

# STAR OF THE VALLEY Catholic Church

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gather around the central act of Catholic worship,  
the celebration of active participation in the Mass.  
As a Eucharistic centered people, we reach out to heal,  
console and listen in the spirit of truth and justice,  
with a preferential option for the poor,  
thus advancing as individuals and  
as a community into the image of Christ.

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## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Located in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

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\*This is the church and parish's mailing address.

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## **Welcome New Parishioners**

Please sign the book next to the side door  
in the back of the Church.

## **Mass Times**

Weekday Masses: Tuesday-Friday **Suspended**

Oakmont Gardens: Wednesday **Suspended**

Sunday Masses:

Saturday **Suspended**, Sunday **Suspended**

## **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Suspended**

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday **Suspended**. For appointment, email or leave a  
message for Msgr. Pulskamp.

## **Anointing of the Sick**

For appointment, email or leave a message in the office.

## **Ministry to the Sick & Homebound**

Suspended during Coronavirus shelter-in-place order.

Contact the office to arrange a visit or receive

Holy Communion after the shelter-in-place is lifted.



## **March 7, 2021—Third Sunday of Lent**

John the evangelist uses conversations to reveal Jesus' identity. Individuals often misinterpret what Jesus is saying, thereby offering Jesus the opportunity to correct them and lead them to a deeper insight. One of the reasons people so often misunderstand Jesus is because of the layers of meaning in what he says. Sometimes there is a symbolism underlying his words, and at other times the words themselves have more than one meaning. Another reason for misunderstanding Jesus is that his teaching often turns around cherished belief and behaviors, making a new belief difficult to accept. He crosses boundaries that shock both his disciples and his adversaries. Along with Jesus' words and actions, the narratives in which they are placed can also be filled with symbolism and multiple meanings.

John notes that Jesus "had to pass through Samaria." There is no geographical necessity of passing through Samaria. Jews could cross the Jordan to avoid going through Samaria, the territory of their centuries-long enemy. The necessity for Jesus seems rather to have a divine motivation. Jesus must move beyond the confines of Judaism, bringing his good news even to Samaritans.

Jesus sits by Jacob's well at noon, when both heat and light are at their peak. It is a strange time to draw water from the well; this is ordinarily done in the coolness of morning or evening. Alone, a Samaritan woman comes to draw water. Jesus too is alone. Jesus has crossed one boundary in entering Samaria; now he crosses another in asking the woman for a drink. Not only is he speaking alone with an unknown woman, Jews and Samaritans do not drink from a common cup. The woman knows well the tradition and expresses her surprise and puzzlement.

Her question to Jesus opens the dialogue between them.

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**Sunday, March 7, 2021**

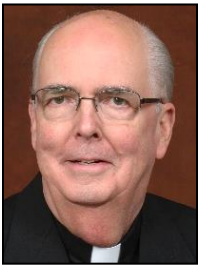
**First Scrutiny Scripture Readings**

**Reading I:** *Exodus 17:3-7*—Water flowed from the rock to quench the people's thirst.

**Responsorial:** *Psalms 95*—If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Reading II:** *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*—God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel:** *John 4:5-42*—The water that I shall give will become a spring of eternal life.



### Third Sunday of Lent

What experiences have you had meeting someone for the first time?

First impressions—negative—relationship doesn't even leave the gate.

First impressions—positive—relationship clicks and runs on for years in friendship.

### The Gospel

One day a Samaritan woman happens to meet Jesus at a well which she drew water from every day. It was an awkward situation. He was a Jew; she was a Samaritan. Traditionally they had nothing to do with one another. He was a man; she was a woman. She understood "water" in one way, Jesus in another. Conversation was difficult.

Jesus breaks the ice. He says to her, "Give me a drink." That meeting and the conversation that followed changed her life.

In a matter of hours, the woman grew from non-believer to believer. All she did was spend time with Jesus and converse with him. She felt accepted. She felt loved. She first referred to him as "sir," then as a "prophet," then as "Messiah."

Then what did she do? She put her water jug down, and she ran back to town and told everybody about her meeting with Jesus and that she thought he might be the Messiah.

They went running out of town to meet this Jesus. They were impressed. They asked him to spend a few days with them in their town. He did and many of those who met him came to believe in him.

What can we learn from the Samaritan woman?

- Meet with the Lord often.
- Do not be afraid of him. He knows us very well.
- Talk to him.
- Listen to him.
- Give yourself over to him.
- Tell other people about him.
- Invite him into your home and neighborhoods so others may meet him.

### Conclusion

The Samaritan woman met Christ once and her whole life changed. Think how our lives can change as we meet with Christ time and time again over a lifetime. And just think, we will never be thirsty again. We have living water. We have Christ.

### Prayer Intentions

Pray for the sick: Gail Barrett, Lola Danielli, Patricia Daniels, Fran Dias, Fran Evans, Frank Gyorgy, Mike Hanlon, Yvonne Hanlon, Mary Jo Henrikson, Bette Johnson, Trula La Calle, Maureen Latimer, Charles Marchese, Liz Mullins, Lea Nelson, Louis Pappin, Peggy Pavone, Richard Peterson, Joel Rivera, Phyllis Rogers, Angela Saul, Bart Taylor, Ed Turpin, Mercedes Vegvary, Claire Vincent, William Wallace, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died.

### Sunday's Mass Intention

The intention for this weekend's Mass is for the repose of the soul of **Lincoln McCarthy** (requested by Maria McCarthy.) The intention for next Sunday's, March 14 Mass is for the repose of the souls of **Stephen Muzio & Charlotte Muzio** (requested by Richard Muzio.)



### Follow Along with Monsignor's YouTube Mass for March 7, 2021

Included with this bulletin you will find Mass Responses & Prayers for the **March 7** Mass. You can print them out by opening the **2021-03-07 Mass Responses.pdf** file.



### Star of the Valley Outdoor Communion

The drive-thru distribution of Holy Communion at Star of the Valley is continuing this **Sunday** at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center parking lot

from 10:30-11:00 a.m. rain or shine.

Wear a face covering and stay in your vehicle as you proceed in the line through the parking lot. **Before you get your hands sprayed with sanitizer**, you may stop to roll down your window and hand in offertory envelopes.

Next (remove gloves if you're wearing them) you will get your hands sprayed with sanitizer, and then stop again to receive Communion in your hands. You may then pull your mask away to consume the Host, then drive away and say your prayer of thanksgiving when you arrive at home.

The ministers assigned for **this Sunday** are: Mimi May, Eva McGinn, Joyce O'Connor, and Connie Pearson. The ministers assigned for **March 14** are: Mary Kay Riccioni, Sherry Rosevear, Ted Rosshirt, and Jan Rosshirt.

### Christ & the Samaritan Woman

To watch a realistic video of the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Lent, March 7, 2021, *John 4:5-42*, click here: [Today's Gospel](#).

### I Thirst

Saint Mother Teresa taught that we satiate Christ's thirst by loving Him in our neighbor, especially those in most need of our care and attention. Jesus thirsts for us to surrender our lives to Him, to entrust ourselves to Him.





### Praying the Rosary with Bishop Barron

The [links below](#) include the full Rosary plus art and reflections on the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous Mysteries.

**Bishop Barron's Introduction to the Rosary.** Through the Rosary prayers, we meditate upon the great

Christian mysteries of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

**Bishop Barron's simple Guide on how to pray the Rosary.** The Rosary prayer actually consists of a series of smaller prayers, all of which take about twenty to thirty minutes to pray. In this brief introduction, we will walk through them together.

**The Joyful Mysteries** of the Rosary, which are traditionally prayed on **Mondays, Saturdays,** and Sundays during Advent, include: The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Nativity, The Presentation in the Temple, and The Finding in the Temple.

**The Sorrowful Mysteries** of the Rosary, which are traditionally prayed on **Tuesdays, Fridays,** and **Sundays** during Lent, are: The Agony in the Garden, The Scourging at the Pillar, The Crowning with Thorns, The Carrying of the Cross, and The Crucifixion and Death.

**The Glorious Mysteries** of the Rosary, which are traditionally prayed on **Wednesdays** and, outside the seasons of Advent and Lent, on Sundays, are: The Resurrection, The Ascension, The Descent of the Holy Spirit, The Assumption, and The Coronation of Mary.

**The Luminous Mysteries** of the Rosary, which are traditionally prayed on **Thursdays**, are: The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan, The Wedding Feast at Cana, Jesus' Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God, The Transfiguration, and The Institution of the Eucharist.

### Mercy Me!

Pope Francis called mercy the "beating heart of the gospel." Mercy is forbearance, divine favor, compassionate treatment of the distressed and undeserving. It's another word for God's love. Consider showing devotion to it by reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, a rosary-based prayer that was received by Saint Faustina, a Polish nun in the 1930s, through visions of Jesus. Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated the week after Easter, but many make the Chaplet part of their regular Lenten practice by reciting it every day at 3:00 p.m. (the traditional hour of Christ's death). You can find the [Chaplet on the USCCB website](#).

- Lenten Formula: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving
- Journey with prayer
- Fast as a form of penance
- Personal discipline of taking positive action
- Die to self
- Pace your self-improvement
- Gently accept weakness
- Be patient with yourself
- Reach out in charity
- Learn to love like Christ



### Zooming with Father Leslie Weekly During Lent

Join us on Zoom every week during Lent. This week's meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 10 at 11:30 a.m.** to discuss Lenten reflections by Sr. Joan Chittister based on the Sunday Scripture readings. This week's session will focus on the scripture

readings for March 14, the Fourth Sunday of Lent: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; and John 3:14-21.

The **Reflection Questions** for this week are:

1. Rabbi Akiba repeatedly praised God in good circumstances and bad, saying, "The Holy One is merciful and blesses us always." Often in our lives we experience God's blessings through other people. The late poet/philosopher, John O'Donohue urged this: "Let us begin to learn how to bless one another. Whenever you give a blessing, a blessing returns to enfold you." Have you ever blessed or been a blessing for someone? How? Did you receive a blessing in return?
2. "King Cyrus of Persia was both a pagan and a foreigner, as Sister Joan points out; yet, he had a totally unexpected conversion experience by "listening with the ear of his heart" to the voice of God. State three questions you would ask King Cyrus about his conversion/transformation if you could interview him. In the course of this interview, share with him one of your own inexplicable conversion experiences, gained by "listening with the ear of your Heart," to the voice of the Holy One. Journal both the interview questions and your transformative experience.

We look forward to your companionship as we journey through Lent together. It's not too late to join us. Send your request for the Zoom meeting link to Marcy Fox at [marcyfox@gmail.com](mailto:marcyfox@gmail.com).

### Lenten Reflections After SOV Sunday Mass

Fr. Patrick Leslie and parishioner Marcy Fox are presenting short reflections which are posted on YouTube immediately following each Sunday Mass during Lent. Once the Mass is ended, stay tuned to hear them.

Thank you, Fr. Pat, Marcy, and the parish volunteer video team, for offering us another opportunity to journey through Lent together while maintaining our safe distancing. You all deserve big hugs when we are able to get back together in person!

### Lenten Prayer

Dear God,  
 Enlighten what's dark in me,  
 Strengthen what's weak in me,  
 Mend what's broken in me,  
 Bind what's bruised in me,  
 Heal what's sick in me,  
 And lastly,  
 Revive whatever peace and love that has died in me.



### Third Sunday of Lent continued

Jesus moves the conversation from the tangible, earthly reality of water drawn from a well to unseen, heavenly realities: "gift of God" and "living water." The woman naturally does not understand; she presumes that "living water" refers to flowing water from a spring, not the still water of a cistern. Jesus tells her that those who drink from Jacob's well will indeed thirst again, but the water he will give will become a spring welling up to eternal life. The life that Jesus promises is not ordinary human life, but God's own life, the "gift of God" that will quench the deepest thirst of humanity. The woman still thinks of the water on a physical level. She has not rejected Jesus or his promises, but she has not understood.

Jesus' next words are an abrupt change of subject. We can hear the conversation about her husbands in two ways, one literal and one symbolic: her own multiple

marriages, and a symbol for Samaria's acceptance of multiple gods. Samaritan idolatry with the gods of other nations is comparable to marital infidelity. The woman stands for the Samaritan people, to whom Jesus is offering living water. Jesus' knowledge of her leads her first to see him as a prophet and later to invite the townspeople to come and see a man who could be the Christ.

Misunderstanding continues when the disciples return. In a twist of roles, Jesus, who had offered living water to the woman, is now offered ordinary food by his disciples. They too must develop a deeper understanding of Jesus' identity and learn that his food is to do the will of the one who sent him and to finish his work. Many Samaritans come to believe in Jesus, no longer because of the woman's testimony, but because of Jesus' own word. Long before Jews believe in Jesus, the Samaritans know that he is savior of the world.

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