March 15, 2020
Third Sunday of Lent
John 4:4-19, 27-38 (short version)

Theme: Jesus is the Living Water.

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?”—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ’Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?” Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go call your husband and come back.” The woman answered and said to him, “I do not have a husband.” Jesus answered her, “You are right in saying, ‘I do not have a husband.’ For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I can see that you are a prophet.” …..At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, “What are you looking for?” or “Why are you talking with her?” The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, “Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?” They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” So the disciples said to one another, “Could someone have brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, ‘In four months the harvest will be here?’ I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work.”

Mission Statement

We, the Catholic community at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, graced by the Holy Spirit, are called to invite all people to experience the living and loving presence of Christ by nurturing the spiritual growth of all our members through energetic celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, daily prayer, lifelong study of our faith, witness, service and hospitality.
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Participants in the liturgy at Holy Name of Jesus are encouraged to be a registered, active member of our parish. Membership packets are available in church or complete the form on our website (click on the Become a Parishioner link at the bottom of page). Bring your completed forms to the new parishioner meetings held the first Sunday of the month in church after the 10:30 am Mass.

hnjparishmembership@hnjchurch.org, or call the office at 504-865-7430, ext. 206

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION CHAPEL
The Chapel is located at Palmer Avenue and LaSalle Place. It is open for prayer 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information, email hnj.adoration@gmail.com. Keith Toso is coordinator for perpetual adoration at HNJ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
For information about youth religious education and sacramental preparation for youth, call 504-865-7430, ext. 206.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION AND CATECHUMENATE/RCIA
If you are not Catholic and want to learn more about the Catholic faith or if you are a baptized but an uncatechized Catholic needing to complete your initiation, contact Mr. George White Cell 504-813-9450, email gew1205@gmail.com.

INFANT BAPTISM
Call 504-865-7430 to register for the required seminar for parents and godparents and to schedule your child for the sacrament celebrated after the 10:30 am Sunday Mass.

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A Prayer for the Week  (Third Sunday of Lent)

O God, author of every mercy and all goodness, who in fasting, prayer, and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we who are bowed by guilt, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

A Knock at the Door

Jesus said:
“Knock and the door will be opened to you.”
Matthew 7:7

If I’m in a grumpy mood, I do not receive well Jesus’ promise that the door will be opened to me if I but knock. After all, what about all of those times when I have knocked—when I have asked Christ to come to me in my hour of need and…nothing! I preached a homily about this last week and I said that maybe Jesus is trying to send us a more subtle message. After all, the metaphor implies that I will indeed be face-to-face with a closed door at times. Maybe Jesus is trying to say to us, “Yes, I will open it, but be patient while you are knocking on that closed door.”

That is what I said in my homily that day. I hope that insight helped someone in the congregation, but it didn’t help me. I was left unsatisfied. It seemed as though Jesus was trying to say something new to me about this passage and I was struggling to hear him. But then, later in the day, I heard the Lord say, “Mark, put your grumpiness aside for a moment and see that you are already on the inside of my house. You are already on the other side of that door.” Then I thought about what a ridiculously good life I’ve had and how, in the end, Christ has always come through for me. When I’m clear-headed, it’s almost embarrassing how widely Christ has opened the door for me and how deeply into the house of God the Lord has led me.

But Christ wasn’t finished with me yet. “Now that you see that you are already in my house, in my name I want you to open the door for others.” I thought this verse was all about me and all along Jesus was trying to tell me to go and do for others what has already been done to me: go and open the door.

As the day went on, two true stories came to mind. First, a woman once told me that when she was a girl, her father was cruel to her. Decades later, he repented and came to deeply regret this. One day, her father came to visit her in her new home. She came to door to greet him but he wouldn’t go inside. “What’s wrong?” She asked. He looked at her with grave and mournful eyes and said, “I can’t enter your house without your forgiveness.” “I forgive you,” she said. And that was that. Both could enter the house and enter into a new relationship.

Years after hearing that story, I heard a similar one from a different woman. She had lived for decades with an abusive husband. Then he died suddenly and she was finally free of him. One day, in the midst of deep prayer, she saw him just outside the gates of heaven. She looked right at him and said, with slow deliberation, “It’s all OK.” And then everything faded, but she could sense that he was now in Heaven. She said to me, “I know it sounds crazy, but it felt as though he was waiting for me to let him in!” It didn’t sound crazy at all.

And so here’s the question I’m left with—and that I leave you with: Is there someone who is waiting for you to open the door for them? In your prayerful imagination, or perhaps even in real life, might you look that person in the eye and say, “It’s all OK. Come, let us enter into the House of the Lord.”

Mark E. Thibodeaux, SJ
March Calendar of Events

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Walk Together 4pm  
RCIA 6pm  
Evening Religion 7-8:30 pm | 16 | 17 Scripture Study 8am | 18 HNJ School St. Joseph Altar Confessions 5:00 to 6:30 pm  
Parish Mission  
Fr. Dawson, SJ 7 pm | 19 Feast of St. Joseph  
HNJ School St. Joseph’s Day Altar | 20  
The Journey  
6:15am  
Troop 55 Fish Fry 6-7:30 pm | 21 Discussion on Christian-Moslem Dialogues  
7 pm Audubon Room LU |
| 22 Fourth Sun.  
Lent 2nd Collect.  
1st Grd. Sponsors  
10:30 Mass  
RCIA 6 pm  
Confirmation 7-8:30 pm | 23 | 24 Scripture Study 8am | 25 Confessions 5:00 to 6:30 pm  
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Events & Happenings Around our Parish

Walk Together: An Ignatian Reflection on Ten Spirituals Sunday March 15 4:00 pm
The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) of New Orleans will present a musical concert with reflections. Music performed by Lisa LaFleur Schillace and Jonathan Szymanski with reflections by Fr. Stephen Kramer, SJ. Musical arrangements by Moses Hogan. Admission is free, though donations are encouraged to support IVC. www.ivcusa.org/neworleans

Letter from Archbishop Aymond (selections)
“Lent should include standing before our merciful God and asking for his forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). A priest will be available in every church for the next 3 Wednesdays (Mar. 18, 25, Apr. 1) from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. The heart of Jesus is open and he invites you to know and accept his mercy. Whether we have been to Confession recently, or perhaps it has been many years, now is the time to know that his heart is open and eager to forgive. Let us remember one another in prayer…” Sincerely in Christ, Most Reverend Gregory of M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans

Second Collection Sunday March 22 for Catholic Relief Services
Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. CRS responds to major emergencies (currently the Coronavirus pandemic) and works with local, national, and international Catholic institutions. https://www.crs.org/

Two Popes Screening
Friday March 20  
North Room  
7 pm Free popcorn.  
Q&A session after led by Fr. Thibodeaux. The award winning Netflix film stars Anthony Hopkins as Benedict and Jonathan Pryce as Francis.

Terri Marchese’s St. Joseph Altar March 15
All are invited to join in honoring St. Joseph at her home 2712 Magazine St. The St. Joseph altar will be open for viewing from 10 am to 3 pm. Lunch will be served.

Friday Fish Fries by Troop 55
6:00 to 8:00 pm HNJ School  
March 20, April 3

4 www.hnjchurch.org
A Discussion on Christian-Muslim Dialogue
Saturday March 21 7 pm
Loyola University Audubon Room of the Danna Center
An Evening with Dr. Craig Considine, author of The Dialogue of Civilizations: Muhammad’s Interaction with Christians. Fr. Buddy Noel, Ecumenical Officer of the Archdiocese invites you to attend this important discussion.

Reverence for All Life Committee
March Memos
1. Always be willing to protect life in all its stages.
2. Enhance your life by adding daily prayer and meditation.
3. Enhance others’ lives by participating in our collection of Mardi Gras beads. Please place in back of church.
4. Help the homeless by participating in St. Vincent de Paul’s SOCK collection on March 22

Willwoods Married Couples Retreat: March 21 & 22
St. Joseph Abbey’s Retreat Center
To register call (504) 830-3716 or visit www.FaithAndMarriage.org

Financial Update
Collections of March 7-8
Thank you.

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Liturgical Ministers:
March 21-22, 2020

CELEBRANTS
Sat 4:00 pm      Fr. Tesvich
Sun 8:00 am     Fr. Tesvich
Sun 10:30 am    Fr. Rowntree
Sun 6:00 pm     Fr. Rowntree

ALTAR SERVERS
Sat 4:00 pm  Liberto, Blamphin, Bruno
Sun 8:00 am  Bennett, Sanchez
Sun 10:30 am  Gressett, Ohlmeyer, Koveleskie
Sun 6:00 pm  Bautista

LECTORS
Sat 4:00 pm  Peragine, Duggan
Sun 8:00 am  Oustelet, R
Sun 10:30 am  First Grade
Sun 6:00 pm  Creel, L, Guste

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Sat 4:00 pm  Newlin, McKinnon, Wagner, Sarpy, Toso
Sun 8:00 am  Roddy, Mackenroth, Reeves, W, Chmiola, Oustelet, B
Sun 10:30 am  Hauber, J, Reeves, W
Sun 6:00 pm  White, Jarrott, Macnamara, Baird, Brockman, Ohlmeyer, Christovich

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS
Sat 4:00 pm  Peragine, Duggan, Newlin, Toso, Wagner, McKinnon Sarpy
Sun 10:30 am  Collins, Ives, Post, Qunintana
Jansen selects gift bearers.
Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY  
6:30 am  
7:30 am  
Hattie Baier

TUESDAY  
Dan. 3:25,34-43; Matt. 18:21-35  
6:30 am  
Ann Vaudry Williams  
7:30 am  
Judy Dwyer

WEDNESDAY  
Deut. 4:1, 5-9; Matt. 5:17-19  
6:30 am  
(Int) William Gentry  
7:30 am  
(Int) Ernestine Springer

THURSDAY  
2 Sam. 7:4-5a; Rom. 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matt. 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
6:30 am  
7:30 am  
(Int) Mickey Reynolds

FRIDAY  
Hos. 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34  
6:30 am  
Shirley Taylor  
7:30 am  

SATURDAY  
Hos. 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14  
7:30 am  
4:00 pm  
Souls in Purgatory, Carolina Ferrier, Dorothy Charbonnet, Margie Villere

SUNDAY  
1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Bill Reeves, Religion and Animals

HNJ parishioner Bill Reeves has authored a monograph of this title. Copies are available for checkout from the Parish Center. The topic is timely in light of the ethical and religious imperative to care for the earth and its inhabitants, including oft-exploited animals.

Also, for loved ones serving in the armed services:

Col. James “Beau” Higgins, USMC  
CDR Donald Toso, Jr., USN  
Lt. j.g. Andrew Newman, USN

Will Buford, USN  
Spc. Andrew M. Miller RNG  
Capt. Kevin H. Caliva, Jr. USA

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