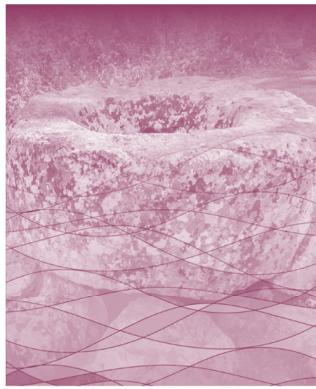


**March 15, 2020**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

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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**15 de marzo de 2020**

**Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma**

La historia de las quejas y amenaza de sedición de los israelitas, y la respuesta de Dios en nuestra lectura de hoy del libro del Éxodo, aborda las dificultades de la vida de fe. Aquellos que ponen su vida en las manos de Dios, como Israel lo hizo al seguir a Moisés en el desierto, quizás pronto enfrenten momentos desconcertantes y terribles. Algunas veces, desperdiciamos lo que pensamos necesitar, o de alguna manera encontramos dificultades para obtener lo que realmente necesitamos. En nuestras vidas ocupadas, poco a poco es fácil olvidar la presencia y acción de Dios en medio de nosotros.

La oración de Moisés y la respuesta compasiva de Dios al proveer agua resuelve la situación. Quizás fue la admirable honestidad de Moisés en su diálogo con Dios lo que hizo la diferencia. Moisés "clamó fuertemente al Señor" y él no sabía cómo Dios podría responder. Honestamente expresando nuestras necesidades en oración es esencial en la vida de fe. Esperar en la apertura de la respuesta de Dios es igualmente importante.

**AGUA PARA LOS DEMÁS**

La historia de Jesús y la mujer samaritana, como el pasaje del libro del Éxodo, habla de personas cansadas y sedientas. Jesús está cansado y sediento de su viaje. La mujer samaritana no sólo está cansada del quehacer difícil de obtener agua, sino que también está sedienta por algo más. Jesús se presenta ante ella a sí mismo como el agua viva, capaz de satisfacer una sed profunda en su corazón. Mediante su paciencia y compasión, él abre para ella un nuevo manantial del sustento de Dios.

¿Cómo podríamos, como Jesús, ser agua para otras personas en nuestro mundo sediento? Podemos tomar algunas señales de Jesús aquí. Jesús cruza fronteras de género, etnicidad y división religiosa. Jesús empieza vulnerable, con la necesidad de la hospitalidad de una desconocida. Su presencia era compasiva y no amenazante. Jesús no empezó hablando de sí mismo o de Dios, sino que entró en una conversación ordinaria con ella. Él primero atiende a sus necesidades prácticas y preocupaciones, que guían a un dialogo más profundo. Quizás tenemos la oportunidad de seguir el ejemplo de Jesús.

Lecturas de hoy: Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95 (94):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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## COLLECTIONS

3/8/2020 Sunday Collection: \$ 11,390.63  
Black Bag Collection: \$ 4,139.00

**Today's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection and the Children's Collection will be for the Capital Campaign. Thank you for your continued support.**

**Hoy, la secunda Colecta y la Colecta de Niños es para la Campaña Capital.  
Gracias por su continuo apoyo.**

Next weekend will be the Catholic Relief Service Collection. Thank you for your generosity.

El próximo fin de semana será la Colecta del Servicio Católico de Socorro. Gracias por su generosidad

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN/ CAMPAÑA CAPITAL One Family, One Purpose / Una Familia, Un Propósito

The One Family, One Purpose / Una Familia, Un Propósito Capital Campaign continues and totals \$2,420,184 in pledges, donations, collections, and fundraisers. Thank you!

Many parishioners are continuing payments on their Phase1A pledges, some have completed their pledge and continue to contribute, others are giving through the monthly second collection. At the end of the year, the Capital Campaign received a generous anonymous donation from a non-parishioner. All are recognizing the need for growth in the Parish. Additional Campaign funds will be a beginning for future building needs.

La Campaña de Una Familia, Un Propósito / Una Familia, Un Propósito Capital continúa y totaliza \$ 2,420,184 en promesas, donaciones, colecciones y recaudación de fondos. ¡Gracias!

Muchos feligreses continúan pagando sus promesas de la Fase 1A, algunos han completado su promesa y continúan contribuyendo, otros están donando a través de la segunda colecta mensual. A finales de año, la Campaña Capital recibió una generosa donación anónima de un no feligrés. Todos están reconociendo la necesidad de crecimiento en la parroquia. Los fondos adicionales de la campaña serán un comienzo para futuras necesidades de construcción.

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Saturday: March 14th.

2:00 P.M. Garcia's Quinceanera  
5:00 P.M. †Henry, †Alice & †Henry Adame, Jr.

Sunday: March 15th.

8:00 A.M. Lawrence Tacquard's Birthday  
10:00 A.M. For the People  
12:00 P.M. †Gabriel Contreras

Monday: March 16th.

830 A.M. †Bill Wren

Tuesday: March 17th.

8:30 A.M. †Oscar San Miguel

Wednesday: March 18th.

8:30 A.M. Juana Miranda Morales

Thursday: March 19th.

8:30 A.M. Theresa Hubenak & †Donald Hubenak

Friday: March 20th.

8:30 A.M. †Kenneth Blankenship

Saturday: March 21st.

2:00 P.M. Gutierrez Wedding

5:00 P.M. Maria & †Marcelino Gonzalez

## Lenten Mission / Misión Cuaresmal

March 16—18, 2020

6:30 P.M. / English      8:00 P.M. / Español

Theme: Responding to the Spirit

Monday., March 16— Responding to the Spirit in the Soul

Tuesday, March 17—Responding to the Spirit in the Church

Wednesday, March 18—Responding to the Spirit in the World

Tema: Respondiendo al Espíritu

Lunes 16 de marzo— Respondiendo al Espíritu en el Alma

Martes 17 de marzo: respondiendo al Espíritu en la Iglesia

Miércoles 18 de marzo: respondiendo al Espíritu en el mundo

*Confessions/Confesiones 5:00-6:15 P.M. and 9:15 P.M.*

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays after 8:30 a.m. Mass in English and 6:00 p.m. in Spanish

**Via Crucis:** los viernes despues de misa de 8:30 a.m. en inglés y a las 6 p.m. en español.

## St. John's Lenten Penance Service Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Several Priests will be available for confessions in English and in Spanish

## St. John's Servicio de Penitencia Cuaresmal Jueves 19 de Marzo de 2020 a las 7:00 p.m.

Varios sacerdotes estarán disponibles para confesar en inglés o en español.



## Devoción a la Sagrada Familia

Marzo 15- Niña: Iris y Familia Recendez /  
281-993-9273



## Rosario a la Virgen de Guadalupe

Familia: Juarez De Lira / 281-673-8738

Rosario: Sabado, Marzo 21, 7:00 P.M.



## Coronilla de La Divina Misericordia

3/15: Linda Abarca y Fam / 713-873-1308

### NEW Quinceañera policy and requirements!

**#1 Must sign up at least 7 months in advance (paperwork completed and turned in with deposit). To sign up go to CCE office or call church office for more information.**

### ¡NUEVA regla y requisitos para Quinceañeras!

**# 1 Debe inscribirse con al menos 7 meses de anticipación (con papeleo completo y entregado con depósito). Para inscribirse, vaya a la oficina de CCE o llame a la oficina de la iglesia para obtener más información.**



## Prayer Blanket Ministry/A Gift of

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The Prayer Blanket Ministry provides comfort to those in need of support and prayer. A community of faith relies on God and one another to travel life's journey. Prayers are offered for recipients as the blankets are constructed by members of this ministry and thereafter are blessed by the priest.

### Who is eligible to receive a blanket?

- Adults or children with a physical or emotional illness
- Individuals preparing for surgery or recovering from an acute illness
- Individuals living with a chronic condition or in treatment for a life-threatening illness
- High-risk pregnancy, miscarriage or neonatal crisis
- Individuals who are experiencing a crisis such as the loss of a loved one

**Prayer Blankets are available at the church office or in the sacristy at the back of the church.**

For information, please contact **Leah Ann Bolton at 281-773-0483.**



If you have not completed your 2020 census, you can do so on census Sunday on March 29th from 10 am-3 pm. There will be laptops set up in the Parish Hall and census staff and volunteers to answer any questions you might have and to assist you in filling out the census. Please come prior to Mass or stay after to participate. Be sure to bring your invitation with you. Thank you!

Si no ha completado su censo del 2020, puede hacerlo en el domingo del censo el 29 de marzo de 10 a.m. a 3 p.m. Habrá computadoras portátiles instaladas en el Salón Parroquial y personal y voluntarios del censo para responder cualquier pregunta que pueda tener y para ayudarlo a completar el censo. Venga antes de la misa o quedese después para participar. Asegúrese de traer su invitación con usted. ¡Gracias!

### Catholic Daughters of the Americas Scholarships

#### 1. Sylvia Luna Senior High School Scholarship

Three (3) or less \$500 scholarships for 2020 Catholic graduating high school seniors. Applicant must have a relative who is a current member in good standing of our local court #2073. Deadline: April 3, 2020

#### 2. Gerry Davison Catholic School Scholarship

One (1) \$250 for students attending Pre-K through senior year in a Catholic school. Applicant's family must be registered at St. John in Alvin or Sacred Heart in Manvel or another parish but have a relative who is a member in good standing of our local court. Other requirements listed on application. Deadline: April 3, 2020

#### 3. National Court Scholarships

Two \$1000 scholarships to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in a Catholic High School in the fall of 2020. There are also three \$2,500 scholarships for graduate level students. Applications are available in the church office or the CDA website. Please follow submission instructions found on each scholarship.

Deadline: Postmarked by April 1, 2020

Applications available in the church office or contact Mary Montague, Scholarship Chairman, at 979-418-1222 or email to [jrmontague@comcast.net](mailto:jrmontague@comcast.net)



### Pray for the Sick / Rezen por los Enfermos



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