

# MARCH 12, 2023

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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## Holy Week & Easter Schedule

	Palm Sunday April 2	Holy Thursday April 6	Good Friday April 7	Easter Vigil April 8	Easter Sunday April 9
<b>Our Lady of Victory Thorsby</b>	9:00 am	5:00 pm	11:00 am		9:00 am
<b>St Margaret Mary Calmar</b>	10:15 am		1:00 pm		10:15 am
<b>St. Maria Goretti Devon</b>	11:30 pm	7:00 pm Adoration until Midnight	3:00 pm	8:00 pm	11:30 am

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## Third Sunday of Lent – March 12, 2023

*1st Reading: Exodus 17, 3-7*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5, 1-2, 5-8*

*Gospel: John 4, 5-42*

### Living Water for a Thirsty Soul

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." John 4:5-7

Today, throughout the world, Catholic liturgies will celebrate the first of three Scrutinies of those adults who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The word "scrutiny" comes from the Latin word scrutari which means an inquiry, close examination or search of something. It originally referred to rummaging through rubbish so as to find something of value. In a sense, this is what God does with all of us. When we first turn to Him, He sorts through the disorder of our fallen human nature and our sins so as to point to the goodness and beauty of the child He created. As for the liturgical rite that will be celebrated in churches throughout the world today, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults describes it as follows: "The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (#141). The Gospel story we read today depicts this action beautifully. It is the long and inspiring story of the woman at the well. This story is filled with symbolism, much of which the casual reader could easily miss.

To begin, it is important to prayerfully imagine the scene. Jesus was all alone sitting next to Jacob's Well around noon. Few women would come to the well at that time of day due to the heat. But this woman came at this time because she knew others would not be around. She was a sinner, and many of the other women of the town knew it. Therefore, in an attempt to avoid them and avoid feeling shame, she came at a time when she could avoid the other women. So the first thing to consider is the suffering this woman was enduring because of her shame and embarrassment over her sinful life.

As she approached the well, she was surprised to hear Jesus ask her for a drink. She was a Samaritan. Jews generally considered Samaritans as ritually unclean. For that reason, Jews would not drink from their vessels. But Jesus broke this unholy custom and looked at her as a daughter of God with innate dignity and value as He engaged her in conversation.

Within the heat of the day, Jesus spoke lovingly to this woman and said, "Give me a drink." Saint Augustine states that, symbolically speaking, Jesus thirsted for her soul, for her salvation. He longed to give her the grace soon to be won through His Cross. Her willing reception of this gift would also bring satiation to the Heart of our Lord. Jesus didn't dwell upon her past; He knew all about it. He could read her soul. All He wanted to do was to rummage through the sin and rubbish that was cluttering her soul so as to discover her dignity within. If she were to allow Jesus to offer her this mercy, not only would she receive true Living Water to quench her spiritual thirst, she would also satiate the spiritual thirst in the soul of our Lord that could only be satiated by the dispensing of His mercy.

As we celebrate the Scrutinies this Sunday, reflect upon this woman at the well. First, she is a symbol of every person coming to faith in Christ and preparing for the Living Water of Baptism this Easter. But she is also a symbol of your own soul, to the extent that it has become cluttered with the rubbish of sin and disorder. Do not let shame, fear or a sense of unworthiness deter you from engaging in this same conversation with our Lord. Hear Him say to you that He thirsts for you and longs to be satiated by the sacred act of the ongoing bestowal of His Divine Mercy, poured forth through the Living Water superabundantly given to you at your baptism.

My thirsting Lord, You see me, peer deeply into my soul, see all the filth of sin and disorder and love me anyway. As You spoke to this woman at the well, so You also speak to me, asking me to satiate Your thirst by being open to Your mercy. I do open myself to You, dear Lord, and pray that Your Living Water will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life. Jesus, I trust in You. (mycatholiclife.com)

**Easter Penitential Service - Thursday March 23, 2023**

**Starting at 6:30 pm - St. Maria Goretti - Devonn**

## MASS INTENTIONS

When a priest celebrates Mass every day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person or intention.  
By doing so, he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention.  
To request a Mass intention, please visit or call the parish office.

### Mass Intentions for the month of March 2023

Date		Intention	Parish
1	Wed	<b>Audrey Polin - Health - Speedy Recovery</b>	<b>SMG</b>
2	Thu	<b>Repose of the soul of Joe &amp; Laura Savoie</b>	<b>SMG</b>
3	Fri	<b>Audrey Polin - Health - Speedy Recovery</b>	<b>SMG</b>
4	Sat	<b>Rhodes &amp; Hills Family members, Living &amp; Deceased</b>	<b>SMG</b>
5	Sun	<b>Audrey Polin - Health - Speedy Recovery</b>	<b>SMG</b>
6	Mon	<b>Audrey Polin - Health - Speedy Recovery</b>	<b>SMG</b>
7	Tue	<b>Repose of the Soul of Vicki Properzi</b>	<b>SMG</b>
8	Wed	<b>Guidance for Doctors. doing operation on Alan Moisan's legs</b>	<b>SMG</b>
9	Thu	<b>Pat March - Personal Intentions</b>	<b>SMG</b>
10	Fri	<b>Repose of the Soul of Joseph Breau - R.I.P.</b>	<b>SMG</b>
11	Sat	<b>Tammy Aguiar - Personal Intentions</b>	<b>SMG</b>
12	Sun	<b>Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Judy Briscoe</b>	<b>SMG</b>
13	Mon	<b>Repose of the soul of Leo Roth</b>	<b>SMG</b>
14	Tue	<b>Tammy Aguiar - Personal Intentions</b>	<b>SMG</b>
15	Wed	<b>Tammy Aguiar - Personal Intentions</b>	<b>SMG</b>
16	Thu	<b>Pat March - Personal Intentions</b>	<b>SMG</b>
17	Fri	<b>Tammy Aguiar - Personal Intentions</b>	<b>SMG</b>
18	Sat	<b>Hug &amp; Donovan Family members. Living &amp; Deceased</b>	<b>SMG</b>
19	Sun	<b>Schumacher Family Intentions</b>	<b>SMG</b>
20	Mon	<b>Repose of the soul of Leo Roth</b>	<b>SMG</b>
21	Tue	<b>Repose of the soul of Leo Roth</b>	<b>SMG</b>
22	Wed	<b>Repose of the Soul of Ray Baron</b>	<b>SMG</b>
23	Thu	<b>Pat March - Personal Intentions</b>	<b>SMG</b>
24	Fri	<b>Thanksgiving for the 100th Birthday of Frances Sargent</b>	<b>SMG</b>
25	Sat	<b>Repose of the Soul of Harold Fell . RI.P.</b>	<b>SMG</b>
26	Sun	<b>Repose of the Souls of Gerald and Margaret Bruin</b>	<b>SMG</b>
27	Mon	<b>Repose of the Soul of Robert Brochu</b>	<b>SMG</b>
28	Tue	<b>For Improved health of Deacon Pat Murphy</b>	<b>SMG</b>
29	Wed	<b>Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Jennifer Kodra</b>	<b>SMG</b>
30	Thu	<b>Pat March - Personal Intentions</b>	<b>SMG</b>
31	Fri	<b>Thanksgiving for the 78th Birthday of Mapy Rosales</b>	<b>SMG</b>

Mass Intentions for the month of March 2023

Date		Intention	Parish
5	Sun	<b>Bauer Family - for the healing of the Body and Soul</b>	<b>SMM</b>
7	Tue	<b>Repose of the Soul of Cheryl Loose R.I.P.</b>	<b>SMM</b>
8	Wed	<b>Repose of the Soul of Cheryl Loose R.I.P.</b>	<b>OLV</b>
9	Thu	<b>Bauer Family - for the healing of the Body and Soul</b>	<b>SMM</b>
12	Sun	<b>Bauer Family - for the healing of the Body and Soul</b>	<b>SMM</b>
14	Tue	<b>Bauer Family - for the healing of the Body and Soul</b>	<b>SMM</b>
19	Sun	<b>Repose of the Soul of Rita Bauer R.I.P.</b>	<b>SMM</b>
21	Tue	<b>Bauer Family - for the healing of the Body and Soul</b>	<b>SMM</b>
26	Sun	<b>Bauer Family - for the healing of the Body and Soul</b>	<b>SMM</b>
28	Tue	<b>Bauer Family - for the healing of the Body and Soul</b>	<b>SMM</b>

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS - St. Maria Goretti - Devon**

Every Friday after 9:00 am Mass

**CWL FOOD BANK DRIVE - February 25, 2023 to April 2, 2023**



**Some of the items that the Food Bank is in great need are:**

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|------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Hamburger Helper | Chili        | Rice or Pasta side-kicks |
| Mayo small jars  | Stews        | Instant potatoes         |
| Cooking Oil      | Chunky soups | Small jars of Jam        |
| Canned Meats     | Cake mixes   | Assorted veggie cans     |

“Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

Hebrews 13:15

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS - St. Margaret Mary - Calmar**

Every Tuesday after morning Mass



**Help make our church beautiful this Easter!!**

Devon CWL will be selling Lillies and potted flowers for \$20 each.

You can write a special message to be displayed on each pot.

These flowers will adorn the church for Easter.

You can pick your flowers anytime after Easter Sunday to enjoy at home.

There are envelopes located at the entrance of the church. Fill them out with your requests and return them in the collection baskets. Please make cheques payable to: Devon CWL.



**Sick? Shut-in?**

Would you like to receive communion? Please call the office at 780-987-2858 to arrange communion, and/or to be put on our prayer list.