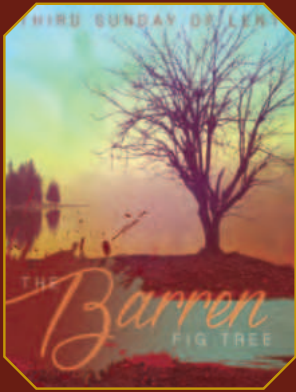




SUNDAY, March 8th, 2026



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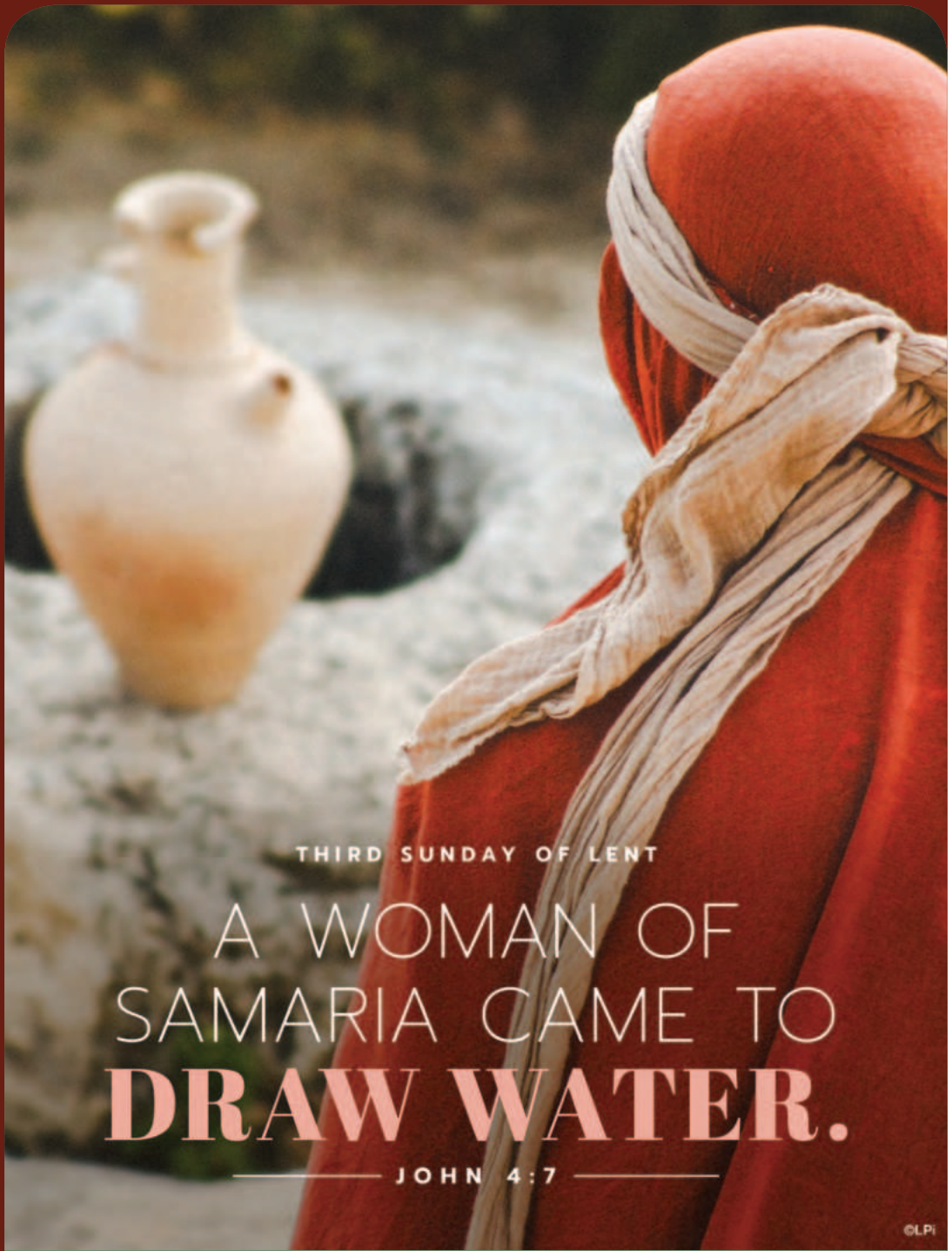
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

A WOMAN OF SAMARIA CAME TO

DRAW WATER.

JOHN 4:7



Parish Information

Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm Vigil

Sunday: 9:00am – English,
2:00pm – Español

Monday/ Tuesday/ Thursday :
8:00am, *in the chapel*

Wednesday: 6:00pm – Español,
in the chapel

Friday: 6:00pm, *in the chapel*

Reconciliation

Saturday: 8:30am – 9:30am

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am – 5:30pm
(closed 12:00pm-1:00pm)

Friday: 8:30am – 12:00pm

Gift Shop Hours

Saturdays: 3:00–4:00pm, 5:00–6:00pm

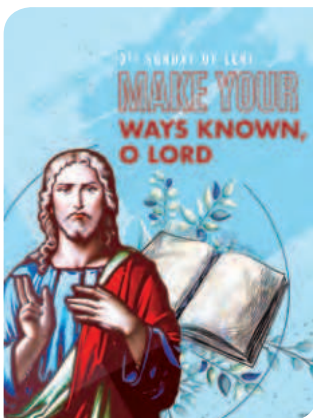
Sundays: 8:00–9:00am, 10:00–11:00am,
1:00–2:00pm

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DAILY GOSPELS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - March 08, 2026
Year A



Sat. March 07 Lenten Weekday Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	4:00pm	†	Ruth Mary Wagner (Pat & Susie Wagner)
Sun. March 08 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42	9:00am 2:00pm (Español)		Brandon & Ashlund Delong (Matt Delong) Pro Populo
Mon. March 09 Lenten Weekday Saint Frances of Rome, Religious	Lk 4:24-30	8:00am		
Tues. March 10 Lenten Weekday	Mt 18:21-35	8:00am		
Wed. March 11 Lenten Weekday	Mt 5:17-19	6:00pm (Español)		
Thurs. March 12 Lenten Weekday	Lk 11:14-23	8:00am	†	Ron Zlomke (Aida Zlomke)
Fri. March 13 Lenten Weekday	Mk 12:28-34	6:00pm	†	Darlene Finch Maher (Wayne & Cheryl Smith)
Sat. March 14 Lenten Weekday	Lk 18:9-14	4:00pm		Judy Venenga (Valerie Panagapoulos)
Sun. March 15 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38	9:00am 2:00pm (Español)	† †	Joe Farner (Donna Farner) Nativdad Family (Lupe Nativdad)

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Reflection for THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - March 08, 2026 Year A

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 08, 2026

Tracy Earl Welliver

Readings: • Exodus 17:3-7 • Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 • Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
• John 4:5-42 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/030826.cfm>

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Third Sunday of Lent

Paul reminded the Corinthians, "We proclaim Christ crucified." Christ's weakness is stronger than any human strength. The power of the cross is greater than anything the world or evil has to combat it.

The Lenten season is one of repentance, self-denial, almsgiving, and prayer. Many in our modern world do not see any wisdom in denying themselves anything. Those swept away in a consumer culture want more and they want it faster, bigger, and better. They also are looking for easy and quick satisfaction, unwilling to wait long.

Paul speaks of the "foolishness of God" and how it is wiser than any human wisdom. Lent is a time to put aside that which we feel and think as humans and put on the attitude of Christ. The cross of Christ is neither easy nor fleeting, and it will ask us to deny our very selves for him. To the human mind it makes no sense. However, by putting on Christ and seeing with his eyes, we see reality with clarity. Our sacrifice can lead to riches that only a "foolish" man would covet. But it is exactly there that we are satisfied and fulfilled.



— Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi



Joey Matthews,
Sabry Durde,
Bruce Hurley,
James Callins,

Judith Venenga,
Heather Miller,
Jenn Krueger,
Judith Funkhouser

PRAY FOR THE DEAD Please pray for all those who have died, especially: **ORA POR LOS DIFUNTOS**

Kyle Hurley, Marie Staab, Michelle Guenther, Lois Robinson,	Simon "Robby" Robinson, Mack Delmonico Patricia (Trish) Cobb, Sue Weatherwax
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Horarios de Confesión CONFESSION TIMES OLP

Between **February 24th & March 31st**, additional confessions will be held on **Tuesdays & Thursdays** from **11am-12:30pm** at **St. Mary's**.

More Lenten Confessions

March 2nd, 6-7:30pm
(St. Mary's, Kingman)

March 9th 6-7pm
(St. Margaret Mary, Bullhead City)

March 23rd 5-6pm
(Our Lady of the Lake,
Lake Havasu City)



Parish Events This Week

<u>Monday</u>	<u>March 09</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mass JPC	8:00am 6:00pm	Chapel Library
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>March 10</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mass Confessions	8:00am 11am-12:30pm	Chapel Church
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>March 11</u>	<u>Location</u>
Rosary Mass (Esp.) CERS CERS Youth JPC <i>OCIA - cancelled</i>	10:00am 6:00pm 6:45pm 6:45pm 6:45pm -7:00pm	Rm. 5,6,7 Church Rm. 1 & 3 Rm. 4 Library Rms. 5,6, & 7
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>March 12</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mass Eucharistic Adoration <i>Text Sharon Rhizor to sign up: 702-466-3069</i> Confessions <i>No R.E. Class - Spring Break</i>	8:00am 9:00am -5:00pm 11am-12:30pm -5:30pm	Chapel Chapel Church Rms. 1-7 & Library
<u>Friday</u>	<u>March 13</u>	<u>Location</u>
KoC Fish Fry Stations of the Cross (Bil.) Mass CERS	4:30-7pm 5:15pm 6:00pm 6:45pm	Rm. 5,6,7 Church Church Rm. 5,6,7, Kitchen & Library
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>March 14</u>	<u>Location</u>
Confessions Mass	8:30am 4:00pm	Church Church



Join us for
bilingual
Stations of
the Cross in
the church,
each Friday
of Lent
at 5:15pm.



What We Gave Back to God

March 1st, 2026 Attendance: pending

Needed to meet weekly expenses	\$ 8,000.00
Plate Collection	\$ 10,434.83
Online Giving	\$ 561.19
Building Fund	\$ 478.00

January 2026

Monthly Operating Expense	\$ 54,932.70
Monthly Plate Collection	\$ 58,888.67
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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." (Ex 17:6)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

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. (Rom 5:5)

Gospel:

"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." (Jn 4:13-14)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

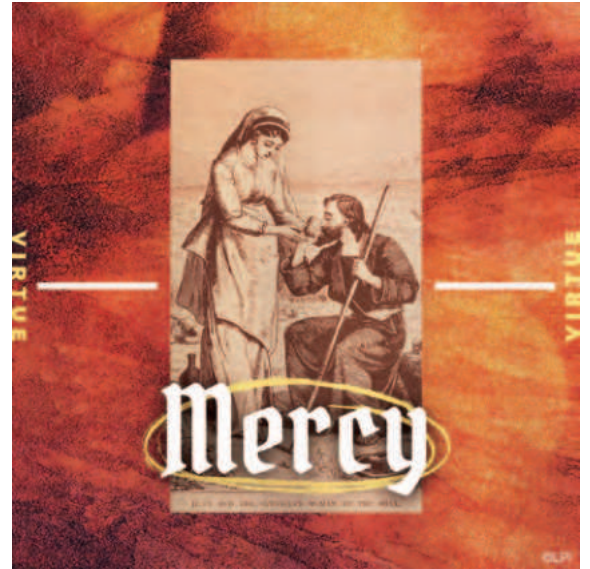
Jesus did not convert the Samaritan woman with miracles. He converted her with presence. He was not afraid of her sins or her failures. He listened to her. He sat with her. Let us learn from this: when we are present to others, we can show them the face of God.

Observances for the week of March 8, 2026

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins

Monday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent



Virtues, Explained!

True virtuous mercy is a choice governed by reason, not merely a feeling. God's mercy to us knows no bounds, but that mercy does not compel Him to grant us everything our appetitive passions desire. Rather, His perfect mercy is directed toward supplying our needs.

Blessing of Living Water

Lord, where there has been dryness in my life, bless me with Your living water!
Where I fear to dream of new hope and growth, bless me with Your living water!
Where I'm thirsty for new and abundant life, bless me with Your living water!
Drench the parched earth with Your promise, bless me with Your living water!
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Before the Incarnation, God looked down from Heaven and said, “You are thirsty. Here is something to drink.” After the Incarnation, God sits down beside us and says, “I’m thirsty. Give me something to drink.”

When God asks for Water

One of my earliest memories is of my mother weeping.

The last few months of her pregnancy with my little brother were tremendously painful for her, and more than once the pain brought her to tears. I have a hazy image of her in my mind, belly swollen with a 12-pound baby lying transverse in the womb, sitting on the edge of her bed, dabbing at her face with toilet paper.

I had brought her the toilet paper. I would do that when I saw her crying, to wipe away her tears. I have a hazy memory of that, too — of the way my heart was wrenched by the sight of her suffering, of my desperation to do something to help, and of my immense satisfaction when she would take the toilet paper, smile and say, “Oh, thank you, sweetheart!” as if I had just airlifted her out of a war zone.

What a powerful gift to give to a child still learning the meaning of compassion and selflessness — the gift of being able to feel that she has, even in some small way, “rescued” a person she worships. Her smile of gratitude lives, immortal, in my mind, along with the swell of satisfaction it produced in the deepest corner of my heart. This was when I learned that it feels good to help people, and this memory is a perpetually replenished well of living water for me. I draw from it daily, three decades later.

This is a gift that Christ gives, over and over again, in the Gospels. He allows us to encounter him tired, afraid, sad and hungry. Omnipotent power subjected to the utter vulnerability of human form.

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— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If we are all meant to be united in Christ, why is there so much division in the Church?

Answer:

Each Sunday, we profess that we believe in “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.” The Church is indeed one because her source is the Trinity, and she is founded by Christ. The Church also exists in the fallen world and is made up of fallen people. Sometimes, there are tensions over what we believe as Catholics. Who is Jesus really? Are we affected by original sin? How do our traditional sexual ethics play out amidst medical and technological developments? Doctrinal disagreements are rarely just about ideas ... they occur within a context.

Tensions are influenced by various social and political factors of the time period. For example, Martin Luther’s attempts at reform gained followers, in part, as a reaction against poor moral practices within the Catholic Church. When the schism between the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church occurred in 1028, tensions between the two culturally different regions had been brewing for centuries.

Division still occurs within the bounds of the Church today. Oftentimes, this is about pastoral or practical matters. These Questions can vary. Should we incorporate Latin back into the liturgy? What is the best way to reach the youth in our parish? These may not be articles of faith, but people have strong opinions about what ought to be done. We can remember the prayer of Christ — “*that all might be one*” — and do what we can to grow in understanding and respectful dialogue.

Parish News and Events



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Fish fry dinner includes cod, fries, coleslaw, and a beverage.

Ticket price is \$15 for adults.
\$5 for children under 10.

Pre-sale tickets are available at each weekend Mass.

Fish Fries will be held on each Friday of Lent (02/20-03/27) from 4:30pm to 7pm at the Parish Center.



Jerry Ambrose Veteran Council (JAVC) Grand Opening

St. Mary's staff had the opportunity to visit our neighbors at the JAVC for the grand opening of their new facility, located directly behind St. Mary's Parish Center. The facility provides multiple services to local veterans, including counseling, transitioning from homelessness, long-term housing, life skills, and transportation.

For more information about the Jerry Ambrose Veteran Council, please visit their website at javc.org.

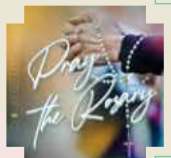


Rosary Group

Wednesdays at 10:00am
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Pro-Life meetings: 2nd Sat. of each month,
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- Apocalipsis 3, 20

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This means committing to spending a scheduled hour each Thursday in prayer and Adoration between the hours of 9am and 5pm. We especially need people to commit to the 11am and 2pm hours.

Also, we need substitutes for those who cannot adore during their scheduled time. Join us in prayer during Thursday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, even if not scheduled.



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Other Services & Support	\$697,619
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Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Education session **has ended**.

Classes are held on Thursdays from 5:30-7:00pm at the St. Mary's Parish Center.

No payments will be accepted at class times. Payments can be made at the Parish Office during business hours, or online at this QR code →



We look forward to a great year with our St. Mary's families!



OCIA Class

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Wednesdays, at 7pm

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CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thursdays: 5:30-7:00pm



Early Childhood (ages 4-6):

No sacramental preparation

Elementary Catechism, Year 1 (ages 7+):

1st Reconciliation (if baptized)

**Unbaptized children complete two years of catechism, with Baptism being received in the second year, along with Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion*

Elementary Catechism, Year 2 (ages 8-12):

1st Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism (if unbaptized)

Catecismo en Español, año 1 (7+ años):

1a Reconciliación (si está bautizado)

**Los niños no bautizados completan dos años de catecismo, recibiendo el bautismo en el segundo año, junto con la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión.*

Catecismo en Español, año 2 (8-12 años):

1a Santa Comunión, Confirmación, Bautismo (si no está bautizado)



BAPTISM INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS



Baptism Information

(children ages 6 and younger)



REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BAPTISM OF YOUR CHILD

To have your child baptized in our parish, a parent of the child to be baptized must come to the Parish Office to obtain an outline describing the required forms.

After submitting these required forms to the office, the parents and godparents will be scheduled to attend a pre-baptism class. Only after all requirements have been met can the baptism of your child be scheduled.

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