

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2020**

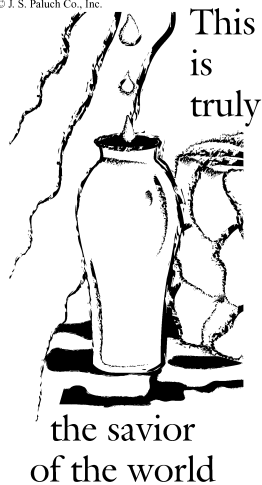
While we were still sinners
Christ died for us.
— *Romans 5:8*

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THIRST

Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Joanne M. Aguirre, Sonia V. Alvarado, Maria Esther Arambula, Juanita Arellano, Estela Banda, Andres Cardenas Jr., Gloria Carranza, Bertha A. Cavazos, Aida Cuevas, Maria del Carmen Garcia, Laura Dimas, Alonso and Beatriz Garcia, David Garcia, Mayra Garza, Orlando Gomez, Robert Griessel, Gloria Guevara, Jackie Guzman, Raul Guzman, Mona Hachar, Guadalupe Hernandez, Roberto Hernandez, Bertha Herrera, Dora E. Hickle, Gordon Jefferson Sr., Socorro Leyva, Jorge Lopez, Roberto and Maria Lopez, Ismayeli Lopez, Maria Elia Madrigal, Michelle and Ramiro Madrigal, Robert Madrigal, Pedro Malacara, Esperanza Medina, Blanca Nanez, Sammy Paez, Dora Pena, Y. Pena, Maggie Perez, Carlos Ramirez, Pablo Rendon, Manuel Renteria, Denise M. Richardson, Carlos Rodriguez, Eliza H. Rodriguez, Zulema Rodriguez, Maria Sacramento, Irma San Miguel, Bella Sanchez, Gilbert Sanchez, Hugo Sanchez, Ignacia Sanchez, Alicela Sandoval, Maria Luisa Sandoval, Juan J. Soto, Socorro I. Valdes, Agnes N. Valenciano, Lucy Valenciano, Rene Valenciano, Emma Velasquez, Rosie Villanueva, Maria Villarreal

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SATURDAY March 14, 2020

6:30pm † Gerardo Rodriguez, Sr. (Wife & Family)
† Guadalupe Saenz, Jr. (Family)
† Ronnie Garcia (Wife & Children)
In Thanksgiving Sacred Heart of Jesus
Special Intention-Glenda Barrera
(Barrera Family)

SUNDAY March 15, 2020

8:30am † 7th Annv. Juan Meza, Sr. (Family)

10:30am **For the People of the Parish**

12:30pm † Denise Jimenez (Martinez Family)
† Ares J. Cerda (Martinez Family)
† Enriqueta Zamora (Family)
† Maximiano Banda, Jr. (Family)
† Ruben Ortegon (Wife & Daughters)

6:30pm Blessings for LifeTeen and EDGE

MONDAY March 16, 2020

5:30pm † Julia C. Gonzalez (Family)

TUESDAY March 17, 2020

5:30pm † Manuel Elizaldi Guerra (M. A. Elizaldi)

WEDNESDAY March 18, 2020

5:30pm † Francisco Maldonado (Grandchildren)

THURSDAY March 19, 2020

5:30pm † Birthday-Josefina Peña (Family)

FRIDAY March 20, 2020

5:30pm † Manuel Lara, Jr. (Miranda Family)

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL (CSA) CAMPAIGN

“The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” —Matthew 25:40. Our sacred purpose, as the family of God in the Diocese of Laredo, is to serve one another with the love of Christ. During the next couple of weeks, our parish will be participating in the annual catholic sharing appeal. Your prayerful support and charitable contributions help make ministry possible throughout our Diocese. Please consider renewing or making a new pledge for the 2020 CSA Campaign.



*The Sanctuary Lamp Is Burning
In Loving Memory
Guadalupe Saenz, Jr.
(Family)*

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

2nd Year Confirmation- Students must submit all their information, and the information for their sponsor before the end of Spring Break. This is the final deadline. If the information is not submitted by this time, it will be considered lack of interest and my recommendation will be to postpone receiving their sacrament until next year.

Makeup Confirmation Retreat- (Students only who missed the January 26 2020), will be on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm.

Make up Sponsor Retreats- By appointment and during working hours ONLY.

Confirmation Day 1- Monday, May 11, 2020 (includes E. Raines, M.C. Martinez, G. Vargas, and E. Limon)

Confirmation Day 2- Tuesday, May 12, 2020 (includes M. Reyes, J. Padron, C. E. Martinez, and L. Gutierrez)

Confirmation Mass will start at 6:30 pm both nights.

2nd year Communion- Make up retreat will be on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 from 10:00 am to 2:30pm

Communion dates are as follows

Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 6:30 pm- 6th -8th grades and Special Needs

Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 10:30 am- 4th- 5th grades

Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 12:30 pm- 3rd grade

Classes Canceled- There will be no classes during spring break Monday, March 16, 2020 through Saturday, March 21, 2020.

Due to the Diocesan Conference, we will not be having classes on Saturday, March 28, 2020.

Service Opportunity- We are collecting Easter eggs for our annual egg hunt on Easter Sunday. For every dozen Easter eggs, we will give 2 hours of community service and faith formation. Students and parents are encouraged to help if they need they hours. We are accepting actual Easter Eggs, or If you would like to donate large candy bags, you can help fill plastic eggs that we have here in the office. Thank you all for your continued support of our Religious Education program.

HOLY THURSDAY CANDLES

The office will begin taking orders for Holy Thursday Candles. These are the candles that will be lit before the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday. The candles are \$5.00 each and must be purchased in person at the parish office. No orders will be taken over the phone. If you have any question, you may contact Isidro Avila at the parish office 956-723-5215 x21.

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PRECAUTIONS DURING FLU SEASON

Concerns have been raised about the current coronavirus disease outbreak. Out of pastoral concern for the common good of the people of God during flu and virus season, we will be taking the following precautionary measures.

We are asking for parishioners to receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue. However no one is to be denied the Eucharist over this measure.

We ask parishioners to forgo holding hands during the Lord’s Prayer and to offer the Sign of Peace without handshaking. A simple head nod and “Peace be with you” may be offered to the people around you.

Holy Water will be removed from our fonts until further notice.

We remind those people who are feeling ill to not attend Mass or CCD. We are still obligated to attend Mass on Sundays; however missing Mass due to illness is not a sin.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Isidro Avila 956-251-2047 ext 21.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Lent is a time of conversion. To help reconcile us back to our Heavenly Father, we will have several priests available to hear confessions. Our Penance Service will be on Tuesday, March 24th at 6 pm in the main church. Come and offer your heart back to God in this wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation.

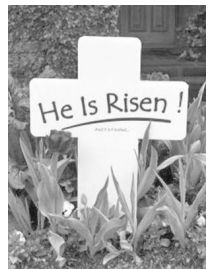


STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us during the Fridays of Lent, after the 5:30 pm Mass, to pray the stations of the Cross. It has always been long tradition in our church to meditate on the Passion of our Lord. Come bring your heart to God

HE IS RISEN CROSSES

The A.C.T.S. Core team for San Martin will be selling “He is Risen” crosses. These crosses can be placed in your yard with the blank side out during Lent and turned around on Easter Sunday with our “He is Risen” message. Crosses will be \$20 and can be purchased at the parish office. All proceeds will go to fund all future A.C.T.S retreats.



~~~~~Income for the Week~~~~~

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| <b>Total Offertory.....</b> | <b>\$11,409.11</b> |
| <b>Total Expenses.....</b>  | <b>\$4,229.84</b>  |
| <b>Santa Teresita .....</b> | <b>\$128.00</b>    |

*Thank you so much for your continued support!*

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