

Many of the Samaritans...began to believe in him  
because of the word of the woman who testified,  
"He told me everything I have done."

JOHN 4:39

## A Fountain of Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he lovelorn column in the local newspaper shared a letter from someone who felt adrift. She had everything she needed or wanted—a marriage, a job, a home. Yet she felt there had to be more to life, but she didn't know what it was or where to go. She wondered, *Could anyone help me?*

Like the woman from Samaria who happened upon Jesus when she came looking for water at the local well, she and the letter writer were both eager for "living water." The woman at the well would then no longer need to come each day for her household needs, and the letter writer would have her deeper thirsts quenched. Both wanted something more out of life, not unlike most people at one time or another.

Long before Jesus encountered the woman at the well, the people who were led by Moses through the desert grumbled to him about their thirst, which triggered Moses to grumble to God about the people. The result was finding water in the desert, the most unlikely of places. As a result, they realized that God was taking care of them, that God was ultimately their source of life.

We may decide what will bring new life—a new relationship, a new job, a new home. Yet just as often the answer comes from totally unexpected sources: the deserts of our lives. Also just as often, we somehow miss the answer. When we do recognize it, however, we say, "Thanks be to God." ●

### Reflect

**When and where have  
you found grace in an  
"unexpected place"?**



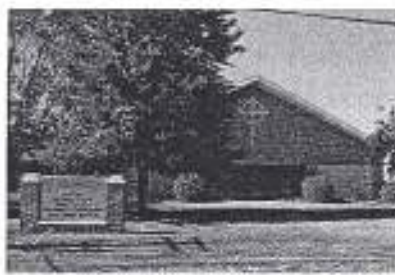
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### **LAST CALL FOR RAUS!**

Rav Group is taking orders thru March 15  
Call 815-252-2215 to place an order



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9:30 am - 10:30 am at Cherry Church Hall  
Sunday, March 12th - K thru 4th Grades  
Sunday, March 19th - 5th thru 8th Grades  
CCD email address is holytrinitycherry@gmail.com

### **Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of March 13, 2023**

Monday	3/13			† No Mass
Tuesday	3/14	9:00 am	STM	† No Mass/Fr. at Assem. Day
Wednesday	3/15	5:30 pm	HT	† Bob Lehn
Thursday	3/16	9:00 am	HT	† Daisy Kopek
Friday	3/17	9:00 am	STM	† Sharon Riva
		6:00 pm	HT (Stations of the Cross)	

### **Mass Intentions for the weekend of March 18-19, 2023**

Saturday	3/18	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Clydia Marenda
Sunday	3/19	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Rita Hoscheid
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Merv & Delores Nauman and Emma Vickers
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	† For the Parishioners



## THE THREE LENTEN PILLARS (CONT. AND END)

As we enter into the 3rd Sunday of Lent, let's have a serious reflection on the third Lenten pillar, which is Almsgiving.

According to Jesus' teachings, giving alms means making the needs of others your own. Almsgiving is the act of donating money or goods to the poor, or performing other acts of charity. The Catholic Church considers almsgiving "a witness to fraternal charity", and "a work of justice pleasing to God." Whatever you give should be something of yourself, something that costs you, and it's done from the heart, which means being done gladly and ungrudgingly.

If we combine the writings of St. John the Evangelist and of St. John Chrysostom, a 4th Century Church Father, about almsgiving, we can come to a wonderful understanding like this: "If we want to build up our heavenly treasure, if we want to pay down the debts of our past sins- so to speak- then start offering the sacrifice of alms upon the altar of a poor and/or needy person.

"Whoever possesses the goods of this world, and sees his brother to be in need, and yet closes his heart to him: in what way does the love of God abide in him?" (1 Jn 3:17)

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### SAINT JOSEPH TABLE – SUNDAY MARCH 19<sup>th</sup> – ST. JOSEPH PARISH HALL – 6:00 P.M.

Come celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph at a St. Joseph Table that is being sponsored by the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade C.C.D. Students of the Peru Catholic Parishes (St. Joseph, St. Mary, and St. Valentine)

The menu will include Chicken or Salmon Piccata (Piccata is a lemon wine sauce with capers), Sawdust Pasta (Linguine pasta with olive oil, bread crumbs, and cheeses), Farfalle Piselli (Bowtie pasta with peas in an alfredo sauce), Rigatoni Pasta with Red Sauce, Salad, Bread, and Dessert.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children age 6 and under.

Homemade Bread Sale & Raffles (50/50 and other)

To purchase tickets in advance, contact St. Joseph Parish Office at 815-223-0718.

Tickets will also be available at the door.

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### Easter Flowers



Easter flower envelopes are now in the back of all 3 churches.

Please donate \$25 for each of the deceased family members that you would like to donate Easter flowers in remembrance of.

If you just want to donate money to the Easter flower fund, any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Names will be listed in the bulletin.



### Holy Week

Holy Thursday - 6:00 pm at STM

Good Friday - 3:00 pm at HT

Easter Vigil - 7:00 pm at STM

Easter Sunday - 8:30 am at HT

Easter Sunday - 10:30 am at SP

No 5:00 pm Mass

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### LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND MAR 5TH

HT – \$761.00

SP – \$966.00

STM – \$1,521.00

## Thank You

A grateful Thank You to  
Dean Soldati for making and  
donating the new railings at SP.  
Dean installed them with the help  
of Ernie Bartoli. Thanks guys!

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### CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS

WILL BE SAT. MAR 17TH

10:30 - 11:15 AM AT

ST PATRICK'S

IN THE CHAPEL



# Dear Padre,

*I have done some really terrible things in my life. When I did them, I didn't think anything about them, but now I feel very guilty. Can God really forgive me?*

As we Redemptorists like to say, "With God there is plentiful redemption." God's mercy is everlasting and overflowing in its abundance. As we continue in Lent, let's remember that Easter is the sign that God forgave even the great sin of the crucifixion of his only Son. Time and time again throughout the Scriptures, Jesus demonstrates this bountiful mercy. He forgave Zacchaeus, the tax collector. He forgave the woman caught in adultery. He was tender with the Samaritan woman we hear about in today's Gospel. He spent his days living among and forgiving all manner of sinners. He even forgave Peter's great denial. The Church has named a multitude of saints, but note that in 2,000 years it has never declared anyone to be definitively condemned to eternal punishment. There is hope and mercy for all.

No matter how great the sin, God will forgive it. All you have to do is ask for mercy sincerely. All that takes is a repentant heart. From the tone of your message, you are truly sorry. Find a priest with whom you are comfortable and ask him to celebrate with you the sacrament of reconciliation. If you don't know how to go to confession, just ask. The priest will help you. Be at peace. ●

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR / DearPadre.org

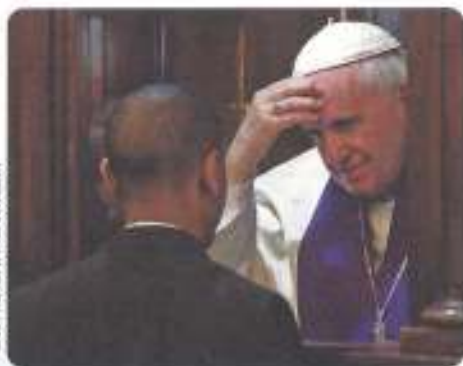


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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17	March 18	March 19
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab	Dn 3:25, 34-43	Dt 4:1, 5-9	Jer 7:23-28	Hos 14:2-10	Hos 6:1-6	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Lk 4:24-30	Mt 18:21-35	Mt 5:17-19	Lk 11:14-23	Mk 12:28-34	Lk 18:9-14	Eph 5:8-14
						In 9:1-41

## Know Someone Overly Anxious about Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit [ScrupulousAnonymous.org](http://ScrupulousAnonymous.org).



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*We all have the right to be forgiven. All of us....Forgiveness is a "right" in the sense that God, in the Paschal Mystery of Christ, has given it in a total and irreversible way to every person willing to accept it with a humble and repentant heart.*

ADDRESS AT A COURSE ORGANIZED BY APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY,  
MARCH 25, 2022