

Assumption Catholic Church

March 12, 2023

Have you ever noticed that we often cling to things as they've always been? Sometimes it feels that the old saying is true: "Better the devil we know than the devil we don't." But God never wants us to settle into a routine way of thinking or acting that is based in laziness or nostalgia, or even fear. God is always nudging us forward into new experiences of grace. That's some of what is happening in today's readings from scripture.

The ancient Hebrew people cried out in the desert to Moses. They were jubilant when they were released from Egypt and grateful that their slavery was coming to an end. But when they were thirsty, tired and confused, they lashed out at Moses because they didn't know what lay ahead or when they would reach their promised land and a new life.

We may also doubt God's presence and look for someone to blame when we experience anxiety. We need some kind of reassurance to keep us steadfast. The people of Israel found reassurance in the form of water from a rock. The support of someone who offers unlikely assistance can feel like water from a rock in the middle of the desert.

Today's Gospel offers us a similar lesson. For centuries, faithful Jews avoided Samaritans and the region in which they lived. Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman would have raised all kinds of red flags. Jesus would have none of that and paints a new way. Both sides of this divide could be victorious in His messianic age. Let's give Jesus our fears, our nostalgia, and our laziness and see what new thing He has in store.

(Written by Catherine Upchurch and taken from the Lectionary Homily Hints for March 12, 2023)

Question of the Week *What can I do or say that will show others the living water that I have found in Jesus, the water that satisfies my spiritual thirst? Will I make that my mission this week?*

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

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Mass Times

Tuesday 7:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

CONFESSIONS:

Tuesday @ 6:15 pm
Sunday after Mass

ADORATION:

Tuesdays: 5:00-7:00 pm



Announcements

The Knights of Columbus will be having their Mass, Dinner and Meeting on Tuesday, March 21. Mass—6:00 pm; Supper—7:00 pm; Meeting—7:30 pm.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Callaway, is again inviting and hosting a Cabin Fever Event on Tuesday, March 14, from 12:00-3:00 pm. Free lunch, socializing and Bingo. Come and enjoy the afternoon.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

A PRAYER TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE BELOW: Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illnesses. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/ treatments. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care/treatment and their soul to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy. Amen.

Crystal Bunnell, Theresa (Foltz) Thunder, Irene Hazelton, Stella Thielen, Lillian Welle, Cleo Baker, George Scherzer, Dolores Manning, Colleen Borgrud, LaVaun Borgrud, Tammy Borgrud, Kevin Clark and Fr. Adam Hamness

*"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."
John 4:13*

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions, we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

Sunday, March 5, 2022
Adult Envelopes--\$965

Upcoming

Wed., Mar 15: Church cleaning @ 11 am, followed by a potluck lunch

Fri., Mar 17: Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 pm with Deacon Pete

Tues., Mar 21: KC's Mass, Dinner, and meeting Beginning @ 6:00 pm. (NO ADORATION this Evening)

Mass Intentions

Today's Mass In honor of St. Joseph & St. Jude
Tues., Mar 14: +Lorraine Steffl
Sun., Mar 12: +Leo Steffl

Ministry Schedule for March 19, 2023

Altar Servers

Jake Helm

Eucharistic Minister

Max Klarer & Kristi Stalberger

Lector

Julia Steffl

Presentation of the Gifts

Damian Zurn Family

Ushers

David Steffl & Bill Steffl