



## **CATHEDRAL-BASILICA of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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Saturday Morning Mass	8:00 A.M.
Saturday—Vigil Mass:	4:30 P.M.
Sunday:	8:00 A.M.
	10:30 A.M.
Weekday:	12:10 P.M.
Holy Days, Vigil Mass:	5:30 P.M.
Feast:	12:10 P.M.
Masses on Holidays:	9:00 A.M.

### **CONFESSIONS:**

Daily:	11:45 A.M.—12:05 P.M.
Saturday:	3:30 – 4:15 P.M.
	Anytime on request.

Prayer Request Line: 434-8291

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# Sunday, March 15, 2020

## Third Sunday of Lent

### THIRST

Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

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

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

### *Generations of Faith Campaign*

Parish Campaign Goal                      \$ 245,000

Pledges Received as of March 8        \$ 254,197

Thanks to all  
supporting our seminarians,  
retired priests, youth ministry  
and Cathedral Parish

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Week beginning Sunday, March 15, 2020

Saturday March 14	4:30 PM Vigil	Dcn. John Cretaro
Sunday March 15	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	McGill Family Parishioners
Monday March 16	12:10 PM	Margaret Deano Hale
Tuesday March 17	12:10 PM	Dcn. John Cretaro
Wednesday March 18	12:10PM	Charles & Dorothy Morel
Thursday March 19	12:10PM	Maria Anna Cao Su
Friday March 20	12:10 PM	Ken Reiling
Saturday March 21	8:00 AM 4:30 PM Vigil	McGill Family Cretaro Family



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### *Tithes and Donations*

Collections March 8, 2020                      \$ 4,431.90

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

# Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Announcements

## Upcoming Masses & Special Collections

March 22 - Catholic Relief Services Collection  
March 29 - Easter Flowers Collection

## Third Sunday of Lent March 15, 2020

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.  
— Romans 5:8

## Cathedral Parish News

### Fellowship Fridays During Lent

Stations are celebrated in the Cathedral on Fridays at 5:15 PM. Come afterwards to the Portier House for a free meatless meal, conversation and fellowship.

### Lenten Series

"Lent: The Road to Redemption", a video series by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, will be held at the Portier House Mondays during Lent from 5:30 to 7 PM.

### Holy Week and Easter Choir

Volunteers are welcome to join the Cathedral Choir for Holy Week and Easter. Practices for Holy Week and Easter music will be held on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 PM in the Portier House beginning March 18

### Young Adult Bible Study

Young Adults Bible Study will be held on March 26th at 6 PM in the Portier House. The discussion this month will be on the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 2.

### Contribution Envelopes

Contribution envelopes have been moved to the Parish office in the Portier House. You may pick up any remaining envelopes weekdays from 10 AM to 2 PM.

### Living Stations of the Cross

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will sponsor the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 10th at 10 AM beginning in Spanish Plaza. Young people will portray and read the Stations of the Cross in Spanish Plaza, Bienville Square, and Cathedral Square, before ending in the Cathedral. All are welcome.

### Parish Meetings

**The Cathedral Altar Society** meets the **third Thursday of each month** at 6 PM in the Portier House.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** meets on the **first and third Tuesday** of each month at 6 PM at the Portier House. Call 251-447-3504 or email [cath.svdpmobile@gmail.com](mailto:cath.svdpmobile@gmail.com).

**RCIA Classes** are held each Tuesday at 6 PM in the Cathedral Office at the Portier House.

**Choir practice** is held each Wednesday beginning at 7 PM in the Portier House. New members are welcome. Contact Mr. LeeArron Klosterman: 251-434-1573.

**The Prayer Network** request line is 251-434-8291 and leave your prayer request. It will be forwarded to the Prayer Network.

### Holy Week Liturgy Schedule (April 5-12)

Palm Sunday: Saturday Evening 4:30PM.(Sunday Vigil)  
Sunday Masses at 8:00AM 10:30AM.

Monday: 12:10 p.m. Daily Mass

Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. Mass of Holy Chrism

Wednesday: 12:10 p.m. Daily Mass

Holy Thursday: 5:15 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Adoration until 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday: 2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross -  
Cathedral Square  
3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
Special Collection for the Holy Land  
Confessions after the Liturgy

Holy Saturday: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions  
8:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday: Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

## SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY March 19

Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: "With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus" (Preface of Saint Joseph, Sacramentary). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive "Saint Joseph's Table," welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as Patron of a Happy Death. Descended from David's house, which God finished "building" through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature's rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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