

## March 12, 2023: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

“A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria? “ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.....” John 4:42

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John’s Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John’s Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today’s Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus’ promise of “living water” in a literal sense: “Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her “many husbands.”

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God’s mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**



## Parish Information

Office Administrator: Joseph Stany Moothedan

**Office Hours:** Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm  
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Diocesan website: [rcchurch.com](http://rcchurch.com)

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

**Mass During Week:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.  
Friday at 10 am.

**Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather**

**Lohnes Complex**

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, ***closed to public.***

**Bible Study:**

Bible study will resume on Sundays at 7pm.

**Holy Hour of Adoration:**

Post-poned until further notice.

**Reconciliation:**

By request.

**Marriages:**

Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.

**Baptisms:**

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

**Family Connections:**

At [www.rcchurch.com](http://www.rcchurch.com) you will find a link to family connections.

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

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**March 4<sup>th</sup> – March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Regular Sunday	\$2230.50
Building Fund	255.00
Envelope Cost Contribution	9.00
New Years Day	10.00
Word Among us	5.00
St. Vincent De Paul	25.00
In Memorium (Fr. Jim Robertson)	1230.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon. 7 pm	Late Marie Byrne
Tue. 7 pm	Late Agatha Poole
Wed. 7 pm	Late Pad Antle
Thur. 7 pm	Late Wayne Callahan
Fri. 7 pm.	Late Annie Griffin
Sat. 4:30 pm	Special Intention (St. Jude)
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>March 18</b>	
Jacqueline Neville	Eileen Moore Veronica Hickey
<b>March 19</b>	
Calvin Gillis	Amelia Dicks Wayne Dicks
<b>Communion to the sick – Eileen Moore</b>	

**CONDOLENCES:** We offer our condolences to the family of Late Peter Basha & Late Mary Gardiner. Let us remember Peter, Mary, and their family in our prayers. Rest in peace.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Bible study on Sunday is cancelled for this week.

**COFFEE TIME:** Our Parish Outreach Committee will continue coffee time after masses on Sunday mornings. Come join us for a cup of tea or coffee and maybe a little snack. This is the time to share with your brothers and sisters and also welcome new members.

**PARISH OUTREACH:** This committee, consisting of, Marie Pennell (709-388-5090), Gerard Deveaux (709-638-4411), Pat Moore (709-785-2440), and Tony Griffin (709-632-5755) are offering to bring communions and provide a pastoral visit to those who wish to have this ongoing contact. They are also exploring social activities for the parish as a whole. Please support them in their efforts. Please call them if you or a family member wish to avail of this service.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE - SACRED HEART & OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISHES:**  
**HOLY THURSDAY - Mass of the Lord's Last Supper April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish

**GOOD FRIDAY - Celebration of the Lord's Passion April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

3:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish

5:00 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

**Stations of the Cross - Good Friday**

7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish

**EASTER VIGIL: Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

9:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish

**EASTER SUNDAY - The Resurrection of the Lord**

9:30 a.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea

11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Parish

**LADIES GROUP FUNDRAISER:** Our ladies are selling tickets on \$1000 cash. The draw will take place on March 31<sup>st</sup> at Sacred Heart Church after mass. If you wish to purchase ticket, please contact members of the ladies group.

**TICKETS:** The date for the ticket draw is fast approaching. Anyone who still has tickets out are asked to return them as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and for your continued support.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** Columbia: defence of land and territory: Columbia is home to nearly 10 percent of the planet's biodiversity yet is also one of the most dangerous countries for people defending their land and territory against exploitation. Development and Peace - Caritas Canada's partner, the Association Campesino de Antioquia (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia) supports peasant communities affected by armed conflict in defending their lives and territories and in building a culture of peace through filmmaking and art. This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Raquel Soto, a participant in ACA's documentary filmmaking school. Learn more at devp.org.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Free 8 week in-person or online program is being offered on Tuesdays, beginning April 18th 10:00 am to noon at 110 Healthcare Crescent - Western Long-Term Care. Pre-registration is required by April 12. Call Sandra at 784-2700 Extension 2669. Grief and bereavement are a normal part of life but can also be a difficult journey to navigate. To learn more - visit <https://www.westernhealth.nl.ca/grief-andbereavement/>

**EASTER FLOWERS:** If you wish to donate to Easter Flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, you can put your donation in an envelope with the name of your loved one, please include your name as well and put it in the collection or drop by the Parish Office.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Ladies group will be leading the stations of the cross each Wednesday throughout lent beginning at 6:30 this March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We encourage all the parishioners to join us.

**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** will meet on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the Cathedral. New members are welcome. We thank you for your continued support for our society.

**MARRIAGE COURSE - FOR 2023:** will be held on Friday, April 22nd 7:00 pm and Saturday, April 23rd 9:30 am at the Cathedral lower level. If you wish to avail of this preparation for marriage, please call the Parish Office at 634-5161 to register. You are required to do this to get married in the Catholic Church. There is a fee of \$50.00.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:** The time will move ahead one hour this Saturday, March 12th at 2:00 am. The evenings will have an extra hour of daylight.

