

Third Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2017

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7; Responsorial Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2,5-8; Gospel: John 4:5-42

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



We are told that after her encounter with Jesus, the Samaritan woman left everything—including her water jar—and went into the town to share her experience: *"Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?"* May our Lenten experience enable us to encounter Jesus with the Samaritan woman's hope and joy so that we, too, might become intensely engaged and actively involved in conversation and service with Our Lord. He also knows us intimately and wants more than anything to quench our thirst: *"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/her a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

May our Lenten desert journey with Jesus lead us anew to the waters of baptism and the renewal of our Baptismal Promises. And may our hearts be filled with faith and joy as we proclaim with the crowd: *"We know that this is truly the savior of the world."*

Lenten Dinners

Our next Lenten Dinner will take place this Friday, March 24, following our 5 pm Way of the Cross, at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$15 per person. Children's tickets are \$5. The main course this week will be Baked Calamari Steaks and Rotini with Trapanes Sicilian style. Ticket sales begin at 4 pm.

#Mercy2Earth

"May the works of mercy also

include care for our common home." — Pope Francis

Please visit our parish website for a link to the #Mercy2Earth project and the letter from Pope Francis, "Show Mercy to our Common Home".

Lenten Blessing Bags

Our Confirmation Candidates are asking our help with their Lenten Service Project—Blessing Bags for the homeless. The bags will be filled with items that we can hand out to those in need. Items might include: toothbrushes, toiletries, first aid kits, socks, small bottles of water, beef jerky, granola bars, etc.

2017 Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) Update

Our Diocesan AMA Appeal *"One Faith, One Family"* continues this weekend. We are very grateful for all of you who have returned your envelopes with a commitment. Presently, our commitments total is **\$36,007**. As this is more than our obligation to our Diocesan Ministries, all donations now remain at OLMC.

Our participation level stands at 84 individuals and families, or 49% of our goal.

Please Pray for Our Elect

Mayela Reyes and **Marcos Resendiz-Nieto** will be sharing in the Sacraments of Baptism and First Communion during our very special Easter Vigil celebration on Saturday, April 15th. Please remember them in your prayers.

Lenten Reconciliation Service with Confessions

Along with our Confessions on Wednesdays, from 4:00-5:00 pm, and Saturdays, from 3:30-4:00 pm, we will have a special Lenten Penance Service on **Wednesday, March 29, at 7:00 pm.**

Choir Singers Needed

Our OLMC choir needs a few more volunteers. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30, and sings at the 11:15 mass on Sundays, as well as special liturgies throughout the Church Year, such as Holydays and the Holy Week masses. There is no audition, and you need not be able to read music. Please call Director of Music Louis Lebherz at (831) 392-5315 for more information.

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If you are on Facebook, please "Like" our Parish Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/ourladycarmelvalley/

We are revamping the page and plan to use it as a source of communication for sharing events here at OLMC. If you have photos of the Church, events, and parishioners you would like to share please post them to the page or email them to: janet.reilly@sothebyshomes.com. Thank you!

Confirmation Schedule

March 4—Class

March 11—Class

March 25—All day MANDATORY retreat

April 1—Seder Class (Students begin after Mass, parents are invited to the dinner at 6:30 pm)

April 26, 6:00 pm—Rehearsal

April 27, 7:00 pm—Confirmation Mass

Altar Servers Needed

Children, youth, and young adults are invited to serve as Altar Servers or Acolytes for our Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please leave a message in the parish office Fr. Father Dennis if you would like to serve. Thank you.

2nd Collection This Sunday—March 19, 2017

Second Collection to support the Hope's Pantry and Social Outreach ministry of the Parish.

Offertory Report 3/12/2017

Plate collection: \$2,554; Building Fund: \$1,020; Hope's Pantry \$35; other: \$276; total deposit: \$3,885. Thank you!

Mass Intentions March 18-24, 2017



Sat., 4:30 pm +Marian Dougherty
Sun., 9:00 am +Annie Garnero
Sun., 11:15 am +Joe Ortman
+Lorena Merino
Healing of Doris Desmond
Sun., 5:00 pm Los jóvenes de la comunidad
Wed., 7:00 am +Edith Davis
Thurs., 7:00 am +Edith Davis
+Arthur Taylor, Sr.
Fri., 7:00 am +Arthur Taylor, Sr.

NOTICIAS ESPECIALES

Misa en Español - Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

Confesiones - El Servicio Cuaresmal con Confesiones el Miér. 29 de Marzo, y cada miércoles de 4 a 5pm, cada sáb. de 3:30-4:00pm.

Vía Crucis - Cada viernes de la Cuaresma a las 5:00 de la tarde. ¡Acompáñenos!

Santísimo Sacramento - Expuesto en la Iglesia cada jueves de 7:30 am hasta 5:30 pm

2017 Campaña Anual de Ministerios (AMA) - Nuestra Campaña Diocesana continua esta semana. Estamos muy agradecidos a todos ustedes que han regresado sus sobres con un compromiso. Actualmente, el total de nuestros compromisos es **\$36,007**. La Campaña ayuda a los muchos ministerios y servicios Diocesanos. Sobres de Compromiso están en las bancas.

Registración Parroquial - Favor de usar la forma de registración en la primera pagina del boletín para inscribirse en el registro parroquial y déjalo en la canasta, por favor. Gracias.

Youth Corner



Our Gospel story begins when Jesus asks the Samaritan woman for a drink. It's a small detail, but an important one. As we move toward Holy Week, we might recall that while hanging on the Cross, Jesus will say: "I thirst." What is Jesus so thirsty for? In short, Jesus is thirsting for you and for me; he is thirsty for our love! This Lent, Jesus invites each of us to come to know Him more deeply and to drink from the wellspring of His love. How will you respond?