

Third Sunday of Lent: March 08, 2026

Holy Father's Intention for March:

For families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Archdiocesan Lenten Regulations:

* **All Fridays in Lent** are days of *abstinence* from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.

* We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.

As the Holy Father noted in his address, "I invite everyone to make next Feb 18, Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting for peace. I encourage believers in a special way to devote themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war."

Stations Of The Cross:

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, commemorate Jesus's passion and death on the cross. There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on his journey to Calvary, usually through sacred art, prayers, and reflections. The practice began as pious pilgrims traced his path through Jerusalem on the Via Dolorosa. Later, for the many who wanted to pass along the same route, but could not make the trip to Jerusalem, a practice developed that eventually took the form of the fourteen stations currently found in almost every church throughout the world. Similarly, the 150 Hail Marys that were recited for the rosary were an adaptation of the medieval monastic practice of reciting the 150 psalms in the Psalter.

Rice Bowl: CRS Rice Bowl begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb 18, 2026, 75 percent of Rice Bowl donations support CRS's humanitarian relief programs in more than 100 different countries. Additionally, Catholic Relief Services allows each diocese that participates to keep 25% of the collection in the local community to be used for hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. In the Archdiocese of St. Louis, these funds support food pantries and other programs.

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

Today's Gospel: John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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. "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 who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. 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."

Second Collection: We have a second collection on next Sunday for Catholic Relief Services. **Please be prepared!**

Second Sunday of Lent: March 01, 2026

“Give me a drink”

Today, just as in that Samaritan afternoon, Jesus comes into our life, halfway through our Lenten journey, telling us, as He did to the Samaritan woman: “Give me a drink” (Jn 4:7). Saint John Paul II said: “His material thirst symbolizes a far deeper reality: it expresses His ardent desire that His dialogue partner and her fellow-citizens will open themselves to faith.” The Preface of today's Eucharist celebration speaks to us of this dialogue that ends up in a salvific barter where the Lord... “so deeply thirsted” for the salvation of the Samaritan woman “he set on fire in her the flame of God's love”.

Even today Jesus continues to “thirst”, namely, to desire humanity “thirst” for our faith and love, “thirst” for our response of faith before so many Lenten invitations to conversion, to change, to reconcile to God and our brothers, to prepare ourselves, as much as we can, to receive a new life of resurrection in the nearing Easter.

“I am he, the one who is speaking with you.” (Jn 4:26): this direct and clear acknowledgment by Jesus of His mission, which He had never done before with anybody else, shows likewise God’s love, a love that undergoes more in quest for the sinner and promise of salvation, that will abundantly satiate the human desire for true Life. This is why, further down in this same Gospel, Jesus will proclaim: “Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: ‘Rivers of living water* will flow from within him.’” (Jn 7:37b-38). So, your commitment today, is to go out of yourself and tell all men: “Come see a man who told me...” (Jn 4:29).



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Offering for March 01, 2026

Total Sum. Collection	\$4,433.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 945.00
Votive Candles	\$ 110.00
Food Sale	\$ 500.00

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“But whoever drinks the water I shall give, will never thirst.”
Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation?

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Baptism: Arrangements must be made one week in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday from 8:30 am to 9:00 am or by appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to plan date of wedding.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sun 3/08: * Joseph and Maria by Khanh Hien family
* Paul by Triet Yen
* Thanksgiving and peace for family by 1 person

Mon 3/09: * Louis Canh by Holly Le

Tues 3/10: * Joseph Truong Nguyen by Manh Nguyen

Wed 3/11: * Louis Canh by Holly Le

Thurs 3/12: * Joseph Tam by Tam Dung family

Fri 3/13: * Andrew Kien by 1 person
*Healing for sister and thanksgiving by 1 person

Sat 3/14: * Healing for Phuong’s husband by Ca Doan