

Daily Readings

Week of March 12, 2023

Sunday, 3/12: Ex 17: 3-7/Ps 95: 1-2, 6-9/Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4: 5-42

Monday, 3/13: 2 Kgs 5: 1-5/Ps 42: 2-3; 43: 3-4/
Lk 4: 24-30

Tuesday, 3/14: Dn 3: 25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-9/Mt 18: 21-35

Wednesday, 3/15: Dt 4: 1, 5-9/Ps 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5: 17-19

Thursday, 3/16: Jer 7: 23-28/Ps 95: 1-2, 6-9/Lk 11: 14-23

Friday, 3/17: Hos 14: 2-10/Ps 81: 6-11, 14, 17/Mk 12: 28-34

Saturday, 3/18: Hos 6: 1-6/Ps 51: 3-4, 18-21/Lk 18: 9-14



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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent



Schedule for March 19, 2023

Lector: Katie

Greeters/Gifts: Sauer Family

Servers: Lucas/Grady

Money Counters: Mary/Monte

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: 3 Volunteers

Today's Mass Intention:

Deloris Eganhouse

Priest Visit to the Homebound

If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

Prayer Corner

- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack, Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Isaiah Leeper, Larry Merrick, Rosie Stephan, Shirley Coon
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



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PASTOR SPEAKS

3rd Sunday of Lent: *Believe, Reflect, Act*

“We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world” (John 4:42).

One of the insightful highlights of this gospel is the verse above. We can describe it as resulting from good evangelization, catechesis, mission, preaching, faith formation etc.. However, what is obvious is the evidence of conversion; people moving from unbelief to full confession of faith in the Lord.

Every Christian’s heart is meant to turn to God the same way. Like a fertile, open field, when it has received God’s Word, it “shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it” (Isaiah 11b).

The gospel notably leads us to discover Jesus’ approach to evangelization. We can also apply it to evangelize non-Catholics and re-evangelize lukewarm and non-practicing Catholics.

Over the last few years I have been struck by a number of conversions to the Catholic Faith among Evangelicals and Protestants, some being leading ordained ministers and worship leaders. You can google it for curiosity.

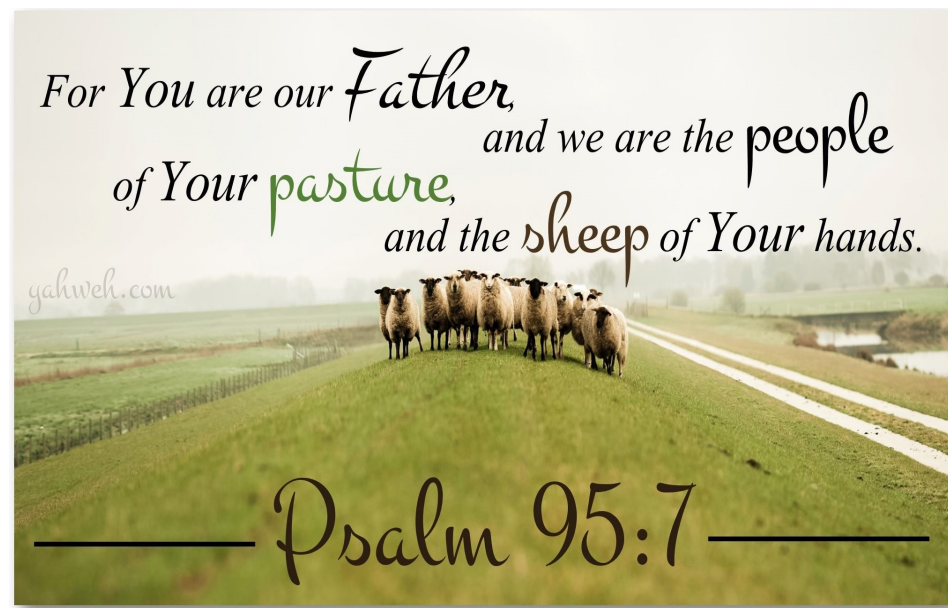
It makes me wonder, what is it about Catholicism that is sweeping these Protestants and Evangelicals on their feet to join the church? If you have the answer, tell me! But let me be the first to give you mine, The MASS! Yes, the Mass is the loadstar. Most of those I have listened to admit their lack of contact with the Mass before God led them to discover it in often mysterious ways.

We noticed in the gospel how the Samaritan woman initially related to Jesus in a rather bounded way. Her over focus on the Jewish-Samaritan divide caused her to have her guard up!

However, Jesus proved to her to be non-judgmental, uplifting, and respectful for who she was. She found that to be inviting and kept her engaged in the exchange until she found what she needed at that moment, “...a man who told me everything I have done”(John 4:29).

Here is one more thing. Tim Francis challenged us to maintain silence in the church immediately following Mass. He also urged us to spend time, even a moment, after Mass to pray before leaving. I hope we can start implementing these suggestions.

- **Providing Help & Creating Hope:** Did you know that Catholic Charities is the largest provider of social services in the U.S., second only to the government? There are approximately 160 Catholic Charities agencies in the U.S., all working together to reduce poverty and help the most poor and vulnerable among us. This makes your contribution to the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque Annual Appeal all the more critical! Learn more at www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org.
- THANK YOU to the CCD kids, teachers & parents for participating at Mass on Sunday. We enjoy how you’ve grown in becoming participating members of our church family during this year! Keep up the good work!
- REMEMBER...during Lent we have Stations of the Cross & Mass on Friday evening at 6:00pm. It’s a good way to make a one-hour sacrifice of your time during Lent.
- THANK YOU Lily for your help with music a few Sundays ago. Your church family enjoyed, as did the choir!



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