March 15, 2020 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

~ Romans 5:8

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Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,19b-26,39a,40-42

Jesus satisfies our thirst for eternal life (3). Through his Spirit his grace has been poured into our hearts (2). God satisfies the thirst of the Israelites (1) whose hearts had become hardened and rebellious (Ps).

Thirst

Each time today’s Gospel story is read, I can’t help but think of the many television commercials I’ve seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

Treasures From Our Tradition

Christians have always imagined initiation as a journey. Saul was on a journey on the Damascus road when he was knocked off his feet by an encounter with the Risen Lord. After stumbling, blind, to a Christian household, he emerged days later, baptized and clear sighted, as Paul. Enlightened, he begins a life so disconnected with his former ways that it seems to require a new name.

The custom of acquiring a new name at baptism is thus very old, and is a deeper question than “naming the baby”; it is, rather, one of a break with the past and a place in the community. The first Christians mostly kept their pagan names, and therefore blended in with their neighbors. Eventually, some people began to name their children after Christian virtues or feasts, like “Ephiphanus” for a child born on Epiphany, or “Fides” for faith. Later, the names of beloved martyrs or saints began to take hold, as older converts exchanged their birth names for the names of admired saints. Today, catechumens may still choose to assume a “Christian name” before baptism, and parents are still asked to be mindful of our tradition as they give a name to a child.

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Thank You!

Thank you! To all those who have already participated in the 2020 Archbishop Annual Appeal, we are most appreciative. Your gifts have helped our Church continue helping those who need and depend on the ministries and services of the Archdiocese. All gifts to the Appeal are very beneficial, so please consider making a gift if you have not already done so. Please be generous as you are able. Your gift improves lives.

Lenten Confessions

In response to the Archdiocese of San Francisco’s Lenten program, “The Light Is On for You”, we are encouraging a greater participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially among those who have not received the sacrament recently. And so aside from our regular schedule of confessions every Tuesday and Saturday, there will be confessions from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all Fridays of Lent.

Please Pray for our Holy Father’s Intention for March

Pope’s Intention: Catholics in China. That the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

The Little Ones

IF JESUS WAS PLAYING WITH US, HE’D HAVE PLenty OF BUCKETS!

The woman said to him, “Sir, do you not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water?” Jn 4:11

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**Winter Cold and Flu Season**

As always, you are reminded to use common good sense in the reception of Holy Communion during the annual cold and flu season.

If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from partaking of the Blood of Christ from the communal chalice. In the same way, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. Likewise if you are not comfortable sharing the sign of peace or receiving Holy Communion from the communal chalice for fear of infection, you should feel no pressure to do so.

All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the intimate life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from the sign of peace and the communal chalice out of care for our well being and not out of unkindness or a lack of piety.

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**What You Can Do to Stay Healthy**

**Know the facts.** Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.

**Take everyday actions to stay healthy.**

- **Cover your nose and mouth** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or into your sleeve if you do not have a tissue available. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- **Wash your hands thoroughly and often** with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.** Germs spread that way.
- **Stay home if you get sick.** CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- **Get vaccinated.** Vaccination is the best protection we have against flu.

*Source: Centers for Disease Control (http://www.cdc.gov)*

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**Liturgy and Illness**

Please be aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for others that those with flu-like symptoms remain at home. For the convenience of those who are homebound, or unable to attend Mass because of illness or infirmity, Mass is broadcast each Sunday morning at 6:00 AM on Channels 8, 20 (Comcast), KTSF 26.

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**Today’s Readings**

**First Reading** — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

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

**Gospel** — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

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**Ministers Schedule**

**March 21 - 22, 2020**

**Saturday, 5:15 p.m.**

- **Presider** - Fr. Obet Andrey
- **Readers** - Barbara Villanueva, Arlene Ambata
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - Barbara Villanueva, Amy Mohler, Luzviminda Grajales, Mary Josue, Jeannette Chafe

**Sunday, 7:30 a.m.**

- **Presider** - Fr. Linh Nguyen
- **Readers** - Therese Guintu, Albert Chin
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - Therese Guintu, Julius Vedasto, Cathy Bohol, Vida Ventura, Albert Chin, Tessie Gallardo

**Sunday, 9:30 a.m.**

- **Presider** - Fr. Obet Andrey
- **Readers** - Rizalina Fernandez, Jim Blacksten
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - Ligaya Gementera, Celso Mangoba, Rose Mangoba, Miguel Herrera, Malou Pulanco, Ben Banatao

**Sunday, 12:00 p.m.**

- **Presider** - Fr. Linh Nguyen
- **Readers** - Fe Barcelona, Judy Labaria
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - Sandra Cea, Mary Josue, Jeannette Bird, Evelyn Bird, Fe Macatangay, Trini Raymundo, Evelyn Bird

**Sunday, 5:15 p.m.**

- **Presider** - Fr. Raphael Laizer
- **Readers** - Charles Rosh, Amy Mohler
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - Zachary Dul-dulao, Teng Sullivan, Luzviminda Grajales, Mary Josue

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**Hello Again!**

My name is Nora Regaspi. I was born on March 20, 1970 in Nabua Camarines Sur, Philippines. I am the fifth of eight children. My mother’s name is Sotera Morales and my father’s name is Damian Regaspi, Sr. In 1994, I joined the Religious of the Virgin Mary, a religious congregation based in the Philippines. The congregation serves different ministries in Asia, Europe, Africa, and the United States. As a Religious sister, I was assigned to different places in the Philippines serving as the Finance Officer and Religious Education Instructor.

In 1997, I received my Bachelor’s degree in Commercial Science with a major in Management from Jose Rizal University in Mandaluyong City, Philippines. In 1999, I obtained my Bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education in Religious/Values Education from St. Mary’s Mecauayan, Bulacan. In 2003, I was assigned to be the Finance Officer and Confirmation Coordinator at St. Patrick’s Church, San Francisco. After five years, I went to work at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Foster City and worked as an Office Manager. In 2011, I left the Order and pursued a profession in health care.

In 2019, I went to work for the United States Postal Service, but in February 2020, I returned to St. Patrick's Church and became the new Parish Secretary.

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**Availability**

God does not ask for our ability or our inability, but our availability.

~ Anonymous
St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We will pray the Novena to St. Patrick 15 minutes before every Mass through Monday, March 16th. We will also celebrate the Feast Day of St. Patrick on Tuesday, March 17th during the 5:15 p.m. Mass followed by fellowship in the parish hall. Join us as we celebrate the Patron Saint of our parish as well as the Principal Co-Patron of our City and Archdiocese.

Saint Pedro Calungsod
Second Filipino Saint
Nine-Day Novena:
March 24 – April 01, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.
Feast Day:
Thursday, April 2, 2017 at 12:10 p.m. Mass

Special Collection
There will be a special collection next Sunday, March 22nd for Catholic Relief Services (formerly the American Bishops Overseas Appeal). CRS is the official international relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic community. They serve the poor in over 100 countries overseas through programs in emergency relief, HIV and AIDS, health, agriculture, education, microfinance and peacebuilding. Please give generously to this special collection.

Wisdom
A wise old owl lived in an oak.
The more he saw the less he spoke.
The less he spoke the more he heard.
Why can’t we all be like that wise old bird?

~ English nursery rhyme
**Schedule of Sacraments**

**Eucharistic Celebrations**
- Sundays ~ 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
- Family Mass on 2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
- Tagalog Mass on 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
- Charismatic Mass and Healing Service on 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Baptism (infants and children)**
- Baptismal Prep Class ~ Every 2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00 a.m.
- Please call the parish office at least two months before the preferred date of Baptism. All Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office and Baptismal classes are required for all first time parents and godparents.

**Sacrament of Marriage**
- You must first be a registered and active parishioner for at least six months prior to arranging a marriage at St. Patrick. Arrangements for this celebration must be made at least six months in advance. No date may be reserved without first consulting with the Pastor.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**
- Tuesdays and First Fridays ~ 11:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
- Saturdays ~ 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**
- Please call the Rectory at (415) 421-3730

**Parish Meeting Schedule**

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**Mass Intentions for Mar 15 - 21**

**Saints & Special Observances**

**TUESDAY: SOLEMNITY – PATRICK, BISHOP, PRINCIPAL CO-PATRON OF SF ARCHDIOCESE**

**Wednesday: optional memorial ~**

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

**THURSDAY: SOLEMNITY – ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Readings for the Week**

- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 4:7b-11; Lk 5:1-11
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1,5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16; Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16,18-21,24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
  - 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13,17,34-38

**Spring**

The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.

— Henry Van Dyke

**Relevant Radio**

Tune your radio to 1260 AM or 101.7 FM for 24-hour broadcasts concerning Catholic teachings and prayers.

**Communion in the Home**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass. Please call the office at 415-421-3730 for more information.

**Devotions**

- Sacred Heart ~ Every First Friday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for public adoration from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Our Mother of Perpetual Help ~ Tuesdays after the 12:10 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Masses
- Divine Mercy ~ Daily at 4:45 p.m.
- Santo Niño Devotion ~ 2nd Friday after the 5:15 p.m. Mass

**Welcome to St. Patrick!!**

Welcome to all of our out-of-town visitors, Thank you for worshipping with us!!