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THIRD SUNDAY OF

Lent

MARCH 19, 2017



*Jesus said,
“Whoever drinks the
water I shall give
will never thirst;
the water I shall give
will become in them a
spring of water welling
up to eternal life.”*

John 4:14

A Messiah for All People

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).

Better the slavery you know than the freedom you don't—that could be the theme for this reading. Though the Israelites have just left a life in Egypt that has been described as "the whole cruel lot of slaves," they seem to have forgotten this when saying to Moses, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?" We'd think the answer would be obvious. But human nature is such that our memories are short, and our threshold for discomfort is low.

This reading presents us with a wonderful metaphor for the spiritual life—that of thirst. In the desert, the Israelites long for the more easily accessible waters of Egypt. Yet God shows them that if they trust him, they can be sure of water anywhere. With God, one isn't forced to fearfully hug the banks of the Nile like slaves to stay alive; one may chart a course straight out of the desert with faith confidently knowing that he will provide. In this desert of modern life, we may likewise be certain that God will give us the living water we need to survive. Certainly he's the source of living water that we can count on—even in the desert places.

SECOND READING

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

St Paul expresses the fulfillment of the promise given by Christ in our

Gospel reading of streams of living water that will become a "fountain within...leaping up to provide eternal life." St. Paul writes to the church at Rome that "the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

It was from the pierced side of Christ, which flowed blood and water, that the saving tide began to flow. St. Paul identifies that saving death as the source of the gifts of faith, hope, and charity, which transform godless, powerless, sinners into children of the Father. He implicitly reminds us that if any boasting is to be done, it's in "the grace in which we now stand." Grace, of course, means "gift." So if any glory is to be given, it should redound to God who gives—not to the undeserving who receive it, among whom St. Paul includes himself.

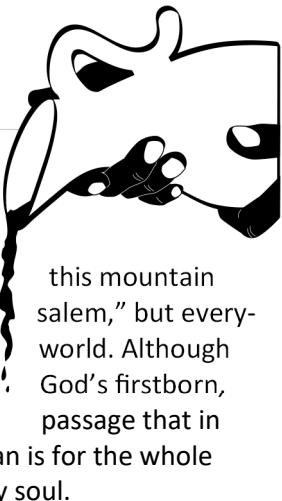
GOSPEL

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]).

At the time of the Messiah's coming, Rome held Israel in its imperial grip. Yet despite its many struggles, Israel knew that "salvation is from the Jews," as Jesus says to the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel. That phrase suggests that salvation is intended to be passed "from" Israel to all nations. This scene points to the future extension to all nations of the salvation won by Christ. Samaria represents the first step in spreading the Gospel to the whole world.

Jesus points ahead to "an hour" when worship "in Spirit and truth"

will be offered to God not merely "on nor in Jeru-where in the the Jews are we see in this



this mountain salem," but every-world. Although God's firstborn, passage that in Jesus, God's plan is for the whole world, for every soul.

Jesus encourages his disciples to look at the world anew and to see beyond the borders of Israel and beyond the national and racial limits of Jacob (Israel). "Open your eyes and see! The fields are shining for harvest!" he exclaims. The universal purpose of God's saving work in Christ is given its last word in the last line of this reading, appropriately spoken by the Samaritans: "This is truly the savior of the world!"

DIGGING DEEPER: The Samaritans

The Samaritans were a group of people who claimed to be the direct descendants of two tribes of Israel who survived the destruction of the Northern Kingdom by Assyria in 722 BC. They claimed that they had preserved the true religion of the Chosen People, and the religion as practiced by the Jews had been changed and altered during the Babylonian exile. Both Samaritan and Jewish rabbis taught that it was immoral to have contact with the other group. For Jesus to be talking to not just a Samaritan, but a woman would have been utterly scandalous.

Grow in Discipleship

In ancient times, access to a reliable well was essential. Without a steady supply of clean water, life would be difficult, if not impossible. In this week's Gospel, we see Jesus sitting by a well in the country of Samaria. It's noon, and we can assume that he is hot and tired. We know he is thirsty, because he asks a woman who is there drawing water to give him a drink.

This woman, known to us as the Samaritan Woman at the Well, has a checkered past. The upstanding women of the community drew their water early in the day; she doesn't want to be seen so she comes at an off-hour. When Jesus, who is a Jew, speaks to her, she is taken aback. Jews didn't usually speak with Samaritans. In fact, a little later when his disciples join him, they aren't too keen on the fact Jesus was chatting with a Samaritan woman either.

This week, we will see that this Gospel scene has a kind of nuptial quality about it because a well is where a groom would come to meet his bride. Like a bridegroom lovingly seeking his bride, Jesus ardently desires this Samaritan woman (and her people whom she represents) to be reunited with God. The Samaritan woman has been a bride five times, and Jesus points this out. But then he goes beyond reminding her of her failure by reaching into the recesses of her deepest wounds of rejection and lack of love to tell her that he is, indeed, the long-awaited one, the Messiah—the one who will fulfill her deepest thirsts and longings. Through her, Jesus invites the Samaritan people, who were separated from the people of Israel, to return to their true bridegroom. By extension, he also invites all of us who come to him with open, thirsting hearts to join him at every Mass—at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb—

so that we might say with the Samaritans: "This is truly the savior of the world!"

Please watch the free six-minute Opening the Word video for the Third Sunday in Lent at FORMED.org

DIGGING DEEPER: Samaritan Beliefs

The Samaritans believed that Mount Gerizim, located in the West Bank, not the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, is the location of God's holy of holies. It is to this location that the Woman at the Well is referring when she says, "Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem."

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Podcasts are like pre-recorded radio programs that you can listen to anytime, anywhere. Search for these free podcasts on your mobile device or desktop to super-charge your faith.

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Pray-As-You-Go

This podcast sends you a daily 12-minute Lectio Divina meditation on one of the daily readings with music and reflection questions.

The Fr. Mike Podcast

Fr. Mike Schmitz offers short 6 to 8 minute podcasts which are excellent chunks of inspiration and food for thought.

Catholic Stuff You Should Know

Fr. Nathan Goebel, Fr. John Nepil, Fr. Mike Rapp and Fr. Michael O'Loughlin from the Archdiocese of Denver cover a huge variety of topics each week.

The mission of the Grow in Faith Ministry at St Michael Parish is to create a culture of discipleship by supporting small group studies, encouraging family and individual enrichment, and developing parish-wide learning campaigns.



Interested in joining the team? We need small group hosts, info table staffers, faith formation parent liaisons, St Michael School parent liaisons, and registration helpers.

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Saturday 3/18

- 8:30am The intentions of our parish
Jeff Brandt †
5:00pm The intentions of our parish
Anthony & Geraldine Carrano †
7:00pm Daniel Moore
Souls of the Orlando Tragedy †

Sunday 3/19

- 6:45am James Webb

8:00am The intentions of our parish
Lucy Duldulao †
9:30am The intentions of our parish
Maria B. Algarne †
11:30am The intentions of our parish
Maria B. Algarne †
12:30pm The intentions of our parish
Susana Algarne †
6:00pm The intentions of our parish
Melanie Maher †

Monday 3/20

- 7:00am Harry & Marie McVey

8:30am Salvador and Jaime Guillen
Chris, Helen & Skip Kelsey †

Tuesday 3/21

- 7:00am Harry & Marie McVey

8:30am Rozan Familia
Chris, Helen & Skip Kelsey †

Wednesday 3/22

- 7:00am Harry & Marie McVey

8:30am Basilisa Alarcon †
Gregorio, Felisciana, Raul †
7:00pm Jojo Payumo †

Thursday 3/23

- 7:00am Pura Viray †
8:30am Coreen Ignacio
Teodorica Cachola †

Friday 3/24

- 7:00am Souls in Purgatory †
8:30am Basilisa Alarcon †
Gregorio, Felisciana, Raul †

Prayers & Devotion

Prayer Requests

For the repose of the souls of Patricia Ann Cigliuti, Frank Gomez Quintanilla, Alejandro Ortega Rivas, Harrison Roy Cansino Antonio, Wendell W. Hightower and Juan M. Rodriguez.

For Bobby who is seeking a full time job with benefits.

Send your prayer requests to Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com

Join the Parish Prayer Team

Sign up at StMichaelLivermore.com/PrayerTeam to receive a weekly list of parish prayer requests to include in your daily prayer. Prayer is the power center of our parish!

PLENARY INDULGENCE: Attend a Mission

A Plenary Indulgence is granted to those who attend a Mission, hear some of the sermons and are present for the solemn close of the Mission. The three prerequisites apply: Sacramental Confession, Eucharist and prayers for the Pope.

Our Parish Mission is Monday, March 20 at 7:00 pm in the Church, led by Fr. Mark Mannion.



8 KEYS TO PRAYER



Source: Aleteia.com • 10 claves para una oración profunda y eficaz
<http://es.aleteia.org/2016/10/04/10-claves-para-una-oracion-profunda-y-eficaz/>



News & Announcements

Seeking a School Principal

Candidates for principal of St Michael School must be active practicing Catholics, possess a California Teaching Credential and a California Administrative Credential or enrolled in an Administrative Credential Program as well as have at least five years in Catholic educational teaching or administration.

For a more detailed job description, please visit bit.ly/PrincipalJob

Send Letter of Intent and Application by March 31, 2017 to: Department of Human Resources Diocese of Oakland 2121 Harrison Street, Suite 100 Oakland, CA 94612 510-893-4711 Fax 510-763-8055

Altar Rail Returning to the Sanctuary Will Be Installed This Holy Week

In anticipation of a monthly Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin Mass) coming to St Michael Parish soon, an altar rail will be re-installed in our sanctuary this Holy Week.

Mass in the Ordinary Form (the Mass to which we are accustomed) will continue as always during the week and on Sundays. The Communion procession will not change with the installation of the altar rail at these Masses, and the faithful will continue to receive Holy Communion in the same manner. The rail will be partial, leaving space in the center and at either end, to allow for continued use of the handrails by ministers.

Collection Report

3/5/17 Collection: \$25,968.83

3/12/17 Collection: \$19,121.60

Average Collection: \$21,978.80

Maintenance Fund: \$18,710.35

Thank you for your support! The basic operating cost of our parish, without added funds for improvement, is \$22,000 each week. Your gift is much appreciated.

To make a one-time donation or set up regular offerings, visit membership.faithdirect.net/CA602

If you would like to receive traditional monthly or weekly offering envelopes, please visit the church office.

Sound Tech Team Forming

We are establishing a new Sound Tech Team to improve the sound experience at Mass and at other special events at St. Michael. Members of this new team will monitor and mix the sound at parish Masses using an iPad. We are looking to train a team of volunteers to who will then be assigned to Masses.

If you are interested in being part of this exciting new ministry, please contact JaNet Hancock, at 925-292-5071 or via email at Music@StMichaelLivermore.com



This Week

MONDAY, MARCH 20

St. Joseph

Readings: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Events:

Parish Lent Mission will be at 7:00 pm in the Church with Fr. Mark Mannion on the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima and the 100th anniversary of the church at St. Michael Parish. Adoration and Benediction follows.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

Readings: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Suggestion:

Spend time in the Adoration Chapel. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar 24/7. Come and sit and thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon you. Stay for 5 minutes, an hour or longer and enjoy the oasis of peace and tranquility in the Lord.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

Readings: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Events:

Catholic Inquiry meets at 7 pm in the Convent. If you were you Baptized Catholic, but never received Confirmation or First Communion or if you are not Catholic, you are invited to come find out more about the Catholic faith.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

St. Toribio de Mogrovejo

Readings: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Events:

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) at 9:30 am at St Charles welcomes guest speaker Fr. Ron Shirley to talk on "God of Second Chances". Contact: Phyllis 925-337-4299

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Abstain from Meat

Readings: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Events:

Golden Friends Prayer Luncheon at 10:30 am at the Rock House Grill. Contact: Wilma 925 447-8198.

Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7 pm in English, 8 pm in Spanish.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

Readings: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Events:

Confession 9:30 am and 3:45 pm in English, 6:15 pm in Spanish

Dress-a-Girl Sew Fest at 9 am to 3 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Ave, Pleasanton. Info: Suzanne Beck at 925-352-8447

New Parishioner Potluck at 6:00 pm in the Convent. Info: 510-301-8928.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Events

Livermore Half Marathon will have many streets downtown closed starting at 7:00 am. Expect traffic delays. Leave a bit earlier to get to Mass on time!



PARISH LENT STUDY

Prayer

In chapter thirteen, the author says the primary purpose of work is to help us become the-best-version-of-ourselves. How would this approach impact your work? What is an ordinary activity that you can transform into a prayer?

During Lent we are called in a particular way to generosity, not only with our finances, but also with our time and our hearts. Have you ever reached out to someone who was lonely? Have you ever thought about being the answer to someone's prayer?

Upcoming Events

Lent Reconciliation Service Mon, March 27 at 7 pm

"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy."

--St. Isidore of Seville

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is at the heart of the season of Lent. Come to the church to hear the Word proclaimed and receive individual Confession. Stay in the church after to bask in the Mercy of Christ in the Eucharistic. Benediction follows.

The service will be bilingual, and priests who speak English and Spanish will hear confessions.

Serve at Open Heart Kitchen Wed, March 29

St. Michael's Parish provides volunteers every 5th Wednesday at Open Heart Kitchen, Tri Valley's free hot meal service for those in need. Volunteers prepare the food on site as directed by the Open Heart Kitchen staff, set tables, serve the food, organize donated items and clean up afterwards. There are two shifts: 9:30 am-11:45 am and 11:45 am-2:00 pm. To volunteer, contact Diane Schord at dhschord@sbcglobal.net or 925-447-4344

Chrism Mass Thur, April 6 at 6:30 pm at the Cathedral

Bishop Michael Barber, joined by all the priests of the diocese, will gather at the Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass. This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop.

Here the bishop blesses three oils: the oil of catechumens (*oleum catechumenorum* or *oleum sanctorum*), the oil of the infirm (*oleum infirmorum*) and holy chrism (*sacrum chrisma*). These oils are brought back to each parish to be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year.

All are welcome to attend.



April 13 Holy Thursday

8:30 am Morning Prayer
in the Church
6:00 pm Mass in English

April 14 Good Friday

8:30 am Morning Prayer
4:00 pm Passion Play
5:30 pm Service in English
6:00 pm Living Stations of the Cross
(Bilingual)
8:00 pm Service in Spanish

April 15 Holy Saturday

8:30 am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Blessing of Easter Food
5:30 pm Great Easter Vigil (English)*
7:30 pm Easter Mass (English)
10:00 pm Great Easter Vigil (Spanish)*

*Mass begins in the courtyard

April 16 Easter Sunday

Mass in the Church at:

5:30 am, 6:45 am, 8:00
am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm
(Spanish) and 6:00 pm.

Due to the hall renovation, all
Easter Sunday Masses will be in
the church.

Próximos Eventos

Charla de la Misión de Cuaresma en la Parroquia 21 y 22 de marzo a las 7:00pm

Estan invitados a vivir dos noches de reflexion y conocimiento de la fe. Preparandonos para la semana santa. Invitado especial Fr. Gustavo Gomez de Washington.

Servicio de Comunion a domicilio

Si usted o alguien que conosca tiene un familiar enfermo ya sea en casa o en el hospital. Les damos la invitacion de registrarse para que nuestro ministerio pueda llevar la comunios a ellos.

Para mas informacion y registro Socorro Herrera (925)216-2630

Viacruzis 2017 Se buscan participantes

Si usted o alguien que conosca gusta participar en el viacruzis de nuestra iglesia esta semana santa , porfavor comunicarse con nuestros organizadores.

Paty Murillo : 925-784-5034
Alejandro Anaya: 925-475-9861

Estaciones de la Cruz Todos los viernes de Cuaresma

7:00 pm en inglés, 8:00 pm en español

Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Lunes 27 de marzo a las 7:00 pm

Sacramento de reconciliacion se llevara a cabo en la iglesia.

Reencuentro Matrimonial Mundial Abril 28 a 30 del 2017

Date la oportunidad a ti y tu pareja de renovar tu matrimonio en el Reencuentro Matrimonial Mundial. Para mas informacion llamar a 925-447-1585
Fr. Rafael Hinojosa



13 de abril Jueves Santo

8:30 am Oración de la mañana
6:00 pm Misa en inglés
8:00 pm Misa en Español

14 de abril Viernes Santo

8:30 am Oración de la mañana
4:00 pm Representacion de las estaciones en Ingles
5:30 pm Servicio en inglés
6:00 pm Viacruzis
8:00 pm Servicio en español

15 de abril Sábado Santo

8:30 am Oración de la mañana
10:00 am Bendición de los alimentos de Pascua
5:30 pm Vigilia pascual (inglés) *
7:30 pm Misa de Pascua (Inglés)
10:00 pm Vigilia pascual (español) *
La misa comienza en el patio de la escuela.

16 de abril Domingo de Pascua

Misa en la Iglesia
5:30 am, 6:45 am, 8:00 am,
9:30 am, 11:00 am
12:30 pm y 6:00 pm
(español)



Noticias Parroquiales

Formación de equipo técnico de sonido

Estamos estableciendo un nuevo Equipo de Tecnología de Sonido para mejorar la experiencia de sonido en la Misa y en otros eventos especiales en San Miguel. Los miembros de este nuevo equipo supervisarán y mezclarán el sonido en las misas parroquiales usando un iPad. Estamos buscando capacitar a un equipo de voluntarios a quienes luego se les asignará a las Misas.

Si está interesado en ser parte de este nuevo ministerio, por favor contacte a Analy Palomino, al 925-339-8429 o por correo electrónico

Nuestro Santuario se embellece con el reclinatorio para recibir la santa communion que será instalado esta Semana Santa

en previsión de una misa mensual en la forma extraordinaria (Misa latina tradicional) que estará llegando a la parroquia de San Miguel pronto. Un carril del altar será reinstalado en nuestro santuario.

La Misa en la Forma Ordinaria (la Misa a la que estamos acostumbrados) continuará como siempre durante la semana y los domingos. La procesión de la Comunión no cambiará con la instalación del carril del altar en estas misas, y los fieles seguirán recibiendo la Santa Comunión de la misma manera. El carril será parcial, dejando espacio en el centro y en cada extremo, para permitir el uso continuo de los pasamanos por los ministros.



Informe de recaudación

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3/12/17 Colección: \$19,121.60
Colección media: \$21,978.80
Fondo de Mantenimiento:
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¡Gracias por tu apoyo! El costo básico para la operación de nuestra parroquia, sin incluir fondos adicionales para mejoras, es de \$ 22,000 por semana. Su donación es apreciada.

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Boletín en Español

Para obtener información en español sobre eventos y noticias de nuestra parroquia. Si están interesados en agregar o presentar un artículo en el boletín en español, por favor contactar a Brenda Zavala 510-691-2864

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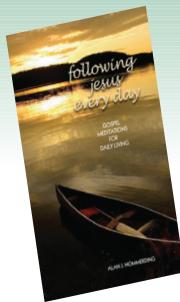
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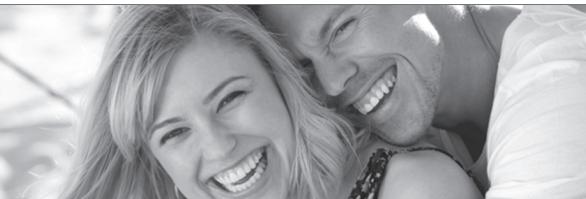


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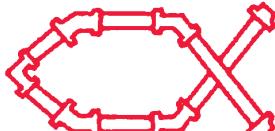
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5:00 pm (English), 7:00 pm (español)

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6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am,
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Sign Language | Lenguaje por Señas
1st Sun, 11:00 am
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Saturday, in the church |
Sábado en la iglesia
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Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the divine power of God, cast into hell satan, and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Oracion a San Miguel Arcangel

O San Miguel, Arcangel defiendenos en la batalla. Se nuestra protección contra el mal y las trampas del Diablo; humildemente te rogamos que Dios los reprenda. O Príncipe Celestial de la Santa Hostia, que con la ayuda de Dios eches a Satanás al infierno y a los espíritus que vagan por el mundo para arruinar las almas. Amén.

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