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St. John the Apostle
John 17:21

Archdiocese of Galveston – Houston

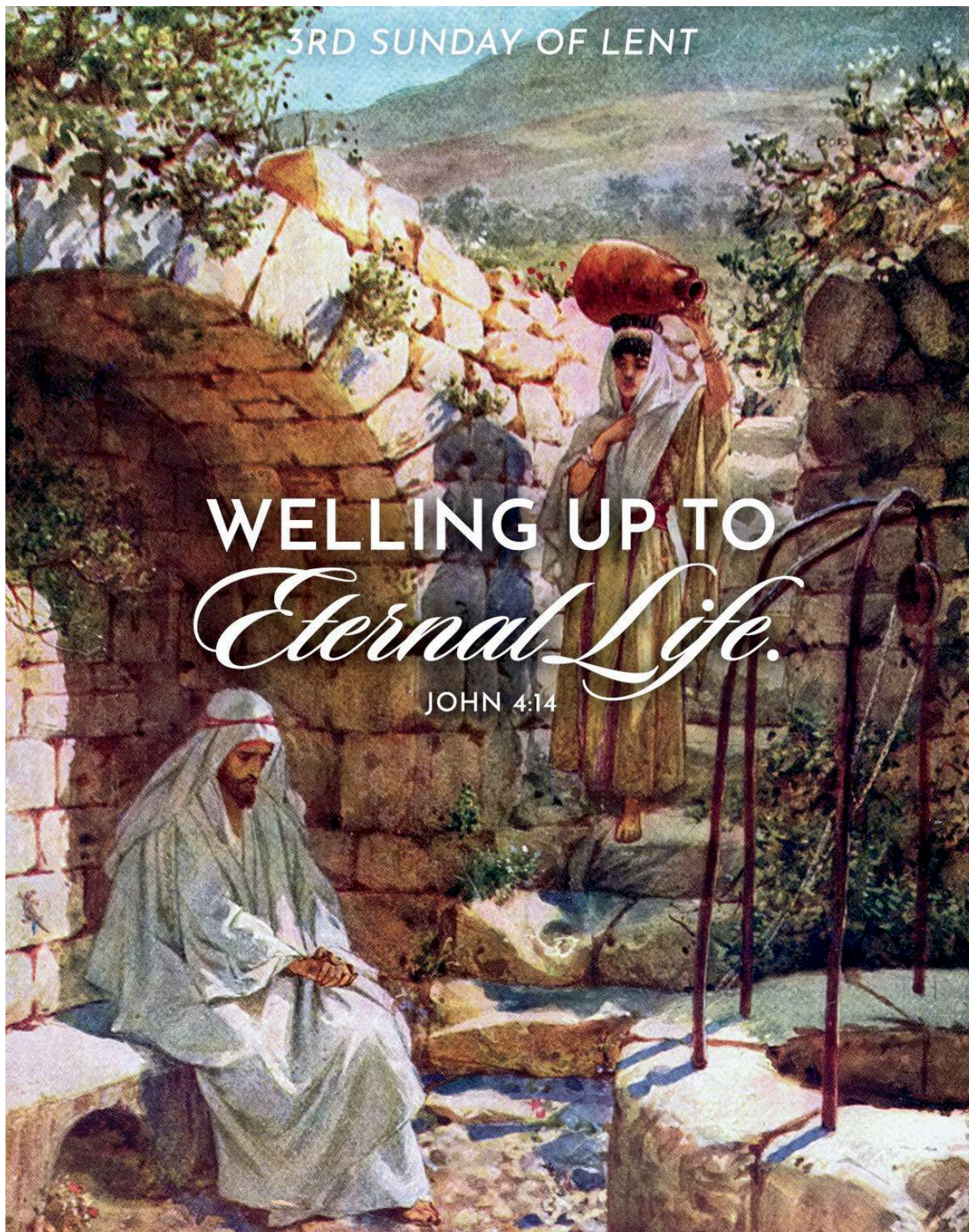
The Catholic Churches of

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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& St. John the Apostle

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday @ 12:00 noon

PARISH INFORMATION

WELCOME VISITORS & NEWCOMERS!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. John the Apostle are Catholic Churches rooted in Truth, Beauty, and Goodness to help spread the good news of Jesus Christ in Brazoria County.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

SUNDAY

8:30 am in English

12:30 pm en Español

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

8:30 am

Adoration & Benediction

WEDNESDAY: 9:00 – 10:00 am

St. John the Apostle

SATURDAY

Anticipated Mass: 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: 10:30 am

TUESDAY: 5:00 pm

THURSDAY: 8:30 am

Adoration & Benediction

THURSDAY: 9:00 – 10:00 am

PARISH OFFICE

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Monday – Thursday

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Friday

9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Email

reception.olphsja@gmail.com

Website

www.olphsja.org

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Preparation classes are required for the parents and godparents. The next class will be **June 6, 2026 @ 9:00 am at OLPH.**

Confession: Held 15 minutes before or after daily Masses and by appointment. **SATURDAY: 4:15 pm – 4:50 pm.**

Confirmation: Youth Confirmation is part of our Faith Formation program and Adult Confirmation is part of our OCIA program.

OCIA - Becoming Catholic Program: Contact Rebecca Giles at 832-212-4988.

Marriage: Please contact a priest a minimum of 6 months prior to your intended date.

Anointing of the Sick: This sacrament is conferred upon request, preferably before surgery or hospitalization.

BIBLICAL THEME (AUG 1, 2025 - JUL 31, 2026): JEREMIAH 17:7-8

ONE SMALL STEP

This story in John's Gospel is one of the three longest Gospel readings next to the Passion stories. They are always read on the Sundays of Lent when those preparing for baptism celebrate the scrutinies. They are meant not only for catechumens, but also for all of us who are growing in faith. In today's Gospel, we see the Samaritan woman coming to faith. The steps she takes are our steps, too.

Though she needs Jesus' help, he approaches her first. In asking her for a drink, he is really thirsting for her faith. He invites us to make the journey of faith long before we start by putting us into a faithful family, giving us a curious heart that seeks the truth, sending us a friend or spouse whose example draws us to the Lord.

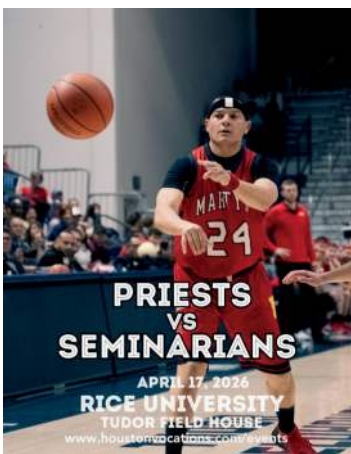
The next step is acknowledging our need and our sinfulness. The woman does this when she asks for living water and faces her behavior in having five husbands. Admitting our need for God, and especially for God's forgiveness, opens us to God's saving grace.

Another step is drawing closer to God in prayer. That explains the odd question about worshipping on a mountain. Jesus tells the woman, and us, that the best worship is honest and from the Spirit. That is more important than when or where we pray. God hears the prayers of a small congregation in a rural chapel just as well those of a thousand people in a large cathedral.

When we begin to share our faith with others, we take the step of living our faith. We make a difference in someone else's life and they begin to experience Jesus' presence. Like the woman who told her neighbors about Jesus, we find that the people we have touched begin to find the Lord on their own. Our catechumens are taking these steps now, thanks to those who have helped them experience Jesus' invitation to faith.

By Tom Schmidt
The Word In Our Lives — Diocesan.com

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Tickets for the 9th Annual Priests vs Seminarians Basketball Game are now on sale!

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MASS INTENTIONS

March 7th — 15th | † Deceased

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

05:00 pm SJA † Wes Frontz

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

08:30 am OLPH Special Intention

10:30 am SJA † Rob Tosch

12:30 pm OLPH Parish Family

MONDAY, MARCH 9

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

NO MASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

08:30 am SJA † Robert Goodrum, Sr.

Adoration following Mass

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

08:30 am OLPH † Leon Bertsch

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

05:00 pm SJA † Wes Frontz

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

08:30 am OLPH † James Bruce

10:30 am SJA Parish Family

12:30 pm OLPH † Legion of Mary Members

PRAYER LIST

Omar Ramirez, Gabe Bragg, Andrew de La Pena, Kriztopher Alvarez, Jerry McKeon, Betty Bromonsky, Mike Young, Emma Smith, Jace Charlebois, Darin Adams, Edward Stavinocha, Theresa Copperthite, Alex Martinez, Philip Sanchez, Maria Ortiz, Jessica Guerrero, Reyes Baltazar, Lorine Golden, Mary Ann Devine, Charles Jenkins, Tammy Sanderson, Laura Ramirez, Lucy Pendon, Esther Vera, Stephanie Alejo, Gerald Schmidt, Paula Garza, Jennifer Donald, Bobby Tosch, Irene Costilla, Maria Lowrey, Jan Tilley, Sandra Brabrandt, Ed Waligura, Ruby Barrientez, Jorge Luis Gutierrez, Brittaney Fields, Lori Comley, Ricky Bromonsky, Christine Goodrum, Lillian Rae Saldivar, Gary Evans, Christy Hanson, Bessie Highsmith, Estella Martinez, Lori Duran, Wayne Vinson, Dru Vinson, Willie Butler, Maria Garcia, Naomi Smith, SC Hutze, Dale Hudson, Eric Hatz, Viviana Salazar, Luis Covarrubias, Chrisitan Robles, Michael Rivera, Frances Gonzalez, Fatima Perez, Juan Martinez, Beth McQueen, Wayne Schmidt, Lucy Casarez, JeanMaire Pempek, Dorothy Havel, Eriverto Garcia, Marissa Miska, Myra Houston, Yolanda Guerrero, John Garza, Sr., Erica Janette Reyna, Itzel Rodriguez, Esperansa Curiel, and Rodolfo Curiel

In Loving Memory of

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Nunez

from Felix & Mamie

CHURCH SUPPORT

Thank you for your continued generosity! There are no numbers available this weekend, as this bulletin was submitted early.

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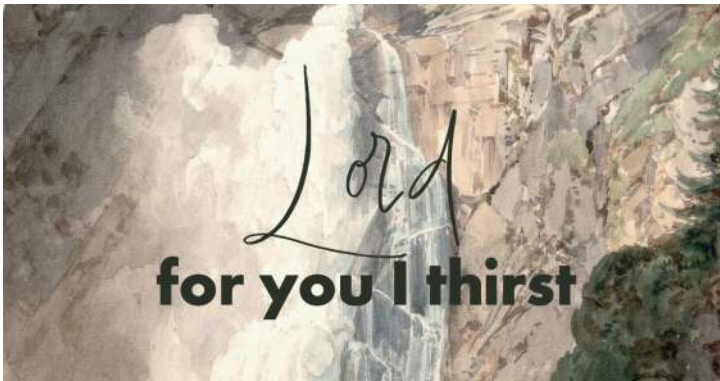
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PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Pvt. Aiden Silva, Dylan Garcia, Senior Airman Cody Lozano, Sgt. Abel Carrasco, SA Reese Whittington, Pvt. Evelyn Wallace, Spec. Nicholas Kane, HM 2 Catherine Boykin, Major Stephen Koether, GY Sgt. Phillip James Sanchez III, Javier Villisana, Major Mike Knight, Major Ciara Knight, Chris Roche, Jared Nelson, Staff Sgt. Robert Reynolds, Cpt. Jake Knight, Warrant Officer Dylan Diaz, Sgt. Gabriel Quinones, Pvt. Edgar Servantes, Staff Sgt. Jazmin Cisneros, D.J. Cisneros, and Gage Alderman

God bless the members of our armed forces!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8TH

Sunday | Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7/ Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/ Rm 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday | 2 Kings 5:1-15ab/ Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/ Lk 4: 24-30

Tuesday | Dn 3:25, 34-43/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 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 | Jer 7:23-28/ Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/ Lk 11:14-23

Friday | Hos 14:2-10/ Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/ Mk 12:28-34

Saturday | Hos 6:1-6/ Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/ Lk 18: 9-14

Sunday | Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

LEGION OF MARY

Want to know Christ better?
Let Mary lead you to him!



For English, join the ladies every **Monday @ 7:30 am** (location varies), or to become an auxiliary member, call Anita Heble at 979-480-3224!

For Spanish, join the ladies every **Tuesday @ 5:00 pm** in the OLPH hall. They also meet to pray the rosary on **Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm** in the grotto!

HOME VISITS/COMMUNION

The Legion of Mary members take Communion and do home visits, visiting those who are sick or homebound and cannot make it to Mass! If you're interested yourself, or know of a family member or loved one who would be, please contact Linda Miska at 979-236-3978. These ladies go out on Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Our Lady Queen of Hope Court #2289



Join the Catholic Daughters for their monthly meeting on the **1st Tuesday** of each month @ 6:30 pm at the KC hall in Brazoria!

Their next Meeting is **Tuesday, April 7th**

IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Saturday, March 7

5:00 pm OCIA 1st Scrutiny during Mass — SJA
6:00 pm OCIA Dinner following Mass — SJA hall

Sunday, March 8

Daylight Saving Time Begins

9:30 am Coffee Sunday following Mass — OLPH hall

Monday, March 9

7:30 am Legion of Mary (English) — OLPH hall

Tuesday, March 10

9 to 10:30 am Adult Faith Formation — OLPH hall
5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Spanish) — OLPH hall
6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting — SJA hall

Wednesday, March 11

6 to 7 am That Man is You — OLPH hall

No Faith Formation Classes due to Spring Break!

Thursday, March 12

9:30 am Storage Shed Project Work Day — SJA
11:00 am SOAR Group Meeting — OLPH hall
6:00 pm OCIA Class — SJA hall

Friday, March 13

9:30 am Storage Shed Project Work Day — SJA
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross (English) — SJA
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish) — SJA

Saturday, March 14

5:00 pm OCIA 2nd Scrutiny during Mass — SJA
6:00 pm OCIA Dinner following Mass — SJA hall

Sunday, March 15

9 to 10:15 am First Communion Class — SJA hall

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward an hour this **Sunday**, if they don't automatically do so on their own!

DAILY MASS

There will be no daily Mass **Tuesday or Wednesday** as Father Preston will be out of town. If you have a Mass intention scheduled for either of those days, it will be rescheduled and you will be notified of the new date!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

To be eligible for the Altar Guild Scholarship, you must be a registered and practicing Catholic of SJA, who is graduating in May of 2026. Applications are available for pick up at the Parish Office or in the Sacristy of SJA! Applications must be received by **Sunday, April 26**.

PRAYER LEADERS

ROSARY — GLORIOUS

March 7 05:00 pm Susan Hatch
March 8 08:30 am Laurie Kane
March 8 10:30 am The Phillips

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

March 14 05:00 pm Linda Miska
March 15 08:30 am Janie Bannert
March 15 10:30 am Steve Bennett

SAVE THE DATE

LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday, March 21 | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Join us for a Parish Lenten Retreat! More details to come.

NEW ALTAR DEDICATION

Saturday, May 23 | 4:00 pm

The dedication of the new altar at OLPH will be held during Mass, beginning at 4:00 pm. A reception will follow in the OLPH hall. RSVP will be required to attend the reception (link to do so coming soon). The 5:00 pm Saturday Mass at SJA will be cancelled this day!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcements are no longer read before Mass! To view them, please visit: www.olphsja.org or see the informational blurbs below.

COFFEE SUNDAY

All are invited to Coffee Sunday after 8:30 am Mass in the OLPH hall this **Sunday!** **Come enjoy great fellowship.**

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Medical professionals, students, and interested laypeople are invited to the 11th Annual Converging Roads health care ethics conference on **Saturday, April 11**, at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Houston! This one-day conference will offer continuing education credits for health care professionals with presentations centered on the theme of Health and Human Flourishing.

For more information and to register, visit

convergingroads.com/houston.

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