

DAY	FEAST	READINGS	TIME
Mon 9	3 rd Week of Lent Psalter week III St Frances of Rome	2 Kgs 5: 1-15; Lk 4: 24-30.	5:30 PM
Tues 10	3 rd Week of Lent Psalter week III	Dan 3: 25, 34-43; Mt 18: 21-35.	5:30 PM
Wed 11	3 rd Week of Lent Psalter week III	Deut 4: 1, 5-9; Mt 5: 17-19.	5:30 PM
Thu 12	3 rd Week of Lent Psalter week III	Jer 7: 23- 28; Lk 11: 14-23.	5:30 PM
Fri 13	3 rd Week of Lent Psalter week III	Hos 14: 2-10; Mk 12: 28-34.	12:15 PM
Sat 14	3 rd Week of Lent Psalter week III	Hos 5: 15 – 6: 6; Lk 18: 9-14.	5:30 PM
Sun 15	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	1 Sam 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5: 8-14; Jn 9: 1-41 (or 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38).	8:00 AM 5:30 PM

Novena to St Joseph's Feast Day (10th - 18th March)

The 9-day Novena in honour of St. Joseph will begin immediately after Mass on Tuesday, 10th Mar. On Friday, the Novena will also be prayed after 12:45 PM Mass, and on Sunday, it will take place after 5:30 PM Mass. The Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, will be celebrated on Thursday 19th Mar with Mass at 6:00 PM, followed by a potluck fellowship.



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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT A

Reading I: Exodus 17: 3-7;

Responsorial Psalm: 94: 1-2, 6-9;

Reading II: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8;

Gospel: John 4: 5-42 (or 4: 5-15, 19-26, 39-42).



Revised Roman Missal: 258 (Bahasa 287)

REFLECTION: Thirsty for God

In the first reading from Exodus, the Israelites are thirsty in the desert and begin to complain: *"Is the Lord with us, or not?"* Their physical thirst reveals a deeper spiritual thirst, a struggle to trust God in moments of hardship. Even after witnessing His mighty works, fear makes them doubt His presence.

In today's gospel, Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well and speaks of a different kind of thirst, a thirst of the heart. She comes for water, but she is really longing for acceptance, truth, and love. Jesus offers her *"living water,"* a relationship that satisfies the deepest desires of every human person. As we enter into this Third Sunday of Lent, let us ask, what am I truly thirst for? Like the Israelites, we may grumble in our deserts. Like the Samaritan woman, we may search for fulfilment in many wells. Yet Christ patiently meets us and says, *"Give me a drink,"* inviting us into honest encounter. He is not absent in our dryness because He is the Rock who gives living water and the Saviour who quenches our restless hearts.

Reflective question:

Am I willing to let Jesus satisfy the deeper thirst within me?

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Second Collection

The Second Collection today will be for the Priest Retirement Fund.

Breakfast Sale (8th March)

There will be Breakfast Sale this morning after the Mass.

Lenten Boxes / Envelopes

Lenten boxes and envelopes are available at the entrance of the church. Kindly take one if you have not already done so. Please remember to return them on Palm Sunday.

COOL 70th Anniversary Souvenirs & Magazine

Souvenir packs and commemorative magazine of COOL 70th Anniversary are available for purchase. Souvenir Pack: \$5.00 per set; Magazine: \$10.00 per copy. Do get a set as a meaningful remembrance of this special milestone.

PPC Meeting (11th March)

All PPC committee members are reminded of the meeting on Wednesday, 11th Mar at 7:30 PM in Fr McClorey's room.

30-Hour Famine (13th – 15th March)

This year, COOL will be hosting the 30-Hour Famine Youth Event from 13th – 15th Mar. This is a stay-in program open to youths aged 12 years and above. The registration fee is \$20 per participant.

Gotong Royong (15th March)

The Parish Gotong Royong will take place on Sunday, 15th Mar from 10:30 AM onwards. Lunch will be provided. If you have not participated before, we invite you to join this parish activity during this Lenten season.

Chrism Mass (18th March)

As in previous years, there will be no Chrism Mass at our parish until a bishop is available to celebrate it. The priests of our Vicariate will be attending the Chrism Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Miri, on 18th Mar at 7:30 PM. All parishioners are invited to join the celebration there. Please note that there will be no Mass at COOL on that day.

Baptism for Sunday School & COM Children

Children currently attending Sunday School and COM classes who have not yet been baptized will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on Easter Sunday, 5th Apr, at 9:00AM Mass. Parents are requested to register by 29th Mar via the QR code on the right or through the Parish Office.



Vocation Discernment Program

**Theme: Teacher, "Where do you live?
Come and See"
(John 1:39)**

Are you seeking clarity about your calling in life?

To find our more, join us on:

**12th April 2026
9:30 AM - Noon**

Church of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception, Seria.

Please register by 5th April, 2026.

