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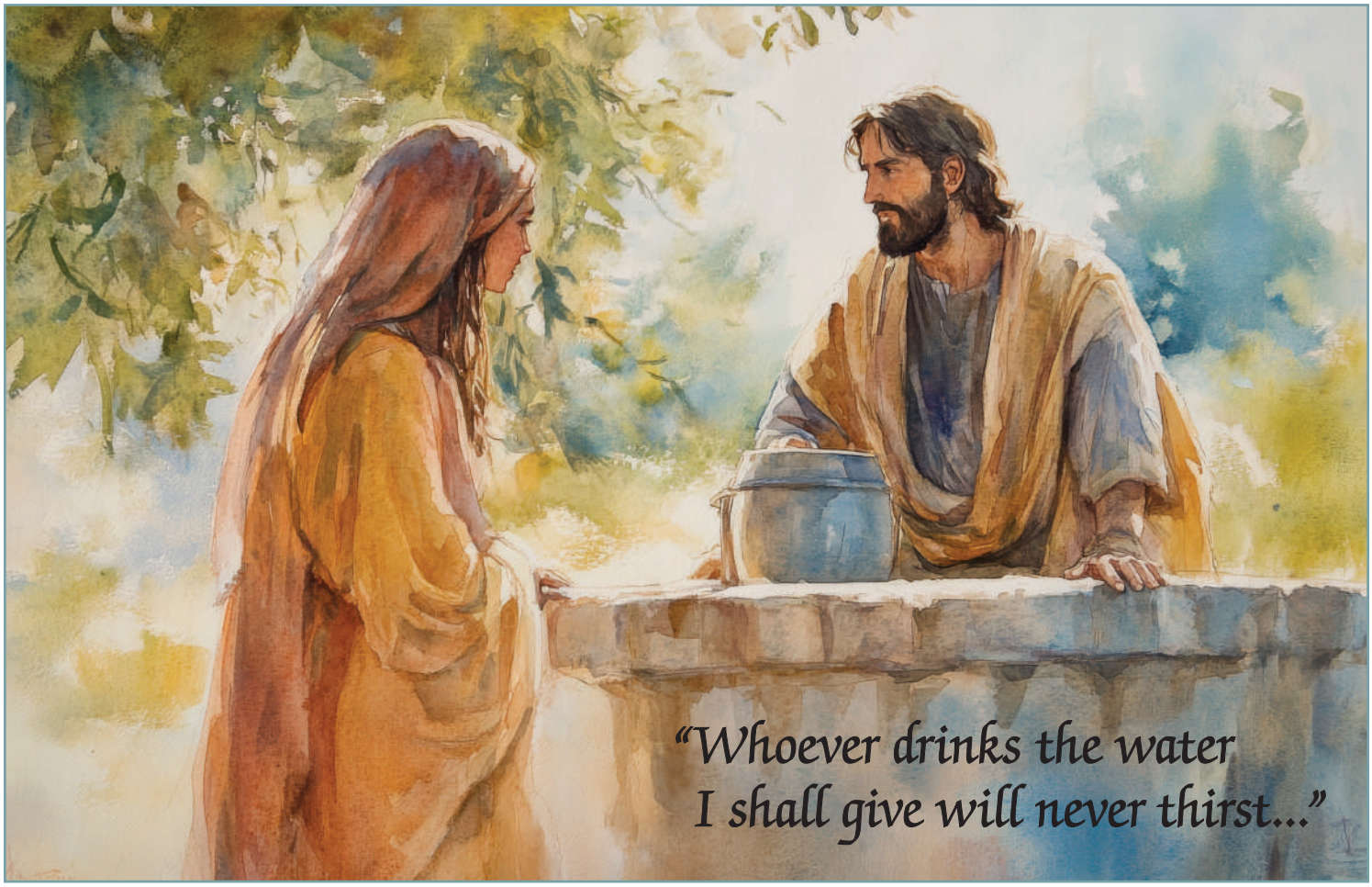
MARCH 8, 2026 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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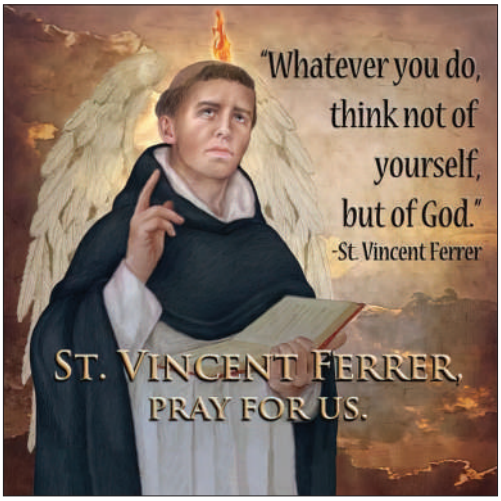

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 7 — **5:00 p.m.**
Third Sunday of Lent
Cecilia L Wong — Birthday Memoriam

Sunday, March 8 — **8:00 a.m.**
Third Sunday of Lent
The Alexis Family — Blessings and Thanksgiving

11:00 a.m.

Cecilia de Rodriguez — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Cristina Rodriguez-Gillies

Chris and Cristina Gillies
— Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Nugent — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

Judy Pierre — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

Rev. Mother Doreen Pearline Forbes — In Memoriam
Requested by Richard Mahabir

Mitzi Brown — In Thanksgiving

Monday, March 9 — **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
The Gurrier Family — In Memoriam
Requested by Yvette Lubin

Tuesday, March 10 — **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Saint Joseph
Simone Parkins — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Wednesday, March 11 — **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Saint Joseph
Vililorry Henriquez — Thanksgiving
Requested by Brigitte Precil

Thursday, March 12 — **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Saint Joseph
Alice Betty Baidoo — In Memoriam
Requested by Marie Bernier

Friday, March 13 — **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Saint Joseph
Betty Compton — Healing and Blessings
Requested by Marie Bernier

Saturday, March 14 — **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Saint Joseph
Jean Souffrant — In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Bread and Wine
Clara and Joseph Bambara — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Altar Candles
Simone Parkins — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Sanctuary Candle
Mitzi Brown— Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Mary and Jack Schaffer — In Memoriam
Requested by James Bambara

Sanctuary Candle
Eileen Morancie — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
Lucille Anthony — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Barbara Dhanieram — Blessings and Healing

SECOND COLLECTION MARCH 14-15

The second collection the weekend of March 14-15 is for

Catholic Relief Services

to benefit USCCB Migration and Refugee Services (MRS); the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC); the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church; Catholic Relief Services (CRS); the USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace, and the Holy Father's Relief Fund.

Please be generous.

THIS WEEKEND
DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME BEGINS
DON'T FORGET TO
Spring Forward
SET YOUR CLOCK AHEAD ONE HOUR
MARCH 8, 2026

Scripture Reflection

This Sunday, the Gospel presents to us one of the most beautiful and fascinating encounters Jesus has — the one with the Samaritan woman. Jesus and his disciples take a break near a well in Samaria. A woman arrives and Jesus says to her, "Give me a drink". I would like to pause specifically on this expression: Give me a drink.

This scene depicts Jesus, thirsty and tired. A Samaritan woman finds him at the hottest hour, at midday, asking for refreshment like a beggar. It is an image of God's abasement. God lowers himself in Jesus Christ for our redemption. He comes to us. In Jesus, God made himself one of us, he lowered himself. Thirsty like us, he suffers our same thirst. Thinking about this scene, each one of us can say: the Lord, the Teacher, "asks me for a drink. So, he is thirsty like me. He shares my thirst. You are truly near me, Lord! You are linked to my poverty." I can't believe it! "You have grasped me from below, from the lowest part of myself, where no one reaches me" (P. Mazzolari, La Samaritana, Bologna 2022, 55-56). And you have come to me from below and you have grasped me from below because you were thirsting and thirst for me. In fact, Jesus' thirst is not only physical. It expresses the deepest thirsts of our lives, and it is, above all, a thirst for our love. He is more than a beggar. He "is thirsty" for our love. And this will emerge at the culminating moment of his passion, on the cross, where, before dying, Jesus will say: "I thirst" (Jn 19:28). That thirst for love brought him to descend, to lower himself, to be one of us.

But the Lord who asks for a drink is the One who gives to drink. Meeting the Samaritan woman, he speaks to her about the Holy Spirit's living water. And from the cross, blood and water flow from his pierced side (cf. Jn 19:34). Thirsty for love, Jesus quenches our thirst with love. And he does with us what he did with the Samaritan woman — he comes to meet us in our daily life, he shares our thirst, he promises us living water that makes eternal life well up within us.

Give me a drink. There is a second aspect. These words are not only a request from Jesus to the Samaritan woman, but a cry — silent at times — that reaches us every day and asks us to take care of someone else's thirst. 'Give me a drink', say those who thirst for closeness, for attention, for a listening ear, in our family, at work, in other places we find ourselves. People who thirst for the Word of God and need to find an oasis in the Church where they can drink it. Give me a drink is a cry heard in our society, where the frenetic pace, the rush to consume, and especially indifference, that culture of indifference, generate aridity and interior emptiness. And — let us not forget this — 'give me a drink' is the cry of many brothers and sisters who lack water to live, while our common home continues to be polluted and defaced. Exhausted and parched, she too "is thirsty".

Before these challenges, today's Gospel offers living water to each of us, which can make us become a source of relief for others. And so, like the Samaritan woman who left her jug at the well and went to call the people of her village, we too will no longer only think of slaking our own thirst, our material, intellectual or cultural thirst, but with the joy of having met the Lord, we will be able to quench others' thirst, giving meaning to someone else's life, not as masters, but as servants of that Word of God that has awakened our thirst and continually awakens our thirst. We will understand their thirst and share the love he has given to us. A question for you and I comes to mind. Are we capable of understanding the thirst of others, the thirst people have, the thirst so many in my family, in my neighbourhood have? Today, we can ask ourselves: Do I thirst for God? Am I aware that I need his love like water to live? And then: I who am thirsty, am I concerned about the thirst of others, their spiritual thirst, their material thirst?

May Our Lady intercede for us and sustain us on the way.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for the Third Sunday of Lent, March 12, 2023

Daily readings for The Third Week of Lent

Sunday, March 8
Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

Monday, March 9
2 Kings 5:1-15ab
Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 10
Daniel 3:25, 34-43
Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 11
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 12
Jeremiah 7:23-28
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 13
Hosea 14:2-10
Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17
Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 14
Hosea 6:1-6
Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab
Luke 18:9-14

Join us for
Saint Vincent Ferrer's

Lenten Mission

Sundays:
March 1st, 8th and 15th

11:00 a.m. Mass

Followed by a
preached Holy Hour
beginning at 12:15 p.m.

Week 3: "Lift Us Up Lord,
For the Hour Has Come!"

With Father Kareem Smith

All Are Welcome!

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence – All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting – All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions during the day.

Easter Duty– After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time of the year.

Solemnities during Lent: The solemnities of Saint Joseph and the Annunciation should be observed with proper solemnity even though it falls within the season of Lent.

Reconciliation Monday: Our diocese will once again celebrate Reconciliation Monday on **March 30, 2026, the Monday of Holy Week**. As in recent years, this initiative provides generous opportunity for the faithful to experience God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. After having reached the age of discretion, members of the faithful are bound to confess once a year grave sins which have not already been absolved.

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2026 Lent/Easter Schedule — Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday

Ash Wednesday — February 18, 2026
*** A Day of Fast and Abstinence ***
9:00 a.m. — Mass
3:00 p.m. — Liturgy of the Word & Imposition of Ashes
7:00 p.m. — Mass

Fridays of Lent — Stations of the Cross — 7:00 p.m.
*** All Fridays during Lent are Days of Abstinence ***

✙ Holy Week ✙

Palm Sunday — March 29, 2026
5:00 p.m. — Mass
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass — Solemn blessing of palm and procession
(assemble in front of the Rectory at 10:45 a.m.)

Reconciliation Monday — March 30, 2026
3:00-5:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard in the church
7:00-9:00 p.m. as well as in any other Catholic Church in New York

Holy Thursday — April 2, 2026
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. — Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Lord concludes at Midnight

Good Friday — April 3, 2026
*** A Day of Fast and Abstinence ***
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
12:00 p.m. — Seven Last Words
3:00 p.m. — Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. — Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Glorious Saturday — April 4, 2026
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
* NO 5:00 p.m. Mass
7:30 p.m. — Solemn Vigil of Easter
(gather in church at 7:30; Mass begins at sunset)

Easter Sunday — April 5, 2026
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass

Ascension Thursday — May 14, 2026
9:00 a.m. — Mass

Pentecost Sunday — May 24, 2026
5:00 p.m. — Mass
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass

We celebrate 40 days of Lent and 50 days of Easter.
Please be generous in the Special Collection on Easter to help our retired priests.

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SESSION 2	MORE FAITH "Expectant Faith Unleashes the Miraculous" includes a powerful healing service
SESSION 3	MORE POWER "Power Evangelization" includes prayer ministry for more of the Holy Spirit & gifts
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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 8: **Easter Flowers Offering**
March 15: **Catholic Relief Services**
March 29 (Palm Sunday): **Easter Gift to My Church**
Please be generous.

SPECIAL NOTE

The envelopes for a few of the upcoming second collections are incorrectly dated for Easter Sunday, April 5.

The correct schedule is:

March 15: **Catholic Relief Services**
April 5 (Easter Sunday): **Retired Priests**
April 11/12: **Saint Vincent Ferrer Feast Day Novena**

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2026
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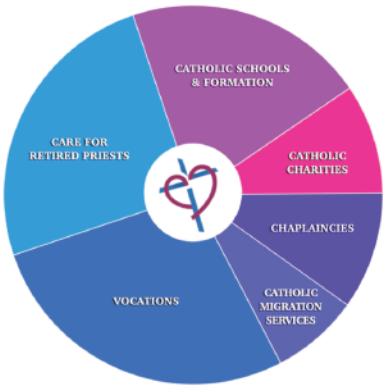

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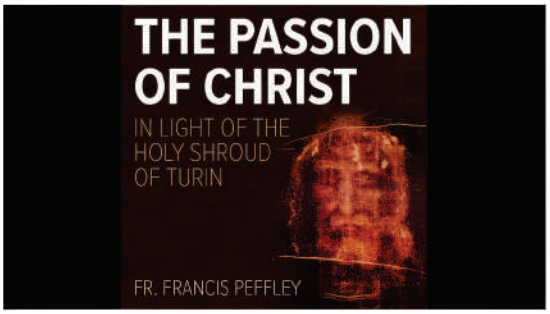
How to Lent

Lent is right around the corner. In How To Lent, you will be guided by priests and religious in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you can make this your best Lent yet.

St. Frances

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/.



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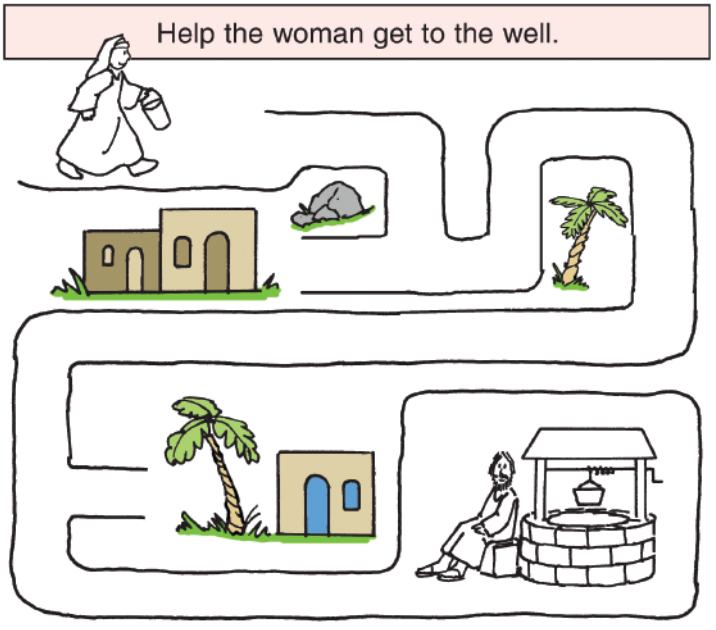
Jesus Talks to the Woman at the Well

Jesus sat down by a well.
A woman came to draw water.
Jesus asked her for some water.

Help the woman get to the well.



Jesus Talks to the Woman at the Well

While Jesus was traveling in Samaria,
He came to Jacob's well and met a woman there.

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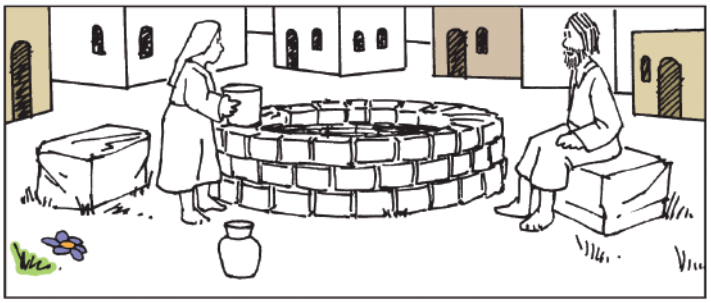

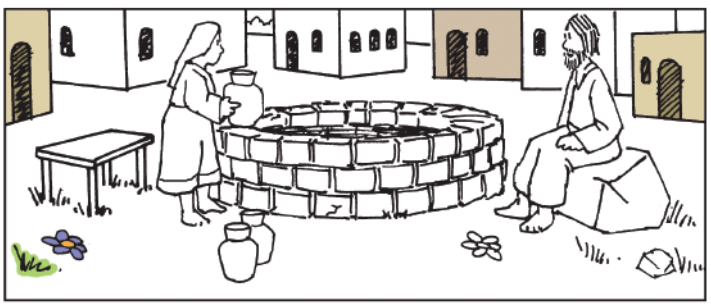

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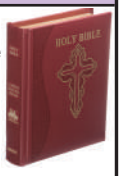

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