

**Save the Date**  
Penance Service  
Wednesday, March 29, 2023 6pm Church

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**  
Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent;  
Daylight Saving Time begins  
Friday: St. Patrick; Abstinence  
Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday March 11**  
4pm- Lela Haas Curry †  
**Sunday March 12**  
8:00am Parishioners  
10:30am- Peggy Ladner †  
**Monday March 13**  
8:00am- Ambrose Cook  
**Tuesday, March 14**  
8:00am- Catherine & Cameron Ridgewell  
**Wednesday March 15**  
8:00am- Christine Bastine  
**Thursday March 16**  
8:00am- Catherine & Cameron Ridgewell  
**Friday March 17**  
8:00am- Catherine & Cameron Ridgewell

 If you are unable to come inside the Church, sit in your automobile and listen to our Broadcasting on 91.1 Fm. You can also listen to a Portable radio in Church if you have trouble hearing.

**Pray for our Troops**  
Amir Darwis \_\_\_\_\_ US Army National Guard  
Darrell Little \_\_\_\_\_ US Army  
Devin Nelson \_\_\_\_\_ US Army  
Brandan Witt \_\_\_\_\_ USAF  
Evan Cameron \_\_\_\_\_ USAF  
David Arceneaux \_\_\_\_\_ USAF  
Lance Cuevas.....USAF  
Christopher Abney.....US Navy

*Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

**Annual CCD Easter Egg Hunt**  
Sunday March 26, 2023  
9:15-10:15am Donations of filled eggs are welcome. Please see Kelly Schwartz or Donna Battaglia to make a donation or drop them off at Coffee Shop Sunday mornings at Breakfast or can be brought to the Fish Fry.

**CCD 2024 Confirmation Class**  
is working on their Saints' project. They are in need of Donations: Fabric, large cardboard boxes, fabric trim, etc. Please contact Kelly Schwartz at (601)466-4192 for pick up.

**CYO Raffle**  
The CYO is selling Raffle tickets to help support its members for the 2024 summer trip to Steubenville. Tickets are \$1.00 and will be sold at the Lenten Fish Fry, Coffee Shop on Sunday mornings, and after 10:30 mass. Tickets are also available from Juanita Curet, Kelly Schwartz and CYO members.

**CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**  
**Act of Contrition**  
My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. I detest all my sins, because of your just punishment, but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

**Claiborne Hill Receipts**  
We appreciate dropping off your Claiborne Hill receipts! Thank you for your support.  
**YTD \$118.39**

 **COFFEE SHOP**  
Come by and enjoy some Coffee, Breakfast & Fellowship after 8am Mass.  
**Donations are accepted**

 **Church Cleaning**  
Team 1 this week

**Prayer Request**

Jennifer Albrittin	Willard & Cecile Ladner
Dennis Ally	Patsy Ladner
Judith Amm	Jean Lee
Emilee Battaglia	Walter Lonbourg
John Battaglia	James Lovett
Stacey Battaglia	Layla Mallett
Bill Blaisdell	Jim McDaniel
Stephen Blaisdell	Charles Meador
Earline Blanchard	Kathleen Micell
Gene Breazeale	Shannon & Carol Moragas
Wilson Breux	Barbara Moran
Ernest Brown	Cleopatra Moran
Ida Brown	Sonny Moran
Claude & Linda Burke	Warren Moran
John Byrnes	Belinda & Kenny Morgan
Barbara Cameron	Patrick Murphy
Robert L. Cassell	Bernadine Necaie
Kay Cerisier	Bernell Necaie
William Crane	Janet Necaie
Rosalind, Cynthia Dauzat	Tyrone & Faye Necaie
Cheryl Deschamp	Wilmah Necaie
Jean Dohm	Christopher Nugent
Jessica Duffour	Louis Nunez
Eugene, James, Jerry, Gretchen, Tessa, JoAnn, Jude, Shirley	Timothy Odom
Cucurullo	Joy Patin
Howard Edwards	Jameson Gerard Patin
Lois Forest	Trudy Pecoul
Ivan Garza	Larry Phillips
Peggy Glynn	Judy Richieu
Robert Gould	Brooke Rolison
Christine Greenwood	Tina Roundtree
Alexa Hardie	Karrie Schultz
Amanda Jones	Jason Schable
Jim & Mary Kenney	Caleb Schwartz
Donald Koenenn	Sonny Schwartz
Linda Koenenn	Jerry Shavers
Nell Koenenn	Maura Strong
Shelly Koenenn	Josie Thomas
Andy Ladner	Judy Thornton
Barbara Ladner	Shaylynn Whitfield
Janice Ladner	Adrian Wilson

**Please note**  
Beginning April 1st Prayer Request names will be deleted and start anew. Please call the office to add names of family members needing prayers.



Rev. Sebastian T. Joseph CMI  
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Tyrone Necaie  
Deacon

**MARCH 12, 2023**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**



**Masses**

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00pm  
**Sunday:** 8am, 10:30am  
**Weekday Mass:** 8:00am (Chapel)  
(Monday-Friday, Rosary after)  
**First Tuesday** Anointing of the Sick & Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (of the Month)  
**First Friday:** 8:00am(Chapel) Mass & Devotion To Sacred Heart (of the month)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday:** 3:00 - 3:45 pm  
**Sunday:** 7:15 - 7:45am  
9:45 - 10:15am  
(Other times by Appointment)

**Adoration**

**Tuesday:** 8:00am-6:00pm  
**Friday:** 8:30am-9:30am

**Office Hours**

**Mon-Friday** 8:30am-12:30pm  
**Wednesday** 8:30am-12:00pm

Secretary Linda Bellocq

**TODAY’ READINGS**

**First Reading** (Exodus 17:3-7)

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!” The LORD answered Moses, “Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink.” This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD in our midst or not?”

**Psalm** (95:1-2,6-7,8-9)

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: “Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works.”

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

**Second Reading** (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8)

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

**Gospel** (John 4:5-42)

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.” His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?” Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go call your husband and come back.” The woman answered and said to him, “I do not have a husband.” Jesus answered her, “You are right in saying, ‘I do not have a husband.’ For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one speaking with you.” At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, “What are you looking for?” or “Why are you talking with her?” The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, “Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?” They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” So the disciples said to one another, “Could someone have brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, ‘In four months the harvest will be here?’ I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the Sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work.” Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me everything I have done.” When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, “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.”

**Gospel Reflection**

John’s gospel focuses on theology rather than historical and literal facts of Jesus’ life. Therefore, in Jesus’ meeting with the Samaritan woman, we reflect the theology behind the encounter of Jesus.

In primeval times, the well was a place where people came together. At the well, the shepherd water their flocks, the traders stopped with their products for customers; the women came to draw water and to chat with other ladies and lovers come to speak with their companions. (Gen 24:10-25; 26:15-25; 29:1-14; Ex 2:15-21). The well mentioned in today’s Gospel still exists. It is located along the road that leads from Judea to Galilee and 32 meters deep.

In this episode, the evangelist does not give her name, and not even her whereabouts. She is identified only as a ‘Samaritan’. This woman represents as a lost sheep of Israel for whom the savior Jesus has come to save. In the Old Testament we see the beautiful metaphor of Israel as the bride of Yahweh. “Israel will be adorned like a bride (Isa. 61:10); “As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you” (Isaiah 62:5).

But this marriage relationship of the Lord with Israel has not gone well. The falling in love started in the desert where God and Israel had lived through unforgettable experiences. “I remember your kindness as a youth, the love of your bridal days when you followed me in the wilderness” (Jer 2:2). Then the infidelity of the bride began, her betrayal, the longing for the gods of Egypt, the worship of Baal of the Canaanites, the flirt with the gods of the Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, and finally, even the Romans, causing jealousy in her husband. But God cannot abandon her. “The LORD calls you back, like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, A wife married in youth and then cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great tenderness I will take you back” (Is 54:6,7). The Lord chose to win her back at the cost of humbling himself in front of the unfaithful spouse. “Therefore, I will allure her now; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak persuasively to her. Then I will give her the vineyards she had, and the valley of Achor as a door of hope. There she will respond as in the days of her youth, as on the day when she came up from the land of Egypt” (Hos 2:16,17).

At this point, the identification of the Samaritan woman is taken for granted: it is the bride of Israel, backed by her whole story of love and adultery. She had many ‘husbands,’ and the one she has now is not her husband. So, Jesus meets her at the well and wants to bring her back to the one true love, the Lord.

The Samaritan woman thought of Jesus’ request for water is to drink. But she gradually began to perceive and accept the proposal of Jesus. A progressive discovery was visible. At first, for her, Jesus was an ordinary Jew, then he became a master, then a prophet and afterward the Messiah and finally, she proclaimed him to her villagers as the Savior of the world.

<p><b>Stations of the Cross</b> Wednesdays 8:30am (Chapel) Fridays 5:00pm (Church)</p>		 <p><b><i>Flower Offerings</i></b> Flower offering envelopes are available in the Vestibule. Please fill out who the Offering is for and who it is from. Thank you.</p>																				
<p><b><i>Catholic Sharing Appeal</i></b> <b><i>You are the Light of the World</i></b></p> <p>The forms the Diocese sent to parishioners, please fill out and return along with your pledge to the Diocese. Those who have not yet made the Pledge, collect the forms from the Vestibule</p>																						
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