parish office. Thank you.

SAINT MATTHEW WELCOMES ALL TO OUR PARISH

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Please call Linda Rivera at the parish office to register as a member of our parish family or stop by the office to visit us.

| WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS March 8, 2020 | | | |
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| Volunteer Service | | | |
| Hours in prayer | 16 | | |
| Hours in service | 61 | | |
| Parish | | School | \$ 95 |
| Envelopes/Cash | \$ 3,151 | Religious | |
| Electronic Giving | \$ 1,311 | Retirement | \$ |
| Vigil Lights | \$ 34 | Total | \$ 95 |
| Masses | \$ 14 | Thank You! | |
| Rental | \$ 5,350 | | |
| Bells | \$ 10 | | |
| Faith Formation | \$ 60 | | |
| Funeral | \$ 550 | PayPal QR Code |  |
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| Sanctuary Lamps | \$ 20 | your phone to make | |
| Total | \$ 11,016 | electronic stewardship | |
| Thank You! | | contributions. | |



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

Contact Linda Rivera at the parish office if you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to burn the sanctuary lamp for your special memory or event

In Memory of This Week

From March 14 - March 21, the **sanctuary lamp in church** will burn in memory of **Ted & Connie Rivera** and the **sanctuary lamp in the chapel** will burn in memory of **Linda Owens**.

FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The themed Lenten banners in church illustrate a journey - yours, mine, ours and theirs.

The background fabric is rough, bumpy, earthy, and smelly burlap which gives the foundation for the world and environment we live in. In some spaces, the burlap is even unpredictably smooth.

The colored squares embody time, events, interactions, moods, situations and routines in our daily lives. Through the colors is a gold cord representing our never ending guiding faith and Way according to Jesus. As you follow the colored squares, it is sometimes a meandering flow, sometimes off on a tangent, and sometimes a solid straight ahead path. Sometimes we take shortcuts and follow a different route, but eventually meet up with the Way once again.

Lent is a time to reflect upon our journey in life; past, present and future. We hope the banners help your thoughts trail along this line."

FLOWER DONATIONS

We have received a few contributions to the Easter flower fund. Contributions forms were in last week's bulletin, if you need another one they are on the table by the statue of Saint Matthew. You can make a contribution in memory of a loved one or to honor some one special in you life. Thank you in advance for you donation.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Just a gentle reminder, if you haven't given to the Catholic Services Appeal, you still have time to send in your donation or pledge to be make a difference. Please do so soon, once the Appeal is over any contributions received will NOT be applied St. Matt's total contributions.

HAM BINGO

Easter must be around the corner because Ham Bingo is on Saturday, March 28th. Our family friendly Bingo begins at 5:00 pm where you will have many chances to win cash prizes or a ham for your Easter dinner. Food, soda, beer and wine will be available for your eating and drinking pleasure. Bring your family, friends, best friend or neighbors. Everyone is welcome at St. Matts!!

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on **Monday by 10:00 am** for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 am will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 14

4:15 pm Augustine Rodriguez†

Sunday, March 15

10:15 am Our Parish
Vernon Achman†
Linda Owens†

Monday, March 16

8:00 am Tim Borgan, Special Intention

Tuesday, March 17

8:00 am Our Confirmation Candidates

Friday, March 20

8:00 am Alice Scaramuzzo†

Saturday, March 21

4:15 pm Jose Martinez†

Sunday, March 22

10:15 am Our Parish
David Andrews†
Ted & Connie Rivera†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 14

9:15-11:00 am Bible Study PC
9:30 am Baptism Class PC
4:15 pm Mass with Food Collection

Sunday March 15

9:15 am Choir Practice
10:10 am Mass with Food Collection
Children Liturgy of the Word
Coffee Sunday

Monday, March 16 - Thursday, March 19

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH

Monday, March 16

8:00 Mass
12:00 - 5:00 pm St. Mary Clinic PC
5:00 West Side Music Council Mtg. PC
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 17

6:00 pm GTCYS Rehearsal C
8:00 Mass

Wednesday, March 18

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic
6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes C/PC

Thursday, March 19

9:10 am Mass COS

Friday, March 20 Abstinence

8:00 Mass
4:30-7:30 pm Fish Fry SH

Saturday, March 21

9:15-11:00 am Bible Study PC
4:15 pm Mass
Reconciliation after Mass

Sunday March 22

9:15 am Choir Practice
10:15 am Mass
Children Liturgy of the Word
Reconciliation after Mass
Coffee Sunday
Confirmation at the St. Paul Cathedral

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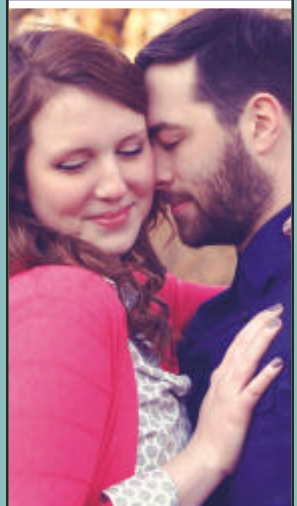
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