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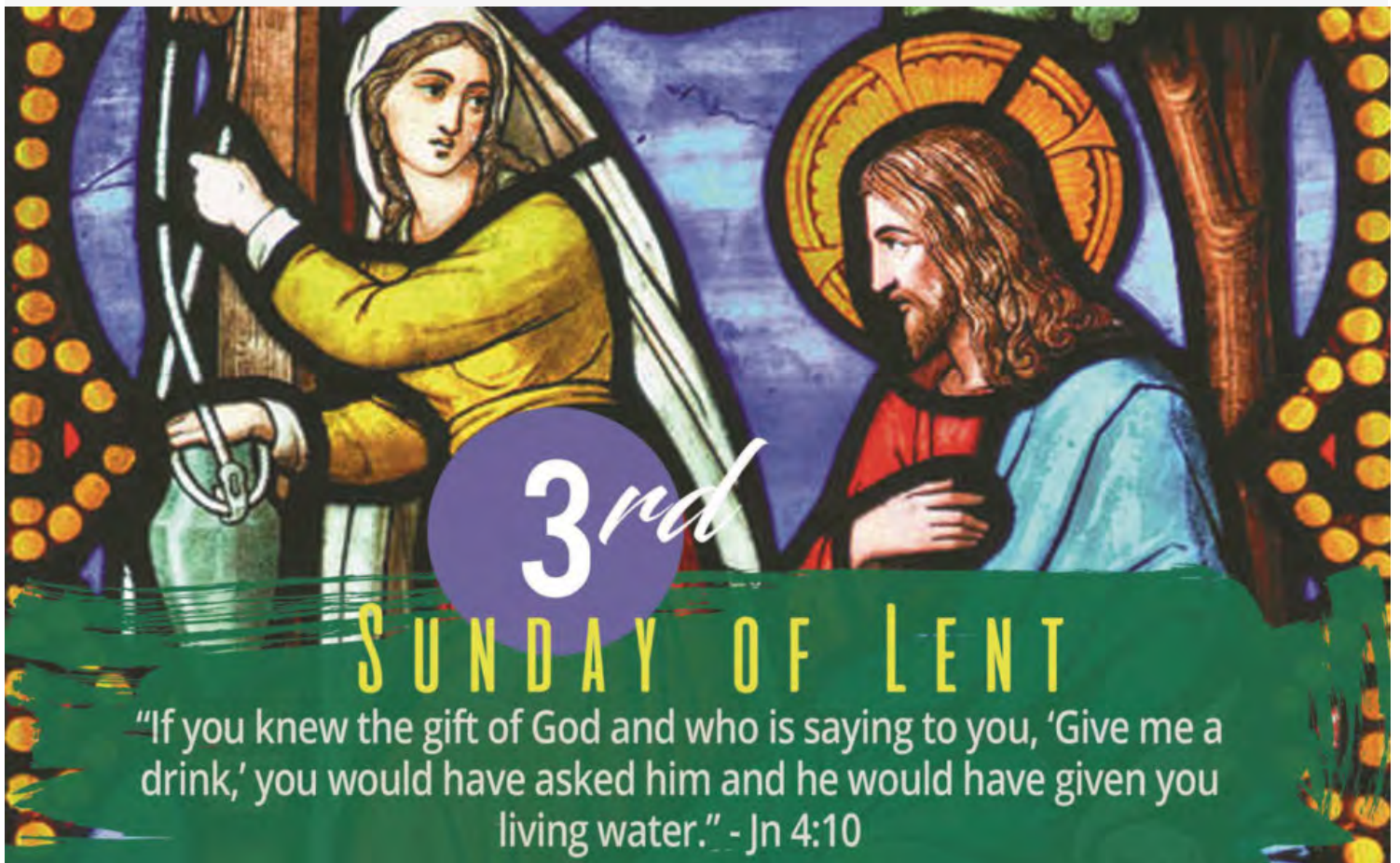
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Eve: 7:30pm (anticipated)

6:30am, 8:30am, and 12:00 noon

SPRING AHEAD 1 HOUR!
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME RETURNS TODAY

March 12, 2023





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Dear Friends,

The sublime—meaning Scripture

Turning first this week to the Lenten Gospels. I have mentioned many times that the Church uses a three-year cycle of readings for the Sunday liturgies. These are generally identified as the year of Matthew (Cycle A), the year of Mark (Cycle B) and the year of Luke (Cycle C). We are in the year of Matthew, Cycle A, and have been reading from Matthew since the end of the Christmas season. The themes of the first two Sundays of Lent, no matter what cycle is read, are always the same, the temptation in the desert, (1st Sunday) and the transfiguration (2nd Sunday) and we read Matthew's recounting of these events on the last two Sundays. Beginning with the third Sunday, today, the readings diverge in their themes. As I mentioned in my homily last weekend, in Cycle A, the themes for all the Sundays of Lent keeping asking the same question—who is this Jesus of Nazareth and what does it mean to believe in him as the Messiah? Cycle A is especially used for the catechumens, those preparing to be baptized, asking them to reflect on this question, who is this Jesus, before they ask to be baptized into his life. On the 1st Sunday of Lent, Satan challenges Jesus, "If you are the Son of God." Last Sunday, God acknowledges Jesus as His Son, "this is My Beloved Son." The next three Sundays will focus on thirst (today), on light (the 4th Sunday) and on life (the 5th Sunday) and they will all come from the Gospel of John.

After acknowledging Jesus as His Son, the injunction from the Voice in the cloud, last Sunday's Gospel, the Gospel of the Transfiguration, was, "Listen to Him." Of course it was addressed to us, as well as the disciples present. And we might respond, "OK, we're listening. To what?"

These weeks before Palm Sunday, Jesus specifically speaks to us about Who He is, and what He can do for us. Today, with the story of the woman at the well, He tells us—I can quench your thirst, Me and **nobody and nothing else**. Thirsting has always been real and symbolic. In reality, we don't get much chance to thirst in body these days, everywhere you look, almost everyone has a bottle of water in their hand. I've never seen so many people sip so much water in so many strange places as in these last years. We certainly don't live in an under-hydrated society. At least, not in the United States.

But not so symbolically. We say we "thirst" for identity, for intimacy, for meaning, for eternity, for wisdom, for freedom. And it seems that as much as we have hydrated our bodies, we have left our spirits parched. The goods of this life will never satisfy us. The TV's will always need to be bigger, the houses more spacious, the cars with more gadgets, the vacations more exotic. Like the woman at the well. Not living in a time when all those modern advances were available, she thirsted for intimacy, meaning, identity in her husbands, seven of them in fact. And I guess she never really found enough of it because when she met this Jesus, she found in **HIM** something she had never found before. And the more she listened to Him, the more His words quenched her heart and her longing and her thirsting was finally satisfied. He tells us Who He is—the living water and what He can do for us—satisfy that thirst that you have that you can never seem to quench.

Next week, He will tell us He can cure blindness, our blindness. But often, Like the Pharisees, we say, “who me, blind? Not me. Aren’t we blind when we drive people out of our lives, sons or daughters, mothers or fathers, sisters or brothers, old friends? And we allow the wounds to fester so much so that if, by chance, we should see them, our blood pressure goes through the roof and we rob ourselves of peace that day, and maybe many days to come? Aren’t we blind when we work so hard, so many long hours in the office, so much time away from home, “for the happiness and security of our families,” that we don’t see the drift in our children’s lives, the roads that open to drugs or alcohol, the boredom and loneliness of our spouse? Did we learn a lesson from the pandemic that nothing can ever replace **presence** in family life? Aren’t we blind when at that job, anything goes, corners get cut, ethics go out the window and cutthroat competition, with competitors and co-workers becomes the rule of the day? The blindness Jesus speaks of, like the thirst He quenches, is not of the body, but of the soul and the spirit. Who is He—He is the cure. What can He do for us—open our eyes to see the really important things in life, before it’s too late.

So, in these two Sundays, Jesus gives us the answers to the questions that we only sometimes have the guts to face, about life and about ourselves. But, hey, can I give you a clue. Don’t expect to be hit by lightening. Clarity, belief and discipleship, for both the woman at the well and the blind man came slowly and not without effort. They needed to take that first step. And so do you and me. That’s what Lent is all about. That’s why we’re reading about them in these weeks.

These Gospels for these two Sundays are long, containing many symbols. But most of all they challenge us to look deeply into the well of our own souls to discover whether Jesus is the one who is truly giving us the answers to our lives and whether or not His light helps us to see those answers clearly. Take the time in these two weeks to really accept His challenge.

Now—the mundane, the Annual Appeal.

If you are still thinking about a gift to the Annual Appeal, I invite you to do two things. First, look over the materials that you received in the mail in January. They explain the various needs of passing on the Faith that the Appeal helps to fund. If you can’t find those materials, there are some in the bookracks at the side doors of the church, as well as pledge envelopes. Secondly, go to the homepage of the website a click on my video. Within that video you will find a video of the Cardinal’s message about the campaign as well as a message from me about one of the major works of the Church, Catholic Charities, which receives a substantial part of the funds raised by the Appeal, especially to support its homeless shelter programs which constitute Catholic Charities largest deficit program. Catholic Charities provides almost 500 beds for the homeless, one of the largest, if not the largest, provider in the State of New Jersey. And in the video I talk about the opening of a brand new shelter in Jersey City which I think you will find not only interesting but a compelling reason to support the **Appeal**. Since I spoke of the new shelter I want to bring everyone up-to-date on its construction. The shelter finally has full, permanent power, which had been held up for months by supply chain delays. The contractors are now finishing the punch list. When that’s complete, the building hopefully will get its CO (certificate of occupancy) after which it needs to pass certification from the State. It looks like we’re looking at

a May dedication and opening. When that happens I will be sure to provide pictures for this bulletin.

After reviewing all this information, I hope you will find it a good cause to support and make a pledge, especially those households which have never supported the **Appeal** in the past. Please join the 213 parish households who have already supported the **Appeal**. Last year, 482 households joined together in their support, this year we hope we can get that number to 600. Do you think we can do that? With your help, we can. The easiest way to make a pledge is to go back to the homepage of the website and you will find the link to the **Appeal** at the top left hand side of the page. Click on that and it will take you through the process. Be sure to identify Our Lady of Mount Carmel—Ridgewood as your parish so we get “credit” for your gift.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more. True satisfaction only comes when we follow Jesus and when we participate in the building of His Kingdom. The Christian Steward keeps this perspective of offering gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** to build that kingdom.

The parish Stewardship of Treasure in the in-pew collection last week was \$15,153. God bless all who are generous in support of the work of the Kingdom.

the 2023 Annual Appeal

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Make sure to select **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel—Ridgewood**
From the drop-down menu

Checks (payable: 2023 Annual Appeal) may also be placed
in the collection basket, the boxes at the doors of the
church, or mailed/dropped off at the rectory.

FR. ENGLISH PANTRY—FROZEN TRAY MINISTRY

FOIL PAN/RECIPE PICKUP THIS WEEKEND
FROZEN CASSEROLE DROP OFF: SATURDAY, MAR. 18

Please help us provide frozen casseroles to the Fr. English Food Pantry. Foil pans and recipe options will be available after all masses. **FROZEN** casseroles can be dropped off during our monthly food drive next **Saturday, March 18, 9AM-12NN**. Your generous response will make it possible for a family to sit around the dinner table and enjoy a prepared meal.

Questions? Call/Text—201.615.9624

Third Sunday of Lent



Religious Education March Theme: Sacraments

Children in Grades 3-8 will attend Reconciliation this month. The registration links will be sent out to all families in the Religious Education and Jr. High programs. Available dates are as follows:

ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Monday, March 20: 4PM-5PM; 7PM-8PM
Wednesday, March 22: 4PM-5PM; 7PM-8PM

JESUS AND ME STORY TIME
SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH | 10:30AM-11:30AM
PARISH CENTER MEETING ROOM

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts or Uncles!

Bring your little one(s)—age 2-1/2-5 years—and join us for an engaging preschool class filled with Bible stories, music and crafts.

Contact Adriana DeCandia for more information:
thedomesticchurch61@gmail.com



NEXT WEEKEND
SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH
9:00AM—12:00 NOON

DRIVE THRU SCHOOL BLDG DRIVEWAY

FR. ENGLISH

Anything high in protein!! Bagged or Canned Beans (Black & Kidney are popular), Chick Peas, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Nuts, Canned Meats (Chicken, Spam, Hams), Tuna, Pop Tarts, Complete Pancake Mix, Syrup, Coffee, Tea Bags, Ritz or Saltine Style Crackers, Raisins, Pasta (Canned & Regular), Pasta, Sauce, Shelf Stable Milk, Canned Veggies, Oatmeal, Cereal, Hot Chocolate Packets, Granola Bars, Jiffy or Similar Muffin Mix

SOCIAL SERVICES

Complete Pancake Mix, Syrup, Cereal, Oatmeal, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Hearty Soups, Canned Tuna/Chicken/Ham, Rice, Hot Chocolate Mix, Canned Veggies, Shelf Stable Milk, Cleaning Products, Laundry Detergent

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Depends for Women any size, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Canned Chick Peas, Tuna, Canned Chicken, Green Tea, Shelf Stable Milk, Anything Sugar Free (pudding, Jello, pancake syrup, candy), Sponges, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Salad Dressings, Mayonnaise, Lentils, Bagged Beans, Sugar Free/Reduced Sugar Instant Oatmeal, Cheerios in yellow box

Questions? Email Glen, gmccall@olmcridgewood.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:
Aedan Cannon, Matthew Casale, Edgar Delgado,
James Nardelli, Robert Smith

Knights of Columbus Council 1736

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION
MASS & RECEPTION
FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023—8:30AM



All are welcome to join us at the 8:30AM Mass and for a continental breakfast featuring Irish Soda Bread immediately following the Mass in the Parish Center.



ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION
DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 25th
SCHOOL GYM—7:00PM-11:15PM

Celebrate the life of Saint Patrick at the Annual K of C Dinner Dance. Gather with family and friends and enjoy an all you can eat buffet including:

Corned Beef & Cabbage, Chicken Scarpariello, Eggplant Rollatini, Salads, Desserts, plus beer & wine!

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For questions or more information, contact Jeff Voigt
meddevconsultant@aol.com or 201.790.1521

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

In the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** journey of faith is the **Scrutinies**. These are RCIA steps after the **Rite of Election** intended to scrutinize the elect's heart and mind to develop and deepen a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. At each **Scrutiny** (celebrated on the third, fourth and fifth Sunday of Lent), the elect is invited and challenged to express publicly and privately where he or she is in her journey of faith to become a Catholic.

The **First Scrutiny** is this weekend at the **9:30AM Mass**. The reading, from the Gospel of John, is about Jesus encountering the Samaritan woman at the well.

Stella Song is the elect who will participate in these **Scrutinies** to help prepare her spiritual journey to receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist in the Easter Vigil. The OLMC parish community is invited to pray for her.



A Recurring Online Gift to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is the best way to sustain the mission of this parish all year long.

Look for the **WeShare** link on our homepage
or call 877.316.0260

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)
CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



Our first Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Communion Breakfast was holy, beautiful and well attended. About 200 were at the Mass and 100 people joined at Season's Catering in Washington Twp. for a sumptuous breakfast and fellowship—scheduled Adorers, Substitutes, family and friends! If you missed it, plan to come next year

Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Better yet, sign up for a scheduled hour once a week, every week to help keep the door open to anyone seeking peace, to anyone seeking God.

Contact Cynthia Torres, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com



A Way of the Cross for Mothers

**Monday, March 27th – 7:00PM
Parish Center**

**The Ministry of Motherhood
“Treasuring Christ When Your Hands Are Full”
Invites you to**

A MOMs Evening Gathering

Led by Jenny Hogan and Deirdre Costello

“Lord Jesus, I go from place to place. I rush from here to there. Today, let me go with you. Let me be a part of your journey, so that I may start to understand your great love for me and reflect that love to those around me.”

Join us for this very special Stations of the Cross experience, that was written by J. Katherine Reilly, specifically for mothers. Spend the evening with MOMs.

Bring a friend!

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RSVP greatly appreciated! Scan this QR Code. This will allow us to have enough handouts and properly provide for babysitting.

Visit us at www.olmcmoms.com

LADIES NIGHT OUT—RESERVE NOW!

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023—6:30PM

BIAGIOS, PARAMUS

Join us for Ladies Night Out—a dinner and fundraising event to benefit Academy of Our Lady Tuition Assistance Program. The evening includes basket raffles, 50/50, auction items and more. Your ticket includes beer, wine, dinner and music! For reservations or to offer donations, contact:

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Mar. 12	12:00NN CYO Basketball (Gym) 1:30PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (PCB) 1:30PM RCIA (MR) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PC)
Mon. Mar. 13	5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
Tues. Mar. 14	3:45PM Jr. High 8A (PC) 4:00PM Religious Ed Grades 1-6 (Gym) 5:00PM Children's Choir (Church) 6:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Adult Choir (Church) 7:15PM WCST Team 22 (MR) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Mar. 15	9:00AM MOMs Leadership (Library) 12:45PM WCST Knitting Group (Library) 3:45PM Jr. High 8B (PC) 6:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Mar. 16	5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:30PM Pray the Rosary (Chapel) 8:00PM Marriage Enrich/Prep (NCW)
Fri. Mar. 17	9:00AM K of C St. Patrick Reception (PC) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
Sat. Mar. 18	7:30AM Men's Cornerstone (MR) 9:00AM CYO, AoOL Girls, Men's Bball (Gym) 10:30AM Jesus & Me Story Time (MR) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

**Join us for Morning Prayer
Monday-Friday—6:00AM
Lower Level of the School Bldg**

**Stations of the Cross
Prayed Every Friday during Lent
Immediately Following the 12:00NN Mass.**



**The Community Thrift Shop—Midland Park
TURN AROUND SALE WEEK IS COMING!**

Tuesday/Wednesday, March 28 & 29: 1/2 Price Storewide
Thursday, March 30: Brown Bag Sale
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Reynaldo Caling, Art Carpenter, Peter Colgan, Maria de la Rosa, Kay & Bill Forster, Joan D'Gerolamo, Agnes Duffy, Kitty Gill, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Anna Lobascio, Dennis Maloney, Juan Martinez, Cambell McArthur, Gemma Miller, Mark Mongon, Pat Mullen, Bea O'Rourke, Joseph Pasculli, Margaret Peak, Cathy Ricciuto, Gerard Rolling, Michael Runz, Donald Schwenker, Barbara Sidote, Don Strittmatter, Larry Switaj, Dennis Tomala, Walter John Zelop, Jr.

Parishioners may call the Rectory with the name of a family member who is sick to have them included in our prayers.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Mar. 13

- + 6:30AM **Roman Wengler**
req Peter & Carol Thomas
- + 8:30AM **Jean Murphy**
req Mindy & John Gilsenan
- +12:00NN **Al Lalonde**
req OLMC Finance Council

Tuesday, Mar. 14

- + 6:30AM **Patricia K. King**
req The Kranenburg Family
- + 8:30AM **Kathleen Sullivan**
req Monica & Ed McCabe
- +12:00NN **Joseph Micchelli**
req Ann Carol Orlando

Wednesday, Mar. 15

- + 6:30AM **Paulette Ciganek**
req The Reid Family
- + 8:30AM **Margaret & Stan Gordon**
req Patricia & David Hughes
- +12:00NN **Angela Mayo**
req Jose & Adela Vazquez

Thursday, Mar. 16

- + 6:30AM **Maria Gozdz**
req Lucy Rieger
- + 8:30AM **John Archer**
req The Bolduc Family
- +12:00NN **Patricia Engel**
req Her Husband & Children

Friday, Mar. 17 *Saint Patrick, Bishop*

- + 6:30AM **Joseph Messineo**
req His Family
- + 8:30AM **Dec'd Members
of the Knights of Columbus**
req K of C Council #1736
- +12:00NN **Danny McGinley**
req His Family

Saturday, Mar. 18 *Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

- + 8:30AM **Joseph A. Sidote, Jr.**
req Barbara & Joanne Sidote
- + 5:30PM **Elizabeth Lodewick**
req The Lodewick Family

Sunday, Mar. 19 *Third Sunday of Lent*

- + 8:00AM **Dorothy G. Oswald**
req Kathy Guay
- 9:30AM **For the People of the Parish**
- +11:00AM **Mary & John Daley**
req Anne & George Skau
- 12:30PM **Special Intention
of Theresann Yashian**
req Paula Nicklaus
- 3:00PM **In Thanksgiving
to the Blessed Virgin Mary**
req Rubi Fernandez
- 6:30PM **In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph**
req Patricia & Richard Engel

1. Exodus 17:3-7

Twice before in the three months since being freed from slavery, the Israelite community grumbles against their Liberator and both times their grumbling brings an answer. Even this does not convince them that their God is trustworthy. Exhibiting their spiritual weakness, they complain again, this time about their thirst. Even Moses complains, fearing harm from the people. Ever-patient, God reassures Moses He is present and He will provide.

2. Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Those who are justified by faith have peace with God because they depend totally on the saving work of Jesus. This faith, then, leads to hope, the conviction that God will never abandon them in this life or the next. Faith and hope, together, enable the believer to be open to the love of God the Father poured into their hearts by the Holy Spirit. That love has been demonstrated already by Christ who died for us even though our sins prove us undeserving.

3. John 4:5-42

Switching from Matthew to John, the Church offers deep reflections on the identity of Jesus. In the next three weeks of Lent. In today's excerpt, that identity is manifest in the conversation between Jesus and the woman. Social taboos aside, Jesus invites her into a relationship that will transcend all former approaches to God, a God Who knows her intimately, and invites her, with all her sinfulness, to drink of the waters of eternal life. The woman goes away a changed person. Thus transformed, she cannot help but share the news with her compatriots who come to seek Jesus themselves. The woman, in John, becomes a model for who and what a disciple is.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Have you ever felt Christ calling you to new life?
2. Questioning and misunderstanding. Questioning and misunderstanding. This is how the Samaritan woman came to discover Who Jesus really is? Have you experienced this faith-dance in your own life?
3. Coming to faith, she testified to her neighbors about Jesus. Do you ever witness to Jesus in your life?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat. 3/18	5:30PM	Fr. Frank
Sun. 3/19	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
	9:30AM	Fr. Anthony
	11:00AM	Fr. Ron
	12:30PM	Msgr. Sheeran
	3:00PM	Fr. Anthony
	6:30PM	Fr. Frank

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