

HISTORIC  
WATER WELL  
TEL AVIV

Jesus said,  
“Whoever drinks the water I shall give  
will never thirst;  
the water I shall give will become in them  
a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

JOHN 4:14

MARCH 15  
2020

# THIRD Sunday OF LENT

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We hear today of God’s unrelenting pursuit of us. Our readings tell stories of God’s intense desire to share the divine life with us. From Exodus, we see how God shows endless persistence and compassion, even to those who grumble against God, or seem to have forgotten God. From the Gospel of John, we hear of how Jesus, in his extended conversation with the Samaritan woman, gives her dignity, names uncomfortable truths,

and gradually leads her into a new path of faith. We can have confidence that as we bring our own confusions, fears, and failings to God, we may receive God’s mercy and forgiveness. God always persists and continually finds new ways to invite people into unity with God. As Paul describes in Romans, in the cross we see how God will go to any length to demonstrate the depth and breadth of divine love.

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THIRD SUNDAY  
OF LENT  
MARCH 15, 2020

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### Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 14, 2020  
5:45 pm Parish Family of St. Patrick  
Sunday, March 15, 2020  
9:00 am +Jerry Robbins req. by Loretta Robbins & Family  
Monday, March 16, 2020  
9:00 am +Stanley & Helen Niemiec req. by the Family  
Tuesday, March 17 – NO MASS  
Wednesday, March 18, 2020 – NO MASS  
Thursday, March 19, 2020  
9:00 am NO MASS  
Friday, March 20, 2020 - Abstinence  
9:00 am Adoration until 11am  
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
Saturday, March 21, 2020  
5:45 pm +Loretta Tulley req. by Bill & Georgia Phelan  
Sunday, March 22, 2020  
9:00 am Parish Family of St. Patrick



### Altar Servers:

Saturday, March 21 - 5:45 pm  
Brent Bieschke / volunteer  
Sunday, March 22 - 9:00 am  
AnneMarie & Kenny Smith

### Cantor / Lector (Reader) :

Saturday, March 21 - 5:45 pm  
Sue Nugent / Jerry Kinsella  
Sunday, March 22 - 9:00 am  
Grace Niemiec / Paul Rossi

### Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, March 21 - 5:45 pm  
Carmen Kinsella  
Sunday, March 22 - 9:00 am  
Tracy Quigley

### Usher:

Saturday, March 21- 5:45 pm  
Brent Bieschke / Mark Tillotson  
Sunday, March 22 - 9:00 am  
Steve Hoehn / Jim Ciesla

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters for 3/22/2020: Hoehn & Nugent

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37  
**Sunday, March 8.....\$2,180.00**

**Thank you for your support of our Parish**



Saint Patrick's Church volunteered Saturday, February 29th at the Northern Illinois Food Bank's South Suburban Center. Along with others, we labeled and bagged elbow macaroni for distribution to those in need. Please consider joining us next time on Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 - 11:30am. Signup sheet is in the vestibule. The consent form only needs to be filled out once.



**BLESSINGS ON  
ST. PATRICK DAY  
MARCH 17, 2020**

If you are unable to come to church because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS  
PLEASE PRAYERFULLY  
CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING  
FOR OUR PALM SUNDAY  
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER  
CELEBRATIONS  
SIGN UP SHEET IS  
IN THE VESTIBULE



Our Two Week  
Candle is  
burning for a  
Special Intention  
Req. by  
Dan & Lynne Phelan  
Family

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.



## HELP *Jesus* IN DISGUISE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support of this collection serves **Jesus in disguise** in some of the most marginalized communities in our world.

For migrant farmworkers in California's San Joaquin Valley, workdays during the grape harvest begin at 6:00 a.m. and last until 7:00 p.m. Some workers have lived in the valley for years, renting nearby trailer housing, and others live in towns nearby. Still others are recent migrants from Mexico and Central America. Catechists and lay ministers serve all these workers by visiting migrant camps near the vineyards where they work. They bring religious instruction and share prayer, theological reflection, and Catholic social justice teaching about the inherent dignity and rights of migrant workers like the people they serve.

Through funds from the collection, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' program for the pastoral care of migrants, refugees, and travelers collaborates with local dioceses to visit and attend to the needs of underserved migrant farm workers and others who live on the margins.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the globe. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

Support the collection, and answer the knock of **Jesus in disguise**.  
Sincerely in Christ,

**MOST REVEREND RICHARD E. PATES**  
**APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR**  
**DIOCESE OF JOLIET**

### HELP NEEDED

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS:  
CANTORS, READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, SERVERS, USHERS  
FOR ALL OUR MASSES

There is a shortage of Liturgical Ministers and we need volunteers to help with these positions. Please fill out the form and put in the basket with your regular collection.

Cantor     Reader     Eucharistic Minister     Usher

I prefer:

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 9am

I have no preference

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## EASTER FLOWERS



Flower Offering Envelopes are in the back of church, if you would like to honor a special person or make a donation in memory of a loved one. Enter their name(s) on the envelope. The names will be published in the Easter Bulletin. Flowers will remain in the church. Donation envelopes should be returned to the church by March 29, to be included in the Easter bulletin.

### Vatican International Exhibition *Eucharistic Miracles of the World*



Coming to St. Rose Parish  
626 S. Kankakee St., Wilmington, IL  
Friday, April 17, 2020  
Presentation @ 7:00 p.m.

Viewing of full exhibit immediately following.

Sponsored by  
**Real Presence Eucharistic  
Education and Adoration Association**  
[www.therealpresence.org](http://www.therealpresence.org)  
Free-will donation

## PENANCE



## SERVICE

E. J. S. Polish Co., Inc.

March 23 - 6:00pm  
St. Joseph, Manhattan

March 31 - 7:00pm  
St. Joseph, Manteno

April 1 – 7:00pm  
St. Rose, Wilmington –  
After Fr. Buke Talk

April 1 - 6:30pm  
St. Paul, Peotone



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## **THE CALL TO LIVE AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES**

**St. Rose Parish Speaker Series**  
634 S. Kankakee St., Wilmington, IL

**Fr. Burke Masters**

**7 pm**

A disciple is someone who is a follower or student of Jesus. Each one of us is called to be a disciple of Christ, to have an intimate relationship with Jesus. Missionaries are those who are sent, not always to other countries. Our mission territory begins at home. May we be missionary disciples, helping others come to know Jesus and the new life and joy He offers us.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 815.476.7491**



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN  
YOUR PRAYERS**

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman; Jessica Lagan; EJ Lagan; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler; Grace Niemiec; Fr. Joe Follmar; Russ McClellon; Bob O'Neil; Bob Johnson

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST.

**Intention of the Holy Father  
MONTH OF MARCH**

- We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Our parish offers Online Giving, a web based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage our contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. It is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at: [www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org](http://www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org) and selecting one Online Giving link. **CHANGES ARE COMING—NEW EASIER TO USE FORMAT.**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
MARCH 15, 2020**



- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 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-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE**

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
- Tuesday: St. Patrick
- Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
- Thursday: St. Joseph; Spring begins
- Friday: Abstinence



**RECONCILIATION**  
ST. ROSE, Every Thursday  
6:00 pm– 7:00 pm



## HONEST AND OPEN WITH GOD

The story of the Israelites' grumbling and threatened revolt, and of God's response in our reading from Exodus today, grapples with difficulties of the life of faith. Those who place their lives in the hands of God, as Israel did by following Moses into the desert, may soon face troubling and fearful moments. Sometimes we lose what we think we need, or somehow find it difficult to get what we really need. In our busy lives, it's easy to gradually forget God's presence and action among us.

Moses' prayer to God and God's compassionate response of providing water resolve the situation. Perhaps it was Moses' admirable honesty in his dialogue with God that made a difference. Moses "cried out to the Lord" and he didn't know how God might respond. Honestly expressing our needs in prayer is essential to the life of faith. Waiting in openness to God's response is equally important.

## WATER FOR OTHERS

The story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman, like the passage from Exodus, speaks of tired and thirsty people. Jesus is tired and thirsty from his journey. The Samaritan woman is not only tired of the difficult chore of obtaining water, but is thirsty for something more. Jesus presents himself as living water for her, able to satisfy a deeper thirst in her heart. Through his patience and compassion, he opens a new wellspring of God's sustenance for her.

How might we, like Jesus, be water for others in our thirsty world? We can take some cues from Jesus here. Jesus crossed boundaries of gender, ethnicity, and religious division. Jesus began in vulnerability, in need of hospitality from a stranger. His was a non-threatening, compassionate presence. Jesus did not begin by speaking about himself or God, but entered into ordinary conversation with her. He first attended to her practical realities and concerns, which led to deeper dialogue. Perhaps we have opportunities to follow Jesus' example.

Today's Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;  
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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