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Parish Council

Bill Schaffer Jason Poiroux

Jim Jackson Autumn Bowden

Jack Wright Jay Graham

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Paula Dyess Paulette Cauley

Carol Voss

MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday 7:30 A.M.

Thursday 7:45 A.M.

Friday 7:45 A.M.

Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays by Appointment

Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday 9:30 A.M.

BAPTISM: By Appointment

MATRIMONY: Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Anytime: Please call the Office

ROSARY & ADORATION: Every

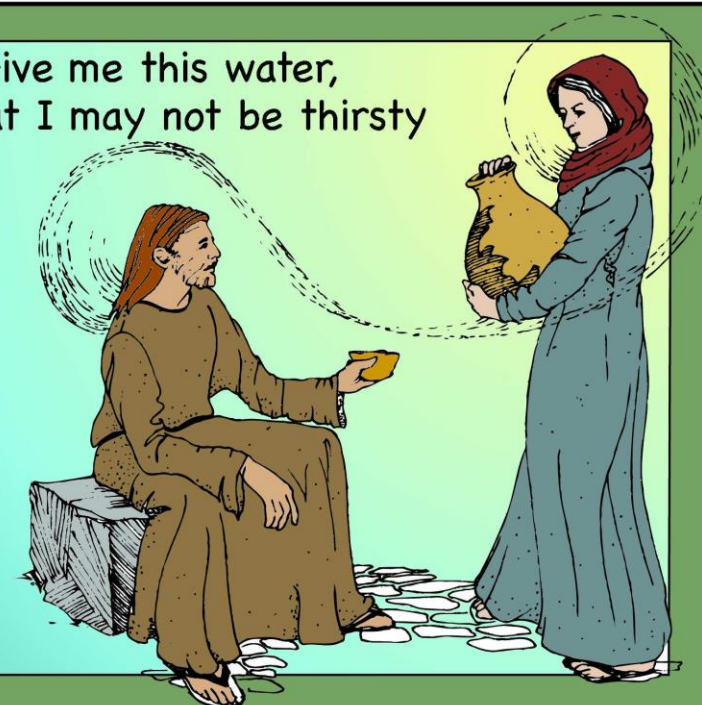
Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

Email: stjohngandbay@gmail.com

Give me this water,
so that I may not be thirsty



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Third Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Early Christians gave a name to the woman at the well from today's Gospel passage: Photina. It means "she who is enlightened" or "she who has received [the] light." This follows the biblical tradition of bestowing names upon characters to help us understand their role—and ours—in experiencing God's saving power. All of the evangelists, John in particular, make the characters who encounter Jesus prototypes for all of us. Like all of us, Photina doesn't "get it" at first. It takes a dialogue with Jesus (in this case, a rather argumentative one) for her to admit who she is to herself, and for Jesus to help her discover where she might find the true streams of eternal, life-giving water. By the end of the encounter, she is enlightened. Her enlightenment is the reason the early church chose this as one of the Gospels always to be read for those newly seeking Christ, who will be enlightened and initiated in the new paschal light of the Easter Vigil.

Why is the Eucharist not only a meal but also a sacrifice? While our sins would have made it impossible for us to share in the life of God, Jesus Christ was sent to remove this obstacle. His death was a sacrifice for our sins. Christ is "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). Through his death and resurrection, he conquered sin and death and reconciled us to God. The Eucharist is the memorial of this sacrifice. The Church gathers to remember and to re-present the sacrifice of Christ in which we share through the action of the priest and the power of the Holy Spirit. Through the celebration of the Eucharist, we are joined to Christ's sacrifice and receive its inexhaustible benefits. As the Letter to the Hebrews explains, Jesus is the one eternal high priest who always lives to make intercession for the people before the Father. In this way, he surpasses the many high priests who over centuries used to offer sacrifices for sin in the Jerusalem temple. The eternal high priest Jesus offers the perfect sacrifice, which is his very self, not something else. "He entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption" (Heb 9:12). Jesus' act belongs to human history, for he is truly human and has entered into history. At the same time, however, Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, he is the eternal Son, who is not confined within time or history. His actions transcend time, which is part of creation. Passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to his creation" (Heb 9:11), Jesus the eternal Son of God made his act of sacrifice in the presence of his Father, who lives in eternity. Jesus' one perfect sacrifice is thus eternally present before the Father, who eternally accepts it. This means that in the Eucharist Jesus does not sacrifice himself again and again. Rather, by the power of the Holy Spirit his one eternal sacrifice is made present once again, re-presented, so that we may share in it. Christ does not have to leave where he is in heaven to be with us. Rather we partake of the heavenly liturgy where Christ eternally intercedes for us and presents his sacrifice to the Father and where the angels and saints constantly glorify God and give thanks for all his gifts. "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever" (Rev 5:13). As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "By the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all" (no. 1326). The Sanctus proclamation, "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord...." is the song of the angels who are in the presence of God (Is 6:3). When in the Eucharist we proclaim the Sanctus we echo on earth the song of angels as they worship God in heaven. In the Eucharistic Celebration we do not simply remember an event in history. Rather, through the mysterious action of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharistic Celebration the Lord's Paschal Mystery is made present and contemporaneous to his Spouse the Church. Furthermore, in the Eucharistic re-presentation of Christ's eternal sacrifice before the Father, we are not simply spectators, we are partakers.



Martha Delmas, Mary Kirchoff, Heather Cotton, David Stovall, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Andrea Graham, Robert Dixon, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Ida Clark, Isabel Rel, Clayton Williams, Becky Thompson, Pat Potter, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Ed Thornton, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Tom Thornton, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Penny Dupont, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Doug Jones, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechnener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Glenn Boney, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders,, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Leyah White.

Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish: Theresa Wakeman, Jack Forbes, Cathy Kirchoff, Frank Church,

Pray for the Special Intentions of those serving in the Armed Forces: Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey.

Known Birthdays for March

01 st : Aimee Sprinkle	15 th : Theresa Bridges
01 st : Jason Poiroux	15 th : Destry Murray
02 nd : Jimmy Marchand	16 th : Ruth Delmas
03 rd : Nina Bohl	18 th : Tony Smith
03 rd : Frances Reed	18 th : Katelynn Oliver
05 th : Tammy Fonteot	22 nd : Darrel Wright
06 th : John Murray	24 th : Paul Delmas
07 th : Ron Cauley	24 th : Johnnie Tate
09 th : Becky Thompson	25 th : Maribeth Thompson
11 th : Olivia Schmierer	25 th : Tiffany Fonteot
11 th : David Spencer	25 th : David Schmierer
15 th : Mike Stringfellow	29 th : Joe Smith
	30 th : Matt Cauley

Known Anniversaries for February
 1st: Tiffany and Greg Teofilo
 18th: Elsa and John McBride

Upcoming Parish Events

March 13th, 20th, 27th & April 3rd: Stations of the Cross at 5 pm

March 13th, 20th, 27th & April 3rd: K of C Fish Fry, 5-7 pm

March 23rd, 24th & 25th: Lenten Mission with Father Austin starting at 6pm each evening with a penance service to close the Mission on Wednesday evening.

April 1st: Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7 pm.

April 5th: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 5pm & 10 am.
 Golden Group Bake Sale after each Mass

April 8th: Penance Service, time TBD

April 9th: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6:30 pm

April 10th: Good Friday Celebration, Stations of the Cross at 3 pm, the Lord's Passion, 6:30 pm.

April 11th: Easter Vigil for Holy Saturday at 7:30 pm (Sunset)

April 12th: Easter Sunday Mass during the day, 10 am

Daily Mass Intentions for the Feb./Mar. 2020

Week of Mar. 17 – 20
 17th: Hats'e Rohburger & J. R. Hatfield by Dana Baker and Deceased relatives/friends of Matt & Debra Johnson.
 18th: Deceased relatives/friends of Peggy & David Delmas also deceased relatives/friends of Avis & Gennie Garrett.
 19th & 20th: Father Patrick Hayes and deceased relatives/friends of the Spencer family also deceased relatives/friends of Mila Vaughn.

Week of Mar. 24 – 27
 Deceased relatives/friends offered by Nina Bohl
 Deceased relatives/friends offered by Tom DeAngelo

Week of Mar. 31 – April 3
 31st: Deceased relatives/friends of Doris Sema
 1st, 2nd & 3rd: Ruth Miller Poplawski, John Poplawski, Alfred Miller & Helena Starr by Ruth Reddick and deceased relatives of Kathie & Steve Sema, Jr.

Week of April 7 – 10
 No Masses as this is Holy Week

Capital Campaign
 Campaign Goal is \$195,000.00
 Pledged to date **\$473,266.00**
 Because of your support we are at 243% of our campaign goal.

Stewardship for March 8th:
 Regular: \$3,137.00

Catholic Charities
 As of today we are at \$21,670.00 in our Catholic Charities Campaign which is 124.5% of our goal of \$17,400.00

Weekend of Mar. 21 & 22, 2020

MASS MINISTERS:

EMHC:	5:00 pm Sat. Colleen Gray John McBride	10:00 am Sun. Paulette Cauley Aimee Sprinkle
Lectors:	Teresa Dorriety Andrea Graham	Alice Jackson Marcie McPhillips
Altar Servers:	Volunteers	Volunteers
Ushers:	Steve Cauley Kevin Cauley Chuck Pierce Wayne Jackson	Mike Marchand Mike Courtney Avis Garrett Tom Thornton

Altar Care & Church Cleaning

Altar Care: March 2020
Ruth Pigorsch

Church Cleaning: **Mar. 21 & 22, 2020**
Amanda, Mary, Zora & Rebecca Oliver

CRE Schedule for March & April 2020

Sunday, Mar. 08: Class
Sunday, Mar. 15: Class, Lenten Retreat
Sunday, Mar. 22: Class, Lenten Reconciliation (grades 2-8)
 Children's Mass 10 am
Sunday, Mar. 29: No Class – Spring Break Week
Sunday, Apr. 05: No Class, Spring Break Week
Sunday, Apr. 12: No Class, Easter Sunday
Sunday, Apr. 19: Class, First Holy Communion Family Retreat (8:45 am till 12 PM).
Sunday, Apr. 26: Class/Practice for First Communion
Sunday, May 03: Last Day of Classes / First Communion
Sunday, May 10: No Classes, Mother's Day
End of Year Celebration to be announced at a later date.

HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:
 The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place March 24, 2020 and will be filmed here at St. John the Baptist. Mass time will be 9:00 am and Father Sherwin will be the Celebrant.

NURSING HOME OUTREACH:
 Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. **Join US!**

HOUSE BLESSINGS
 We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

Announcements for Week of March 14, 2020

- The Parish would like to offer** our condolences to Tom Thornton on the passing of his wife Sara. May the Lord give eternal rest to her soul and may he bless and guide you in this time of loss.
- Youth Lenten Retreat:** All youth are invited to attend a lecture on the "Eucharist," Wednesday, March 18th at 7 pm in the church hall. Dinner will be served for those attending so please contact our Youth Director, Isabella Kotval to register.
- Adoration of the Holy Eucharist** will be on Sunday, March 22nd, at 9 am in the church prior to Mass. This time of adoration is scheduled to expose all our children and youth to this special worship service in the Catholic Church.
- Parish Lenten Mission** is scheduled for March 23rd, 24th & 25th. Father Austin will start each evening at 6 pm, and we will close the Mission with Penance Service on Wednesday after the final talk.
- Second Collection** next Sunday is for the Catholic Relief Services
- There is a sign-up sheet** in the church hall for all ministers of the alter to have the opportunity to serve during Holy Week including Easter Weekend. Please honor God by signing up to serve him.
- CRS Rice Bowls** are on the table in the church hall. Take one home, fill it and return it by Easter.
- Known Birthdays:** 15th: Mike Stringfellow, Theresa Bridges, Destry Murray, 16th: Ruth Delmas, 18th: Tony Smith, Katelynn Oliver; **Known Anniversaries this week:** 18th: Elsa and John McBride

NAME OR NO NAME?

Naming the woman at the well has fallen into disuse. In a way, especially for our society, naming things tends to be primarily about making them possessions. People name their pets, their houses, their cars, and so on. It was part of biblical naming tradition that giving or changing a name showed they were in God's possession, but their new names were also chosen to imbue them with the reality of a changed or new direction in life. Most often, today we just name things to show our ownership. So it may be a good thing that we no longer name this woman, for her name could be any one of our names, male or female. She could be—she is—all of us. All of us, in baptism, are named for Christ. We are "christ-ened" and through our life, we bear our most important name: Christian. Lent calls us back to that name, back to a renewed dialogue with Christ, that we might once again be enlightened by the grace of his truth and love.