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HISTORIC
WATER WELL
TEL AVIV

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

MARCH 15
2020

THIRDSunday
OF LENT

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The story of the Israelites’ grumbling and threatened revolt, and of God’s response in our reading from Exodus today, grapples with difficulties of the life of faith. Those who place their lives in the hands of God, as Israel did by following Moses into the desert, may soon face troubling and fearful moments. Sometimes we lose what we think we need, or somehow find it difficult to get what we really need. In our busy lives, it’s easy to gradually forget God’s presence and action among us.

Moses’ prayer to God and God’s compassionate response of providing water resolve the situation. Perhaps it was Moses’ admirable honesty in his dialogue with God that made a difference. Moses “cried out to the Lord” and he didn’t know how God might respond. Honestly expressing our needs in prayer is essential to the life of faith. Waiting in openness to God’s response is equally important.

WATER FOR OTHERS

The story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman, like the passage from Exodus, speaks of tired and thirsty people. Jesus is

tired and thirsty from his journey. The Samaritan woman is not only tired of the difficult chore of obtaining water, but is thirsty for something more. Jesus presents himself as living water for her, able to satisfy a deeper thirst in her heart. Through his patience and compassion, he opens a new wellspring of God’s sustenance for her.

How might we, like Jesus, be water for others in our thirsty world? We can take some cues from Jesus here. Jesus crossed boundaries of gender, ethnicity, and religious division. Jesus began in vulnerability, in need of hospitality from a stranger. His was a non-threatening, compassionate presence. Jesus did not begin by speaking about himself or God, but entered into ordinary conversation with her. He first attended to her practical realities and concerns, which led to deeper dialogue. Perhaps we have opportunities to follow Jesus’ example.

Today’s Readings: Ex 17:3–7; Ps 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9;
Rom 5:1–2, 5–8; Jn 4:5–42 [5–15, 19b–26, 39a, 40–42]

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Thursday 8:45 a.m. -12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Parish Staff

Rev. Kristopher Fuchs, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Christopher Korang, Parochial Vicar
Sr. Valerie Janecka, IWBS - Parish Secretary
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Martha Nichols, PCL/Safe Environment Coordinator
Tammy Fikac, PCL
Elaine Mayer & Thomas Santos, Music Ministry

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Registration forms online at www.lourdesvictoria.org
or email: ollvic@lourdesvictoria.org

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Daily (Mon-Sat): 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Before daily Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS:

First Sunday of every month

CHOIR PRACTICE:

Every Wednesday @ 6:15 p.m.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY - March 15 - Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Consorcia Uy †
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

MONDAY - March 16

8:00 am - E. G. Castillo †

TUESDAY - March 17 (Optional Memorial of St. Patrick)

8:00 am - Franklin J. Sedlar †

WEDNESDAY - March 18

8:00 am - E. L. Castillo, Jr. †

THURSDAY - March 19 (Solemnity of St. Joseph)

8:00 am - Clifton Lau †

FRIDAY - March 20

8:00 am - Harrison Raska †
5:30 pm - Minnie Bochat †

SATURDAY - March 21

8:00 am - William "Bill" Striedel †
4:00 pm - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

SUNDAY - March 22 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Louis Marbach †
10:00 am - Wallace & Kathy Bianchi †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 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 or
Lk 2:41-51a
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;
Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 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]



AVAILABILITY

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

James Rung, Wade Shumbera, Dolores Kilgore, Carly Walker, Gerald Yankey, Ann Hagel, Piper Eloisa Lara, Winston Wilson, Mae Jean Willemin, Cheryl Flood, Johnnie Bomersbach, Hailey Vasquez, Patricia Pooley, Dennis Boehm, Samuel William Bek, Barbara Yanta, Matt Brown, Marvin Kucera, Milton Greeson, Raymond Spann, Steve Serrill, Michael Johnson, Michael Krenek, John Correll, Rena Richter, Cheryl Barker, Tom Goslin, Kathleen Edwards, Helen Schoener, Eunice Dove, Darren Mikulik, Tina Moya, Cole Ohrt, Ramona Perez

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - Third Sunday of Lent

Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: Altar Server Education
Memorial Scholarship Fund
Rice Bag Collection

MONDAY - Altar Society Meeting (6:30 pm)

TUESDAY - Sewing Circle - after 8:00 am Mass

FRIDAY - Day of Abstinence

5:30 Mass, Stations of the Cross/Lenten Soup Supper
by Choir Group

SATURDAY - Confessions: 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul
Rice Bag Collection

NEXT WEEKEND - March 21/22, 2020



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION

and

LECTORS

Sat. 4:00 pm - Harvin Suggs, Arleen & Pat Brennan Standby
Sun. 7:30 am - Alvin Ray Schoener, Sherry Kainer Standby x2
Sun. 10:00 am - Donna Maxey, Pauline Liz Lemke Hinojosa, Pat Krenek

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - Suzie Ryan, Standby x2
Sun. 7:30 am - Joshua Z., Standby x2
Sun. 10:00 am - Carly & Cy R., Andrea V.

USHERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - Julius Cano, John Novak, Norman Schoener
Sun. 7:30 am - Gary Pribyl, Patrick Pribyl, Matt Warwas
Sun. 10:00 am - Howard Bludau, Joe Ryan, Standby x1

Questions of the Week

What do I thirst for spiritually? Can I find sustenance in the life-giving water I have received? How can I share this living water with those around me?

WEEKEND of March 7/8, 2020



Count - 510
Total Operating Income \$ 3,892.50
2nd Collection: Diocesan Services Appeal \$ 1,049.75
Operation Rice Bowl \$ 489.00
Parking Lot \$ 1,400.00

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- EVENTS ALL AROUND -

**AMOR MEUS SPIRITUALITY CENTER HOSTS
LENTEN SOLEMN VESPERS**

During the season of Lent, the **Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament** invite you to join them in praying **Solemn Vespers** or **Evening Praise** every Sunday of Lent (**March 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 2020**) in **Incarnate Word Convent Chapel, 1011 N.E. Water Street, Victoria**, from **5:00 – 5:45 pm** in preparation for celebrating Easter.

Vespers is the **Catholic Churches' Liturgical Evening Prayer** through which the Church, God's people, prays for the Church and the world. With brief reflections on the Lenten Scriptures during **Solemn Vespers**, the potential to open our hearts to Jesus' call to repent/change our lives, can help bring us to spiritual transformation and resurrection. **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** follows Vespers.

Come Out, Have Fun, Meet Friends

Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Bingo Night on **March 18**. Hall opens 6:00 pm. Bingo games from 7:30 pm until 10:00 pm. \$10.00 per Bingo sheet pack for 10 games. Food and drinks available. Location is Airline at Ben Wilson. Proceeds benefit various council charity projects. For info, call the hall Wednesday evening at 575-9214.

Summer camp information is coming soon! Please save these dates: Camp David: June 14-19; Quo Vadis? Vocation Camp: July 5-8; Rocky Mountain High: July 11-19; Altar Server Olympics (NEW EVENT): July 29

PREVIEW OF GOOD THINGS TO COME

- ⇒ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
- ⇒ **FRIDAY SOUP SUPPERS**
- ⇒ **PARISH LENTEN CONFESSIONS**
- ⇒ **PALM SUNDAY**
- ⇒ **EASTER TRIDUUM**



**Stations of the Cross
Lenten Soup Supper Schedule**

March 20, 2019	Choir
March 27, 2019	Pot Luck
April 3 2019	Catechists

Easter Duty Obligation:

After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.



Lenten Confessions

Tuesday, March 24	Our Lady of Sorrows @ 6:30 pm
Monday, March 30	Our Lady of Victory @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday, March 31	Our Lady of Lourdes @ 6:30 pm
Wednesday, April 1	St. Patrick (Bloomington) @ 6:00 pm
Thursday, April 2	Holy Family @ 6:30 pm
Friday, April 3	St. Mary @ 4:00 pm

JOB OPENING: Incarnate Word Convent, located at 1101 Northeast Water Street, is in the process of hiring a fulltime housekeeper. Chores include laundry and cleaning. To apply or for more information please call or contact Sr. M. Geraldine at 361-575-7111.

Society of St Vincent de Paul - REPORT

February 2020

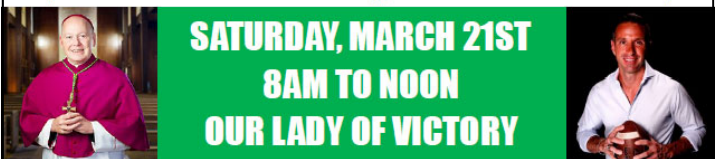
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BLACK BAG COLLECTION	\$ 1,343.00
TOTAL PEOPLE HELPED	23

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361-648-1867.



Featuring Mass with Bishop Cahill and guest speaker Damon West (featured on EWTN)



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1. **Text** 321-217-1117 your name and e-mail
2. **E-mail** jreyes@victoriadiocese.org your name and number
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