

The
Season
of
Lent



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"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." —St. Francis

March 12, 2023 - Third Sunday in Lent

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus
Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith" Mass Book page 63

READING I - Ex 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R/ If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R/ If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R/ If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

R/ If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

READING 2 - Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.



GOSPEL - John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, "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.'" The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "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." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - *Just As I Am*

COMMUNION HYMN - *How Great Thou Art*

RECESSIONAL - *Nearer My God to Thee*



MASS INTENTION
Health Needs of
Robert Shelly & Family
offered by Rosemary Rosen



St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

2023 Upcoming Events

Sundays after Mass During Lent

Stations of the Cross

Sunday, April 2 - 9:00 am

Palm Sunday Mass & Procession

Thursday, April 6 - 7:00 pm

Holy Thursday Mass

Friday, April 7 - 7:00 pm

Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 8 - 1:00 pm

Blessing of Easter Baskets

Sunday, April 9 - 9:00 am

Easter Sunday Mass

Fri., Sat. & Sun., April 21, 22 & 23

Yard Sale

Sunday, May 21 - 3:00 pm

Spring Fund-raiser Dinner

Saturday, September 2

Quinceañera

SMILE OF THE DAY

This is the story of the poor blonde flying in a 2-seater airplane with just the pilot. He has a heart attack and dies. She frantically calls a May Day: "May Day! May Day! Help me! Help me! My pilot had a heart attack and is dead. And I don't know how to fly. Help me! Please help me!" All of a sudden she hears a voice over the radio saying: "This is the tower. I have received your message and I will talk you through it. I've had a lot of experience with this kind of problem. Now, just relax. Everything will be fine! Now give me your height and position." She says, "I'm 5'4" and I'm in the front seat." "O.K.," says the voice from the tower, "Repeat after me, Our Father... Who art in Heaven..."



HAVE YOU GIVEN THOUGHT TO OUR CHURCH WINDOWS?

Last year, we asked you to think about a solution (like thermal shades) to keep the drafts from coming in our church windows in the winter and the hot sun in the summer. The price of gas is going up as is everything else. Our heat is escaping from the drafty windows which are too costly to replace. We are investigating some sort of shades for the windows which will hopefully keep all or most of the drafts out in winter.

So, naturally, we're going to start a specific "window shade fund-raiser" to help defray the cost.

Maybe you know someone in the window treatment business who can help? Please keep this fund-raiser at the forefront of your mind.

God bless and keep us all healthy, warm & safe.

ONE DAY AT A TIME

When the dawn is breaking,
We have to make a choice:
Follow in God's footsteps
Or heed the tempter's voice.

Daily we face battles—
Who could discern the end?
From morning until sunset,
Our time is in God's hand.

Let's make decisions wisely,
Long is the coming night;
Filled with regret and weeping
"Til breaking morning light.

~Regina Wiencek

A DAY

God greets me every morning
With the gift of a new day,
A world freshly created
Right before me on display.
Throughout the day He's with me,
Giving strength and guidance, too;
In fair skies or thunderstorm,
He's steadfast, faithful and true.
And when the day has ended,
He heals the bruises and scars;
Then my heart finds peaceful rest
In the shelter of His arms.

~Steven Michael Schumacher