

## March 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 - Third Sunday in Lent



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, March 14

9:00am † *Rodrigo Tarantan*  
4:30pm † *Rufino Labari*

#### Sunday, March 15

8:00am † *Henry & Theresa Thran*  
10:00am † *John C. Brennan*  
12:00pm † *Luis Olivero Palacios*

#### Monday, March 16

9:00am † *David Bier*

#### Tuesday, March 17

9:00am † *Rodrigo Tarantan*

#### Wednesday, March 18

9:00am † *Bill Sacramento*

#### Thursday, March 19

9:00am † *Beatrice Primacio*

#### Friday, March 20

9:00am † *Aura Josefina Zamora*

#### Saturday, March 21

9:00am *St. John Parishioners*  
4:30pm † *Beatrice Primacio*

### *From the Desk of the Pastor ....*

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.

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

### SCHEDULE OF LENTEN DEVOTIONS & CELEBRATIONS

#### March

20<sup>th</sup> Friday, 3rd Week of Lent: 9:30 am Stations of the Cross in English; 6:30 pm Spanish - Via Crucis

27<sup>th</sup> Friday, 4th Week of Lent: 9:30 am Stations of the Cross in English; 6:30 pm Spanish - Via Crucis

#### April

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 5th Week of Lent: 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross in English & Spanish with Soup Supper

5<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: We commemorate the glorious entry of Jesus in Jerusalem. Regular weekend Masses' schedule: Palms will be blessed at the beginning of each Mass.

6<sup>th</sup> Monday of the Holy Week: 9:00 am - Mass

7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Holy Week: 9:00 am - Mass

- Parish Penance and Reconciliation Liturgy: 6:30 pm (English & Spanish)

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

#### COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

March 2<sup>th</sup> - March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Tuesday's Spec coll. ....\$ 128.00

Tues. On-line giving .....\$ 5.00

Weekend Offering.....\$2,491.74

Weekend On-line giving...\$ 400.00

AAA.....\$ 1,740.00

AAA On-line giving.....\$ 130.00

### A few friendly guidelines and suggestions to reduce the spread of Corona Virus and COVID-19

With the outbreak of COVID-19 respiratory disease "prevention" is everyone's responsibility. Call your doctor if you develop any symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath

Good hygiene practices are highly recommended: Washing hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds.

Coughing and sneezing into your elbow or a tissue (immediately disposing of the tissue).

Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

Additional information is available from <http://www.sfdph.org>.

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

SF Department of Public Health: <https://www.sfdcp.org/infectious-diseases-a-to-z/coronavirus-2019-novel-coronavirus/>

CA Department of Health: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>

UCSF COVID-19 Microsite: <https://www.ucsf.edu/coronavirus#tabs-1> UCSF COVID-19 Resources: <https://infectioncontrol.ucsfmedicalcenter.org/ucsf-health-covid-19-resources>

### New Spirit and Song Books

A few years ago, we embarked upon the new translation of the 'English Missal' and the 'Order of the Mass'. We experienced some changes in our community 'faith responses' in prayer at the celebrations of the Holy Eucharist (Masses). Simultaneously, 'Today's Missal' (which we use to follow the Mass Readings etc.) incorporated those changes.

However our Hymn books took a while before being able to complete the necessary revision of texts in 'song'. Upon completion and its ecclesiastical approval, now, the new revised hymn books are made available for purchase nationally.

Our Parish English Masses Choir generously offered to help purchase new 'Spirit and Song' books to replace the very worn copies that are in the pews. The total cost for the new books is \$3,262. The Choir previously held caroling fundraisers and collected \$2,011, which leaves a balance of \$1,251.

The Parish budgets and pays for the cost of Today's Missal & Music Issues, however funds are not available to purchase additional music books.

If you would like to help offset the balance of \$1,251, please make checks payable to Saint John the Evangelist and write **Spirit and Song books** in the memo line and enclose them in a separate envelope.

Checks can be placed in the donation baskets or dropped off at the Parish office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.