

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY MARCH 11
4:00 PM JEAN DOWNING

HEALTH & HEALING SUNDAY
MARCH 12
8:30 AM OPENING

11:00 AM OPENING

TUESDAY MARCH 14
8:00 AM OPENING

WEDNESDAY MARCH 15
8:00 AM OPENING

THURSDAY MARCH 16
8:00 AM OPENING

FRIDAY MARCH 17
8:00 AM OPENING

SATURDAY MARCH 18
4:00 PM OPENING

SUNDAY MARCH 19
8:30 AM OPENING

11:00 AM OPENING

Eastern Shore Medical Weight Loss

251-625-4030

Physician Supervised FDA Approved Prescription Weight Loss

Collection details:

3/5/2023—\$ \$ 13,028
Parish Project—\$ 2000
AC—\$ 1420

March 19 Catholic Relief Service



KNIGHTS OF COLUBUS AND LADIES AUXILIARY #8740



In the beginning was the word...

Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall
Tuesday at 6PM

Bulkheads • Boathouses • Dredging • Boatlifts



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Lawn Party on 23 April 2023 after 11:00 am Mass till 3:00pm

We need water and soft drinks for Lawn Party so please help us with your helping hands

The wish list & your letter, flyer, sponsorship form and tickets for Lawn party is at the entrance of the Church, please take and help our Lawn party.

Holy Week Schedule

2 April 2023 Palm Sunday

6 April 2023 Holy Thursday @ 5:30 pm Mass (no morning mass)

7 April 2023 Good Friday @ 3:30pm Stations of the Cross

& 4:00pm Veneration of the Holy Cross (The Passion of the Lord)

8 April 2023 Easter Vigil @ 5:30pm

9 April 2023 Easter Sunday @ 9:30 am Mass (only one mass)

WEEKLY

READINGS

Sunday 12 Ex 17:3-7
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42
Third Sunday of Lent

Monday 13 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab
Lk 4:24-30
Monday of the Third Week of Lent

Tuesday 14 Dn 3:25, 34-43
Mt 18:21-35
Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent

Wednesday 15 Dt 4:1, 5-9
Mt 5:17-19
Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent

Thursday 16 Jer 7:23-28
Lk 11:14-23
Thursday of the Third Week of Lent

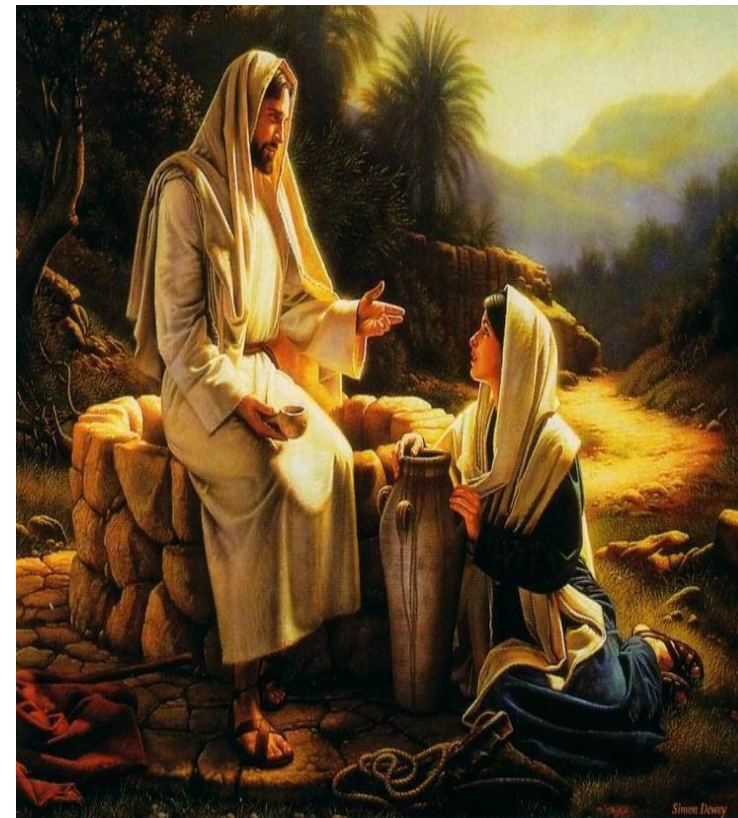
Friday 17 Hos 14:2-10
Mk 12:28-34
Friday of the Third Week of Lent

Saturday 18 Hos 6:1-6
Lk 18:9-14
Saturday of the Third Week of Lent



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
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Monday : Office Closed Tuesday—
Friday : 9AM to 1PM SATURDAY &
SUNDAY : OFFICE CLOSED

March 12 2023
Third Sunday of Lent

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND MASS SCHEDULES

SATURDAY 3:15PM
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSION
3:30 PM – HOLY ROSARY
4:00 PM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY
8:00 AM – EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
8:30AM- HOLY MASS
10:30 AM – EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
11:00AM- HOLY MASS

REGULAR WEEKDAYS
MONDAY- COMMUNION
SERVICE TUESDAY– FRIDAY
8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3/17/2023 @ 5:00pm the Stations of the Cross & 5:30pm St. Patrick Day Dinner. The meal is free and thanks to knights & ladies Auxiliaries for cooking and serving food for Parishioners

3/19/2023 @ 8:30 am Mass & 11:00am Mass we will have Lenten Mission preaching by Fr. Victor Ingalls After every Sunday Mass, we have 4 or 5 priests for hearing Lenten Confessions so please make use of the Opportunity.

3/17/2023 Stations of the Cross will be conducted by 1621 club members, Altar Rosary Society, Bereavement committee, liturgy committee & Daughters of Mary

We need 12 men for washing of the feet and to represent 12 apostles on Holy Thursday so if you like to be one please Contact

Mrs. Sallie Washington 251-471-5096

**ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI
OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON FRATERNITY
AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP**

50. Together, we can seek the truth in dialogue, in relaxed conversation or in passionate debate. To do so calls for perseverance; it entails moments of silence and suffering, yet it can patiently embrace the broader experience of individuals and peoples. The flood of information at our fingertips does not make for greater wisdom. Wisdom is not

born of quick searches on the internet nor is it a mass of unverified data. That is not the way to mature in the encounter with truth. Conversations revolve only around the latest data; they become merely horizontal and cumulative. We fail to keep our attention focused, to penetrate to the

heart of matters, and to recognize what is essential to give meaning to our lives. Freedom thus becomes an illusion that we are peddled, easily confused with the ability to navigate the internet. The process of building fraternity, be it local or universal, can only be undertaken by spirits that are free and open to authentic encounters.
Foot Note : Address to Authorities, Civil Society and the Diplomatic Corps, Tallinn, Estonia (25 September 2018): L'Osservatore Romano, 27 September 2018, p. 7.

FORMS OF SUBJECTION AND OF SELF-CONTEMPT

51. Certain economically prosperous countries tend to be proposed as cultural models for less developed countries; instead, each of those countries should be helped to grow in its own distinct way and to develop its capacity for innovation while respecting the values of its proper culture. A shallow and pathetic desire to imitate others leads to copying and consuming in place of creating, and fosters low national self-esteem. In the affluent sectors of many poor countries, and at times in those who have recently emerged from poverty, there is a resistance to native ways of thinking and acting, and a tendency to look down on one's own cultural identity, as if it were the sole cause of

Foot Note : Cf. Extraordinary Moment of Prayer in Time of Epidemic (27 March 2020): L'Osservatore Romano, 29 March 2020, p. 10; Message for the 2020 World Day of the Poor (13 June 2020), 6: L'Osservatore Romano, 14 June 2020, p. 8.

52. Destroying self-esteem is an easy way to dominate others. Behind these trends that tend to level our world, there flourish powerful interests that take advantage of such low self-esteem, while attempting, through the media and networks, to create a new culture in the service of the elite. This plays into the opportunism of financial speculators and raiders, and the poor always end up the losers. Then too, ignoring the culture of their people has led to the inability of many political leaders to devise an effective

development plan that could be freely accepted and sustained over time.

Foot Note : Greeting to Young People at the Padre Félix Varela Cultural Centre, Havana, Cuba (20 September 2015): L'Osservatore Romano, 21-22 September 2015, p. 6.

53. We forget that "there is no worse form of alienation than to feel uprooted, belonging to no one. A land will be fruitful, and its people bear fruit and give birth to the future, only to the extent that it can foster a sense of belonging among its members, create bonds of integration between generations and different communities, and avoid all that makes us insensitive to others and leads to further alienation".[50]

**Foot Note : SECOND VATICAN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World Gaudium et Spes, 1.
TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK**

**Our Lady of Lourdes
Casino Bus Trip fund raiser
Stay Tuned for more details**



DIP FOOD PANTRY

The DIP Ministerial Association sponsors a food pantry for those in need. The food distribution takes place on the first Saturday of the month from 9AM to 11AM at Parkway Southern Baptist (corner of Staples Road). All in need are welcome.

The ministry also welcomes all non-perishable donations. Especially;

14oz canned vegetables; green beans, sweet peas, corn, carrots, 1lb bag of Rice, dried beans or peas, 1 box of spaghetti and 24 oz can of spaghetti sauce, Box of Mac and Cheese, 18oz jar of peanut butter
Anyone interested in assisting with this outreach contact Deacon John Archer 925-548-5388
Ms. Angela Mooring 251-680-6925 & Ms. Rita Taylor 251-605-8675

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit- Amen

Rev. Prabhu Arockiasamy

PRAYER LIST

Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Roy Williams, Logan Bowers, Jerry Boyes, Patrick Webb Brownlie-Carey, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Anita Cowart, Anne Davidson, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, Dodie Dumas, Louise Frontz, Janet Gafford, Tony Golemon, Mary Ann Keith, Dennis Keith, Liz Kilborn, Edward Kimbrough, Debora Klaus, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Margie Lord, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Craig Miley, Archie Moore, Elaine Moore, Wally Neese, Kenny Nixon, Tiffany Neese, Darlene O'Rourke, James M. O'Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Scott Peck, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Mandy Spotswood, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Barbara Thomas, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas, Melanie Wacker, Albert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Lou Watt, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Bobby Zarate, Diane Little, Joyce Ladnier, Roy Still, William Patrick A, Fred L. Lorge, Joan A. Lorge, Barbara Smith, Frank Seltzer, Dennis Cottrell, Pete, Sam Barksdale, Joey Murphy, Chuck Simmons, Damian Turk, John O'Conner, Fr. Francis J. Sofie Jr, Megan, Stephen Wiese, Matthew wiese, Raymond Floyes, Kay K Shaw, Lloyd J. Thompson, Ruby P Thompson, George E. Merren, Jr, Flora Decker, Mary Ann Fletchery, Pat McKeough, Mathew Wilson, Eddie Booth Jr, Helen Bender, Paige Ellis, Eunice Miles, Gloria Leslie, Diana Holifield, Bea Burton, Janet & John Frazier, Henry Hoven, Mark Westbrook, Ronnie Hudson, Jewanda Taylor Jowe, Nicholas Balch, Jean Stanley, Colleen O'Rourke, Perry Hockaday, David Curtis, Kristi D Young, Beth Kenny

MASS OPENINGS

21 March 2022—Opening
23 March 2022—Opening
28 March 2022—Opening
29 March 2022—Opening
30 March 2022—Opening
31 March 2022—Opening
1 April 2022—Opening
2 April 2022—Opening
4 April 2022—Opening
5 April 2022—Opening
6 April 2022—Opening