

# THE WITNESS

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

MARCH 12, 2023 | THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



### MASS SCHEDULE

### **SUNDAY MASS**

Saturday | 5:00pm

Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am,

12:00pm

### **WEEKDAY MASS**

Monday through Friday | 8:30am

### PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Wednesday | Following Mass

### EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

First Fridays | Following Mass Benediction | 6:45pm

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

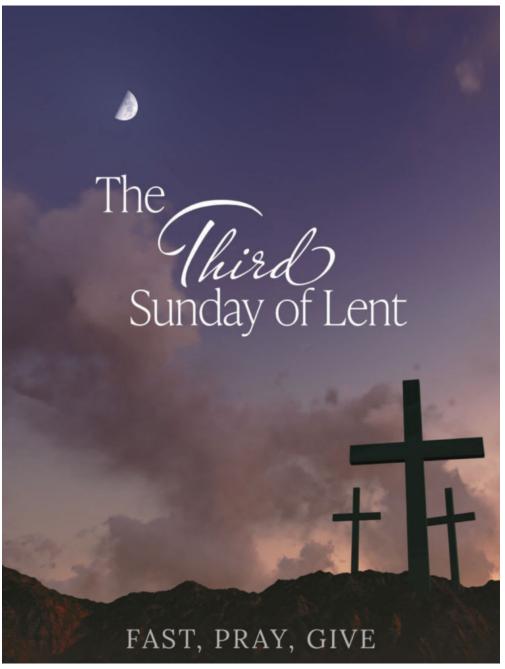
Saturday | 3:00pm-3:30pm

Or by Appointment

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm Closed for lunch 12:00 –1:00pm





### **OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, through its members, is called to be a sign and sacrament of salvation to the entire Catholic Community. Essential to this Mission is the work of spreading Christian life and teachings.

### **OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL**

### **PARISH OFFICE**

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### **SCHOOL**

32460 Pierce Street, Beverly Hills, MI 48025 248-642-2616

# FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

32460 Pierce Street, Beverly Hills, MI 48025 248-647-6068

# THIS WEEK AT OLQM

Monday, March 13 8:30 am Mass 5:00 pm Faith Formation

Tuesday, March 14

8:30 am Mass
7:00 pm Catholic Biblical School
7:00 pm Come Encounter Jesus
Prayer, Praise and Worship
Lenten Holy Hour

### Wednesday, March 15

8:30 am Mass/Perpetual Help Devotions3:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 16

8:30 am Mass 9:00 am OLQM Women's Group 7:00 pm Lenten Young Adult Bible Reflection

### Friday, March 17

8:30 am Mass 9:00 am Exposition & Adoration 2:00 pm Stations of the Cross 6:45 pm Benediction 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 18

7:00 Men's Bible Study 3:00 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Mass

### Sunday, March 19

8:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mass 11:00 am RCIA 12:00 pm Mass

### **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Copy due by 12:00 pm on Friday of the preceding week.

Deliver to the Parish Office or email copy to: satwell@olqm-parish.org

### **PARISH STAFF**

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# SACRAMENT INFORMATION

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30; or by appointment by contacting the Parish Office.

### **MATRIMONY**

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance to schedule your Holy Matrimony preparation.

### **BAPTISM**

Please contact the Parish Office.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office.

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Tim Flannery - Chair Steve Sequin - Secretary Tim Weed Beth Howes

### OLQM Online Donating and Offertory Giving



Our Lady Queen of Martyrs offers online electronic donating and offertory giving through WeShare. By scanning the QR code you can offer a one time gift or set up a recurring donation. Offertory contributions help offset costs associated with the day-to-day operations of the parish. Thank you for your continued support of OLQM parish!

### **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**



### A note from the Pastor...

"Blarney Blast 2023 - Celebrating American Icons" was an enjoyable parish wide celebration held last Saturday in the gym! THANK YOU to the many parishioners who made sacrifices to work tirelessly in order to insure a successful celebration. All in attendance enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by Andiamo's Restaurant, entertaining music, fabulous auction items and fun filled OLQM comradery! Thank you to all who came out to support OLQM Catholic Church and School.

All are invited to pray a Lenten Scriptural Rosary on Sunday evenings during Lent at 6:30pm in the church. OLQM Catholic Church and School has Mary, the Blessed Mother of Jesus, as our patron saint! Let us take advantage of this Sunday evening rosary prayer to pray as a parish community to our Blessed Mother. Each week the rosary is led by an individual from one of our parish organizations or committees. This Sunday evening at 6:30 pm the prayer will

be led by the OLQM Intercessory Prayer Team. The following Sunday evening, March 19th the 6:30 pm rosary will be led by the OLQM Faith Formation Families. Adjust your schedules so that you can participate in the beautiful Catholic tradition of praying the rosary!

A reminder, Stations of the Cross are prayed in the Church each Friday during Lent at 2:00pm and 7:00pm. All are invited to share in this prayerful experience as we recall together the journey Jesus took on His way to Calvary where He was crucified.

On Tuesday, March 14 a Lenten Evening of Prayer, Praise and Worship will be held in the church beginning at 7:00pm. Please join us for Exposition and Adoration of the Eucharist; beautiful music and song, as well as scripture and meditation as we come together as a parish family before Jesus, present in the Eucharist. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to come before the presence of Jesus where you can be renewed in body, mind, and spirit.

On Tuesday, March 21, at 7:00pm "I AM HERE," a Lenten Holy Hour of guided Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration, mediation, prayer, music, and reflection sponsored by Hallow and the Archdiocese of Detroit will take place in OLQM Church. All are invited to come and experience the transformative presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In your brokenness, sorrows and frustrations Jesus wants to say to you, "IAM HERE." You are never alone. Come and See. Be Inspired. Pray. Spend time with Jesus at the "IAM HERE" Holy Hour and allow Him to work in your life, Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00pm in OLOM Church.

**Your parish needs choir members for Holy Week!** Please prayerfully consider taking an active role in your parish by singing in the choir for the Holy Week liturgies. No experience or background in choir or music is required. To sign up please contact OLQM Director of Music, Ms. Sarah Dudek, at: sdudek@olqm-parish.org.

Save the Date: the OLQM Parish Lenten Friday Fish Fry hosted by the OLQM Knights of Columbus will be held on Friday, March 31, from 4:30 – 8:00pm in the school gym. Please be sure to join parishioners and friends of OLQM for our annual Lenten tradition while supporting the good works of the OLQM Knights of Columbus.

May you have a prayerful and holy Lent!

Fr. Jim Smalarz



### Deacon Chris's Corner.....



I read the following, beautiful section in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), provided by St. Augustine, when I was researching about prayer.

"The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water. There, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realize it or not. prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him." CCC - 2560

Today's Gospel for the Third Sunday of Lent is the story of the woman at the well. Normally, I would see this Gospel passage as a great conversion story, which it is and will remain; but the above understanding from St. Augustine sheds new light on the ongoing conversion and relationship that God wants to have with us through prayer.

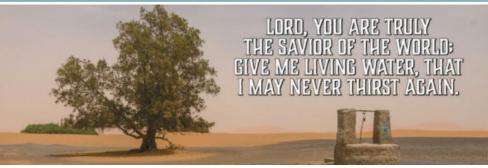
In prayer, God asks us to provide Him with the water He desires so much from us: our surrender in love. And in return, He gives life-giving water back to us, which is His surrender in love: Jesus Christ. It is a give and give love story.

Another CCC (2558) quote: St. Therese – "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."

With great gratitude to God,

Deacon Chris Beltowski

"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." (John 4:10)



LENTEN SAVE THE DATE!
FRIDAY Friday, March 31 Friday, March 31 4:30-8pm

Hosted by OLQM KofC 15352





### **Liturgical Schedule**

### **Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration**

Each Friday of Lent following 8:30 am Mass Benediction at 6:45 pm

**Evening Stations of the Cross** Each Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm

### Children's Stations of the Cross

Each Friday of Lent Adoration at 1:45 pm Stations at 2:00 pm All are invited!

**Sunday Night Rosary** Each Sunday of Lent at 6:30 pm in Church

### **Come Encounter Jesus**

A Lenten Evening of Prayer, Praise and Worship Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00 pm

### I AM HERE

A Lenten Holy Hour of guided Meditation, Prayer and Reflection

Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00 pm

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays of Lent at 3:00 to 3:30 pm

Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to 7:30 pm

**West Maple Family** of Catholic Parishes

### **Reconciliation Service**

(with private confessions)

Holy Name Parish Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 pm



# From the Office of Faith Formation Happy, Healthy, and Holy Kids

Upcoming Monday sessions are: March 13, April 3, 17, 24

### The Sunday Family Program meets March 12, 2023 beginning with Noon Mass. We will begin Unit 7: Kingdom of God

Our Focus question is "How are you growing closer to God during Lent?"

At our parent session we will look who works the hardest to build the Kingdom of God.



### First Communion Preparation-Art Of Loving Workshop

Children in the Sunday Family Faith Formation and the Monday After School Faith Formation will attend the Art of Loving Workshop along with a practice session for First Communion on Monday, March 13 at 5 pm in the Church. Children in grade 2 at OLQM will have their workshop and practice on Wednesday, March 15 during the school day.

### **Confirmation Session #4**

Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Social Hall. Candidates and parents (or sponsor) will attend together. Please bring your bible.

### Catechist Spotlight-Mrs. Mary Stefanko

Mrs. Mary Stefanko has been a member of OLQM for 30 years. She has taught faith formation for more years now than she can recall having started as an assistant to her brother and sister in law when they taught grade 2. Mary is the original catechist for the children's RCIA program and has been teaching it ever since. Each year with the RCIA (now called OCIA) is unique. Mary's creative teaching method adapts to the needs of the children and they always learn so much.

Mary shares that there are many rewarding things about being a catechist. She says she "enjoys helping the children come to know who Jesus is and developing a loving relationship with Jesus and His Mother, Mary. Helping my students understand the power of prayer and encouraging them to pray every day is an important part of what I teach." Mary also very much enjoys preparing the children for any Sacraments they will be receiving during the year.

In her spare time, Mary is a substitute teacher at OLQM School. She is a member of OLQM's Intercessory Prayer Team and is also a Eucharistic Minister.

We are so grateful for Mrs. Stefanko.

Mary Garlow Director of Faith Formation mgarlow@olqm-parish.org 248-647-6068

# the Mass matters



"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest of the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."

~ St. Alphonsus Liguori

### PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



### Music Notes | By Sarah Dudek, Music Director

Frequently Asked Liturgy Questions: What is the difference between secular, sacred, and liturgical music, and why should we care?

Several years ago, a Saturday Night Live skit featured Elton John as a character, played by one of the show's comedians. He sat at a keyboard, playing the same song, dedicating it to whichever big-name celebrity had just come up in conversation. The obvious and hysterical roast of the musician outlines to us how inappropriate and disrespectful it is to double dip on a dedication. It is like giving a gift to someone, only to take it back and regift it elsewhere. This dual-dedication problem helps us to wrap our heads around what is sacred music versus secular

music. Whenever we refer to anything as "holy" or "sacred," what we are really saying is "set apart." Something that is holy has been completely set apart for God. Whether it is a space, such as a church, or a gesture, such as the sign of the cross, or a piece of music, something is holy that has been set apart and dedicated to God and only to God. Music that has been dedicated to other people or to other purposes and stories, such as movie soundtracks, Broadway shows, or pop songs, cannot be called sacred, regardless of content, because they have been previously dedicated. This previous dedication means that the initial purpose of the music will come to our minds first. For example, a song taken from a Broadway musical will recall the musical first and foremost, making God come second, even if the song mentions God. Nothing that makes God come second can ever be considered sacred, holy, or set entirely apart for God

Did you know: that not all sacred music is liturgical music? The liturgy, the Mass, is the very sacrifice of Calvary, in which Jesus is offered to the Father as our Savior and Intercessor. We offer Jesus to the Father and take part in that Eucharistic feast, so that the Mass offers us remission of sins and a foretaste of heaven. The music is at its height when it is most closely connected to this action. The scriptures, especially the psalms and the gospels, which tell of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection, are the texts most suited to the liturgy. So what do we do with non-liturgical sacred music? This wonderful treasury of sacred music should be used in concert, in personal prayer, and for general listening. It allows our love for God to overflow out of the Mass and into our everyday lives.

### Reflection on this week's antiphons:

"My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare." This line from this week's Entrance Antiphon speaks of God as our rescuer, for indeed, he rescues us from slavery to sin. He provides us his word and his commandments to keep us from falling back into sin, so our Offertory Antiphon proclaims to us that "the precepts of the Lord are right; they gladden the heart." We see this desire for God to rescue our souls most perfectly embodied in our Gospel reading, where Jesus speaks to the woman at Jacob's well. This woman, a Samaritan, represents each of us in our sinful state. Jesus sits at the well to tell her that the things of this earth, our idols, our worldly comforts, will make us thirst for those things again. However, the living water he offers will quench our thirst for earthly things and make us come to life with the love of God. Our Communion Antiphon re-echoes the Gospel, as we all take up the refrain: "Whosoever drinks the water I shall offer, said the Lord, shall have within him a spring of water welling up unto eternal life."

### Getting ready for Holy Week:

St. Padre Pio famously said, "It is easier for the earth to exist without the sun than without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!" Indeed, God made the earth. It is his love that fuels all of creation, including the sun on which we depend. Yet, on a Friday afternoon some 2,000 years ago, Love Himself, that is, Jesus Christ, died upon the Cross and left the earth. Scripture tells us that the sun was darkened. We commemorate this moment in song, singing "were you there when the sun refused to shine?" Because of this, our liturgy on Good Friday is not a Mass. There is no consecration of the Eucharist, the tabernacle is empty and open, allowing us to see and feel the lack of God's presence. We adore the Holy Cross that received the Blood of Christ, and we bring our solemn intercessions for the whole world, entreating Jesus, our Intercessor, to bring these intercessions to God the Father for our sake. The day is spent in quiet and high solemnity. If you have never done so, give yourself the opportunity to adore on Good Friday, to partake in the solemn liturgy, and to have quiet at the historical time that Jesus gave his life for the whole world.

### Come...walk with us on our journey!

We are seminarians at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit



Every year in preparation for ordination to the priesthood our first-year theology class makes a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We will spend four weeks participating in intensive prayer, study and spiritual formation. Our journey will end in Rome.

The Detroit-Oakland Serra Club and the OLQM Knights invite you and your family to

### THE 2023 DESERT MEAL

A potluck dinner to support our seminarians on their journey Sunday, March 26, 2023 (3-6 PM)

National Shrine of the Little Flower, Grade School Gym; 12 Mile at Woodward, Royal Oak

Please RSVP by March 21st: Call Marte Bewick at 248.761.2175
The Desert Experience is funded by your generous donations at this Desert Meal.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.



OLQM Parish will host an "I AM HERE" Holy Hour on Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00 pm in OLQM "I AM HERE" is developed by the Archdiocese of Detroit and Hallow in support of the National Eucharistic Revival currently underway throughout the United States. (Hallow is the #1 Catholic prayer app offering audioguided meditation sessions to help us grow in our Catholic faith and spiritual lives and find peace in God.) The primary focus of the "I AM HERE" Holy Hour Campaign is to emphasize the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, showcase the power of Eucharistic Adoration and Meditation, thereby drawing people to encounter Iesus in the Holy Eucharist; the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. Come and See. Be Inspired. Pray. Spend time with Jesus at the "I AM HERE" Holy Hour and allow Him to work in your life Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00 pm in OLOM Church.

All are welcome!!

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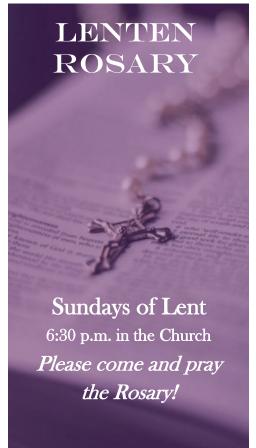


During the 2022-2023 school year Our Lady Queen of Martyrs students have been focusing on Cycle 2 of the Archdiocese of Detroit Virtues Project. In this cycle we are covering the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Each month we have focused on one virtue. For the month of March, we are learning about the gift of piety. The students are understanding that piety is the gift of the Holy Spirit that will make our friendship with God become stronger through prayer, devotion, and obedience to God. The students will also learn that the spiritual gift of piety helps us find God's holiness in the Church, in its worship, in its people, and in ourselves. Piety helps us to see other people as brothers and sisters in God's family and helps us to treat others with respect and dignity because God made them. At the end of each month, our school comes together for an assembly where we recognize one student from each class that has exemplified the virtue for that month. We are very proud of our students and their love for Jesus! These pictures are from our assembly recognizing the February virtue of understanding.

~ Mrs. Leigh Davidson Vice Principal













Words and Music by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley

Based on the book
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
by Roald Dahl

Adapted for the Stape by Leslie Bricusse and Timothy A. McDonald

# MARCH 31 7:00 PM APRIL 1 2:00 PM

SEAHOLM HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM 2436 W Lincoln Street, Birmingham



Produced in partnership with Dream Arts Co.

Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY (212) 5414684 - mtishows.com

TICKETS:
\$25 Reserved
\$15 General Admission
5 & Under Free

olqmcatholicschool.org





# Fridays of Lent Exposition and Adoration

after 8:30 a.m. Mass
Benediction at 6:45 p.m.
Followed by
Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m.

Please sign up for prayer times in the vestibule!

### Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group



Have you been impacted by a suicide loss? Join other loss survivors at a support group to listen and share your story.

We get it. We care. We help one another.

Facilitated by a fellow survivor and counselor trained by AFSP.

First Wednesday of each Month
Congregational Church
of Birmingham
1000 Cranbrook Rd.
(West of Woodward)
7:00-8:30 p.m.

No reservations or fee. Questions? Call or text Marcy at (248) 408-9316 or email:

mellowmarcy70@gmail.com



# Catholic Relief Services Collection

Catholic Relief Services was founded in 1943 by the Catholic Bishops of the United States to serve World War II survivors in Europe. Since then, we have expanded in size to reach more than 130 million people in more than 100 countries on five continents.

For over 75 years, our mission has been to assist impoverished and disadvantaged people overseas, working in the spirit of Catholic social teaching to promote the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person. Although our mission is rooted in the Catholic faith, our operations serve people based solely on need, regardless of their race, religion or ethnicity. Within the United States, CRS engages Catholics to live their faith in solidarity with the poor and suffering people of the world.

CRS is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to ease suffering, provide assistance, and foster charity and justice.

### Collection is next weekend March 18 and 19

Please use the envelopes in the pews

Please prayerfully consider a donation!

### **SUNDAY'S READINGS**

### **First Reading:**

"Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink."
(Ex 17:6)

### Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

### (Ps 95)

### **Second Reading:**

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom 5:5)

### Gospel:

"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." (Jn 4:13-14)

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# CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN

### Question:

During what two liturgical seasons is the Gloria omitted from the Mass?

### Last Week's Answer:

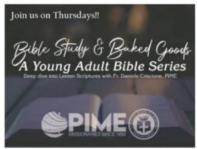
What is burnt to make the ashes that are used for Ash Wednesday?

The palms used during Palm Sunday Mass. OLPi



### Christian Service at OLQM

Sr. Francesca Thérèse, OSF, Christian Service Director 248-644-8620 . srfrancesca@olgm-parish.org



# Bible Study & Baked Goods Thursdays in MARCH - 7-9 PM Scan QR code (right) for details - and please join us!



### Welcome Ministry - MARCH

Looking for a simple and easy way to serve your church, get service time in, put your faith into action, get to Mass on time or simply to do what Jesus asks us to do? This is the outreach for YOU and or your Family! We are in need of volunteers to welcome the faithful who attend Masses on the weekend here at OLQM. Please join us in welcoming them! - Sign up online: https://bit.ly/WelcMar23



### 40 Days for Life - Through MARCH 28

Help Save lives by praying for an end to abortion Join OLQM Knights of Columbus Tuesdays at Planned Parenthood Ferndale, 23338 Woodward Ave.

March 14, 21, & 28, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm or 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Sign up online: https://bit.ly/40DaysLent23



### SnackPax Project - Wednesday, MARCH 22

This service project is to help support SnackPax ministry to impoverished children in the Metro Detroit area. We will meet in the Parish Social Hall on Wednesday, March 22 - 3:15 - 4:30 pm. Details and sign up: https://bit.ly/SnkPxMar23, or contact Sr Francesca: srfrancesca@olgm-parish.org or by phone: 248-644-8620.



### Annual Blood Drive - Sunday, MARCH 26

OLQM Health and Wellness Committee and American Red Cross are sponsoring our Bi-Annual Blood Drive in Parish Social Hall 9:00 am- 3:00 pm, **Sunday, March 26.**Register: RedCrossBlood.org and enter code: *OLQM* or call 1-800 Red Cross (800-733-2767) or use the QR code (left).

Thank you for your love of Jesus and of OLQM.
Thank you for all you are and all you do to make OLQM the amazing, faith-filled, loving, serving parish family that we are today!
Together we are making a difference in our community!

Peace and all Good, Sr. Francesca Thérèse, OSF Christian Service Director

### PRAYER AND WORSHIP



### **MASS INTENTIONS**

for the week of March 13 - March 19

### **MONDAY, MARCH 134**

8:30 am †Eugenia Spencer Special Intention for Jillian Marie Haio

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 14**

8:30 am Special Intention for Sherry Templeton

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**

8:30 am Special Intention for Mary Ellen Emmons

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 16**

8:30 am †Susan Karwacki

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 17**

8:30 am †Mary Jo Shapiro Special Intention for Monica Madigan

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

5:00 pm †Irene Markey For the People of the Parish

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

8:00 am †Vincent Acciaioli Special Intention for Pilar Dattus

10:00 am †Fred Hagen †Eileen Hagen Rous †Peter Denja

12:00 pm †Leon & Alice Snapp †Rosanne Snapp †Bob Brinton

> Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Pray for us.

### **MASS READINGS**

for the week of March 12 - March 19

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 12**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent** Exodus 17:3-7 Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42

### **MONDAY, MARCH 13**

2 Kings 5:1-15ab Psalms 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Luke 4:24-30

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 14**

Daniel 3:25, 34-43 Psalms 25:4-9 Matthew 18:21-35

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 Psalms 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Matthew 5:17-19

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 16**

Jeremiah 7:23-28 Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9 Luke 11:14-23

### FRIDAY, MARCH 17

**St. Patrick, Bishop** Hosea 14:2-10

Psalms 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 Mark 12:28-34

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Hosea 6:1-6 Psalms 51:3-4, 18-21ab Luke 18:9-14

### **NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Psalms 23:1-6 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

March 12, 2023
The 3rd Sunday of Lent

When I became the pastor of a large parish, I soon found myself, for the first time in my life, riddled with anxiety, headaches, difficulty making decisions, and fatigue. I called a therapist friend and told her my symptoms and asked if she thought I needed a serious medical exam. She said, "How much water do you drink?" I told her, "I haven't had time to drink water lately." She responded, "You're chronically dehydrated. Drink eighty-five ounces a day and call me in a week." I started guzzling water and in a week all my symptoms went away. I felt great.

Like me, the people in the Exodus wanderings were dehydrated. But unlike me, they knew it. Their symptoms were bad. They fight with each other. They accuse God of being a monster who wants them and their children to die of thirst. Their thirst drives them to plot the bloody assassination of the man who rescued them. God responds by using Moses to strike a rock from which rivers of living waters flow to quench their thirst for years to come.

The Holy Spirit is the living water of love which flows from the pierced side of Jesus, the new Moses. What symptoms in your life suggest you're spiritually dehydrated? Anger at God? Cynicism at your leaders? Bitter rivalry and bickering with others? Don't panic. Of course we have those symptoms. Ask God to provide his water to quench your spiritual thirst, and he will. And all those symptoms will soon disappear.

— Father John Muir

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### LIVE THE LITURGY

Sometimes, like the Samaritan woman, we can scarcely believe that God would meet us here in this fallen world. The truth of what he speaks and the beauty of what he proclaims is like a well of spring water in a dry desert. Do we dare accept the gift?

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# PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

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# Prayer for Vocations O Virgin Mary, we commend to

you those who seek to follow your son as priests, brothers and sisters. You know the difficulties, struggles and obstacles they face. Assist them to utter their "yes" to the divine call as you did at the invitation of the angel. Draw them near to your heart so that they may understand the joy and beauty that awaits when the Lord calls them. Make them witness the Lord's love. Enable them to inspire the church with their consecration. May your all powerful intercession touch the hearts of many that they may respond to the Lord's call. Repeat to them in the depths of their hearts what you said to the waiters at Cana: "Do whatever Jesus asks." Amen.

Pope St. John Paul II

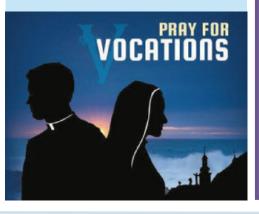
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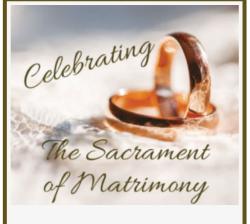
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That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body.

Genesis 2:24

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