



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

Reading I: Exodus 17: 3-7;

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

Gospel: John 4: 5-42 (or 4: 5-15. 19-26. 39. 40-42).

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Gospel Summary

Jesus approached a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well and asked her for a drink of water. This surprised the woman for several reasons. In the first place, it was unlikely that a man would ask a woman for anything and even more unbelievable that Jesus, a Jew, would ask something of a Samaritan, a great enemy of the Jewish people. Jesus explained to her that our thirst would return if we drank water from the well; but if we drank the water Jesus offered us, we would never thirst again. After Jesus told her many things about herself, she came to believe that he was the Son of God and called others to him.

Reflection for Families

Jesus offers us living water just as he did the woman at the well. It is the water of salvation so when we stumble, we know that Jesus refreshes us with forgiveness. This is helpful to remember on days when we are disappointed by our anger, impatience, and discouragement.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

When you go to mass this weekend, be sure to invite the whole family to bless themselves at the baptismal font. On the way home, share your ideas about "living water" and the how the holy water of the font is living water for each person. Invite every member of the family to offer a way in which they can refresh someone at school, at work, or in the neighborhood by being living water for that person.

Discussion Starters

1. I know Jesus is living water in my life because...
2. I was surprised when someone unexpected offered me living water...
3. This reading calls me to evangelization. I will respond (or have already responded) by...

SECOND COLLECTION

As a Parish community, one of our corporal works of mercy during Lent is to have a second collection at all Masses. Each person is requested to contribute at least B\$1. Please do not give coins.

BREAKFAST SALE

Please come and support the breakfast sale every Sunday after the 9.00am Mass throughout the month.

VICARIATE 30-HOUR FAMINE 2026

The Famine will be held at the Church of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception, Seria (COOL) from Friday, 13th March to Sunday, 15th March. This is a stay-in program, open to youth aged 12 years and above. The registration fee is \$20 per person. The last date to register is today, 8th March. This is the link to register: <https://bit.ly/30hourfamine2026>

BIBLE SHARING SESSION

All are invited to the Bible Sharing on Monday, 9th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. This is an opportunity for everyone young and old to discover the extraordinary Word of God with one another. Please bring your bible, if you wish to have a different translation. Sunday School children will meet in the Conference room.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

The Holy Hour on Wednesday, 11th March, after the daily Mass is to pray for Vocations. All are encouraged to spend some time with the Lord and pray for those called to serve in the Church.

DAILY MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent, daily Mass on Fridays will be celebrated at 5:30pm followed by the Stations of the Cross.

LENTEN APPEAL ENVELOPES

Please return the envelope with your contribution on Palm Sunday, 29th March.

MID-TERM ELECTION NOMINATIONS

Mid-term election nominations are open until Tuesday, 10th March. Nominated candidates will shadow the current PPC members and deputies to learn and discern God's calling for them. Please continue to pray for those called to lead. Current members and deputies are not eligible to be nominated for this round.



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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Meet Parish Priest SIX MONTHS before the intended date of marriage.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Baptism and Confirmation Certificate.
- ◆ Marriage Preparation Certificate if you are from another Parish.
- ◆ Civil Marriage Certificate if applicable.
- ◆ IC's copy for both candidates and witnesses.
- ◆ Photo (Passport size).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ADMIN AT WHATSAPP 8348855

REGISTRATION FOR INFANT BAPTISM

Open for children aged 7 years old and below.

SCHEDULE: Every THIRD week of the month.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Child's Birth Certificate.
- ◆ Parent's Sacrament of Matrimony Certificate.
- ◆ Godparent's Confirmation Certificate

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RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

It is available 30 minutes before Sunday Mass or you may request for an appointment through the Parish Office Admin at WhatsApp 8348855

MARRIAGE OR INFANT BAPTISM

Please be informed that during the season of Lent there will be NO marriages or infant baptism.

The next infant baptism will be on Easter Sunday. Parents who wish to have their child baptized, please register at the Parish office.

DATE	TIME	READINGS
<p>9 MARCH—Monday 3rd week of Lent</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass)</p>	<p>2 Kgs 5: 1-15 Lk 4: 24-30</p>
<p>10 MARCH—Tuesday 3rd week of Lent</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Dan 3: 25, 34-43 Mt 18: 21-35</p>
<p>11 MARCH—Wednesday 3rd week of Lent</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass) Followed by Holy Hour</p>	<p>Deut 4: 1, 5-9 Mt 5: 17-19</p>
<p>12 MARCH—Thursday 3rd week of Lent</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Jer 7: 23-28 Lk 11: 14-23</p>
<p>13 MARCH—Friday 3rd week of Lent</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass) Followed by the Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>Hos 14: 2-10 Mk 12: 28-34</p>
<p>14 MARCH—Saturday 3rd week of Lent</p>	<p>5.30pm <i>(Novena To Our Mother of Perpetual Help)</i> Followed by Daily Mass</p>	<p>Hos 5: 15—6: 6 Lk 18: 9-14</p>
<p>15 March—Sunday <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</i></p>	<p>9.00am (Mass) 6.00pm (Mass)</p>	<p>1 Sam 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13 Eph 5: 8-14 Jn 9: 1-41</p>