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# March - Month of Saint Joseph



*March 7th, 2021 • Third Sunday of Lent*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 2021

*Jesus, tired and thirsty sat down at a well and there encountered a Samaritan woman who had come to draw water.*

In her autobiography, St. Teresa writes, “Oh, how often I remember the living water of which the Lord spoke to the Samaritan woman. I am so fond of that Gospel. I have loved it ever since I was a child—though I did not, of course, understand it properly then, as I do now—and I often used to beseech God to give me that water.” Reflecting on the image of Christ and the Samaritan woman at the well helped St. Teresa, throughout her lifetime, to focus her attention on the sacred humanity of Christ Jesus and identify the kind of prayer God gives to us.

When Jesus spoke of ‘living water’ the Samaritan woman would have understood this to be fresh water as a regularly available source that would save her from making so many trips to the well. Fresh water was, and is, precious and Jesus had definitely caught her interest and attention.

St. Teresa likewise catches our attention when she refers to the stages of prayer as “waters of prayer.”

She would encourage us initially to make time for God apart from our daily activities, religious devotions and whatever vocal prayers we may be accustomed to say, and to be quietly in God’s presence each day and share with God as we would with a dear friend. When we begin to do so we will need to persevere, so that the soil of the spiritual garden where we meet with God may be readied to receive living water.

Jesus had asked the Samaritan woman to draw water from the well to quench his thirst. St. Teresa uses this same example as the first means by which we are to quench our own thirst, our thirst for God. To explain the different stages of prayer that we can go through, Teresa compares quiet prayer in God’s presence to watering a garden. She says there are four ways of doing this:

1. We may draw water from a well, which is laborious and produces little effect;
2. We may turn the water wheel (this too involves a lot of work, but produces better results);
3. We may have an irrigation system (which requires even less effort on our part);
4. We may receive a plentiful rain (in which case we need not do anything at all).

In prayer, each of us often has to exert a lot of effort without feeling much profit. We are, as it were, laboriously drawing water from the well of our own thinking, of our reflections on scripture, on the beauty of nature or good books. Everything begins to change when God starts giving us the living water of spiritual experiences that well up in our hearts.

Teresa compares the gentle rain that falls into a river, as the soul and God that once mingled cannot be separated. Here, there is interior peace.

St. Teresa reminds us that God invites each of us to this experience: “If the invitation of Jesus were not a general one he would not have said ‘I will give you to drink’. Rather, he might have said: ‘come, all of you, for after all you will lose nothing by coming’ ...I feel sure that none will fail to receive this living water.”

~Fr. Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D.

Novena to St. Joseph  
Thursday, March 11 to  
Friday, March 19

Mass at 7:00 pm each night  
except Saturday & Sunday  
See weekend schedule  
(inside the church)

St. Joseph Novena Prayer

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Chaste Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. to you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; Under your fatherly guidance Jesus grew to perfect manhood. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, courage, and hope. Be our advocate in times of trial, Our support in sorrow, our teacher in the ways of prayer, Our intercessor in the needs we now place before you (mention your intention). Defend us from every evil of body and soul, Now and especially at the hour of our death.*  
**Amen.**

### Stations of the Cross

You are invited to join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:00pm in English in the church.

### Villa crucis

Los invitamos a que nos acompañen al villa crucis todos los viernes durante la cuaresma a las 6:00pm en Español afuera debajo de la ramada.





Our parish plays a vital role in the work of the Annual Catholic Appeal. We have an opportunity to act together as a Catholic family and impact the lives of others throughout the

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**Santa Cruz Catholic Church Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, 3:30—5:00 pm** (English/Español)

Confession in Church Courtyard. You must wear a mask.  
Confesión en el patio de la iglesia. Debes usar una mascara.

**Saturdays**

**3:00 p.m.** Mass (English) in the school field  
**5:30 p.m.** Vigil Mass inside church

**Sundays**

**6:30 a.m.** Mass inside church  
**10:00 a.m.** Mass inside church  
**11:00 a.m.** Live-stream Mass  
**3:00 p.m.** Mass (Spanish) in the school field  
**6:00 p.m.** Mass inside church

**Weekdays Mon-Sat 8:00 a.m.** Mass inside church

There will be **Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6 p.m.** We are also planning to have an outdoor Lenten mission in March. The dates and times are still to be determined.

*Mass Intentions*

In Honor of Saint Dymphna  
Joe Bernal & Fernando Burruel/R.I.P.

Santa Cruz Parishioners  
Special Int./Mary Rodriguez & Petra Cabrera  
Special Int./Hugh & Marie Hammonds  
David Cabrera/R.I.P.  
Antonio Rodriguez/R.I.P.

Special Int./Antoinette & Joshua Scales  
& Family  
Special Int./Joe & Melina Tafoya & Family

In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Julia A. Lopez/R.I.P.

Delfina Landeros/R.I.P.  
Special Int./Estevan & Skylar Rodriguez  
& Family

Deacon Richard Ornelas/R.I.P.  
Lucia Reyes/R.I.P.

In Honor of San Pedro  
Marissa J. Guerrero/Improved Health

**Parish Collection February 28th, 2021**

**Collection: \$ 3,650.06**

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Service to Our Parish*

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger  
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**Business Hours** Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

**Closed for lunch** 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.  
In Residence: Rev. Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D.  
In Residence: Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

**New Parishioners: Always welcome!**

Please register by using our forms available in our parish office.

~ **Masses** ~ Note these are suspended during COVID-19

**Sun. 6:30 am, 8 am (Spanish), 10 am, 12 noon, & 6 pm**

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am & 8:00 am Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

**Confession:** Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

**Baptisms:** 2nd Sunday of the Month (English) / 4° Domingo del Mes (Español)

**Matrimony:** Please call at least six months in advance.

*Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.*

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