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Masses

Saturday

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday

7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Weekday

M—F 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days

Mass times as announced

Reconciliation

Saturday
4:00 pm—4:45 pm

MARCH 12, 2023 — THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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).

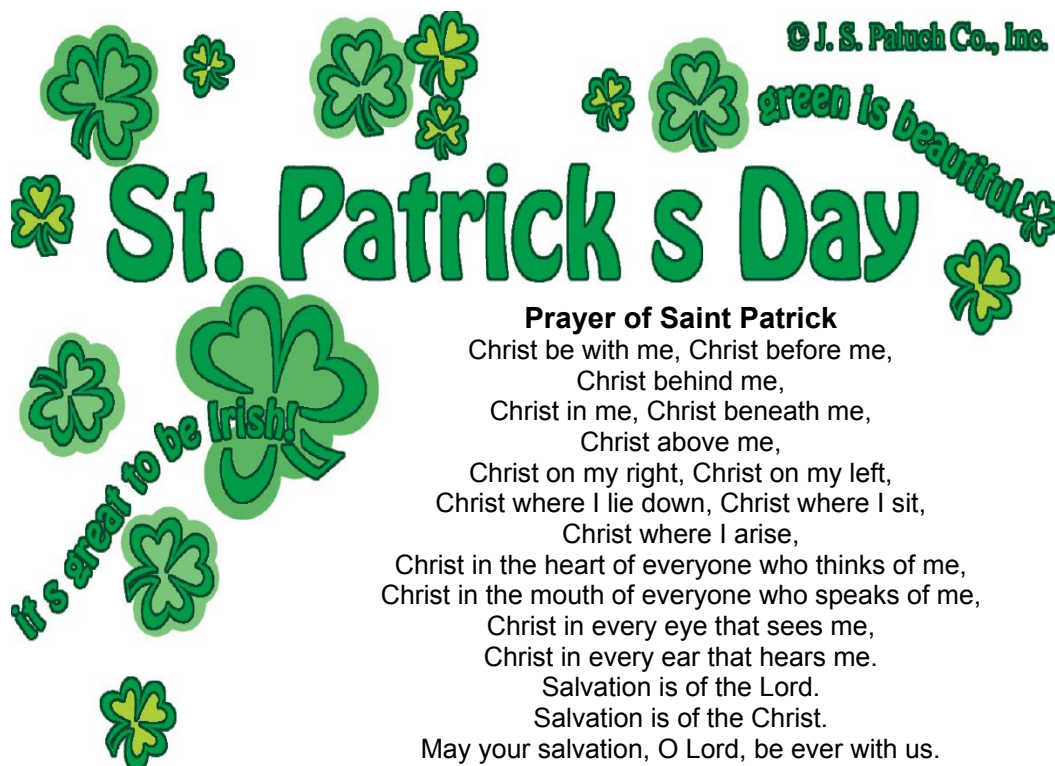
Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

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]).

GOD EVER PURSUES US

We hear today of God's unrelenting pursuit of us. Our readings tell stories of God's intense desire to share the divine life with us. From Exodus, we see how God shows endless persistence and compassion, even to those who grumble against God, or seem to have forgotten God. From the Gospel of John, we hear of how Jesus, in his extended conversation with the Samaritan woman, gives her dignity, names uncomfortable truths, and gradually leads her into a new path of faith. We can have confidence that as we bring our own confusions, fears, and failings to God, we may receive God's mercy and forgiveness. God always persists and continually finds new ways to invite people into unity with God. As Paul describes in Romans, in the cross we see how God will go to any length to demonstrate the depth and breadth of divine love.

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Prayer of Saint Patrick

Christ be with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ where I lie down, Christ where I sit,
Christ where I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Salvation is of the Lord.
Salvation is of the Christ.
May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.

A Primer for Confession

Jesus Christ came into the world to save all people from the power of Satan, sin, and sin's consequence, death. The purpose of His ministry was our reconciliation with the Father. In a special way, death on the cross brought the possibility of forgiveness, peace and reconciliation to all.

On the evening of His resurrection from the dead, Jesus appeared to his Apostles and gave them the power to forgive all human sins. "Breathing upon them, He said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you retain anyone's sins, they are retained.'" (Jn. 20:22-23)." Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, bishops and priests of the Church receive the ability from Christ himself to forgive sins. It is exercised in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, also known as the **Sacrament of Penance** or simply as "**confession**." Through this Sacrament, Christ forgives the sins that the members of his Church commit after Baptism.

In preparation for confession, using the 10 Commandments as a guide to make an examination of conscience is a wise move. All grave i.e. mortal sins must be confessed. In order to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation worthily, there must be true repentance with a firm resolution not to sin again. After the confession of sins, the priest usually offers advice and gives a penance, a prayer or action to atone for the sins. As the priest prays and offers absolution, the faithful know with certainty that God is forgiving all their sins, healing them and preparing them for the Kingdom of Heaven,

Liturgy Notes

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday	Daylight Saving Time Begins
Friday	St. Patrick (5th cent. Romano-British missionary & bishop; patron of Ireland, engineers, paralegals, against snakes)
Saturday	St. Cyril of Jerusalem (4th cent. Palestinian bishop & Doctor of the Faith)



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**Stations of the Cross:
Fridays of Lent
—after the 8:00 am Mass**

**Lenten Reconciliation
(with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament):
Saturday, March 18
—9:45 am-12 noon**

**It's easy to halve the potato where there's love.
—Irish saying**



ROSARY & FAITH TALK

Guadalupe Hope Society invites you to their monthly Rosary and Faith Talk Luncheon on

**Thursday, March 16th, 2023
11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

Fr. Joe Kim, Pastor of St. John Vianney Church, will lead a Rosary for the unborn and their parents and speak on "Our Lady of Lourdes."

Register to attend either in person at the Santa Maria Hall or virtually at
<https://rosarymarch1623.eventbrite.com>

Call or email to reserve your seat at the Hall.
408-447-5433; admin@ghswomenscenter.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mar 11	Sat	9 a.m.	Vincent Whelan (L)
		5 p.m.	George Chrisman +
Mar 12	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Rosaria & Joseph Fiorentino+
		5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Mar 13	Mon	8 a.m.	Margot Lenarduzzi (L)
Mar 14	Tue	8 a.m.	John Viet Nguyen +
Mar 15	Wed	8 a.m.	Javier Domeyko +
Mar 16	Thu	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
Mar 17	Fri	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
Mar 18	Sat	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		5 p.m.	The Leano Family
Mar 19	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	The Brazzano Family
		5 p.m.	Margot Lenarduzzi (L)

ADA 2023

The ADA 2023 theme is:

"Supporting Our Mission Together."

You are invited once again to participate in the **Annual Diocesan Appeal**.

Our parish goal is **\$74,109** and the average gift from Ascension to the ADA in the past four years was \$609.

Please prayerfully consider what you can give to assist the ministry and mission of both our Diocese and our Parish.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

THANK YOU

Mar. 05, 2023	Our Weekly Offering
NEEDED	\$6,500
COLLECTED	\$4,352
WESHARE	\$2,432
TOTAL	\$6,784