



**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

A JESUIT philosopher says that “man is, by nature, thirsty or hungry.” But in his thirst or hunger, man turns to

material things to quench his thirst or satisfy his hunger. Sadly, there will never be quenching or satisfaction because it would simply turn into a vicious circle. This will only end when one finds God who can ultimately quench our thirst.

The theme of the readings today is thirst and the quenching of thirst by drinking water. The First Reading recalls that moment in which the Israelites were crying out for water while they were leaving Egypt. They complained to Moses as if he was going to kill them, their children, and their livestock. Moses was in dilemma, but Yahweh instructed him to strike a rock in Horeb with his staff, and the water would flow. And it did.

In the gospel, we hear the encounter and conversation of Jesus with a woman from Samaria. Jesus was exhausted due to a long walk under the sun’s heat, and he asked for water from a woman to whom He should not talk because she was a Samaritan. During the conversation, we find that the woman and Jesus were not on the same plane. While the woman thought of water at the well (physical), Jesus talked about living water, so, he was on a spiritual plane. But then things became clearer as the conversation went on. In fact, the woman rightly surmised that Jesus is the Christ that the Samaritans also expected. Let us take some of the points of their discussions and let us reflect on them.

First, Jesus says to the woman, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” Yes, most of us think that material things will quench our thirst, but it does not. The quenching is simply temporary, and after a while, we will be thirsty again. Second, Jesus continues to say, “Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” So, the water that Jesus gives is the saving love of God poured into our hearts which gives us life and peace. Jesus gives us the living water of salvation. This ultimately quenches our thirst. The living water of salvation is no less than Christ. This can be illustrated by the famous words of St Augustine who said, “My heart, O God, is restless until it rests unto Thee.”

Lastly, when the woman proclaimed the good news and her encounter with Jesus, the Samaritans also came to meet him. Two words are used here: hear and know. It is good that we have also heard for ourselves the God whom we believe, through reading the Bible, and we have known our God through constant prayer and reflections. While we grow older, we must also grow in our knowledge of Christ.

( Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.)

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, March 9 9:00 a.m.**

Helen Osmena	req Leilani
Herminia Dela Cruz	req Angelita Agbing
All souls in purgatory	req Ramos-Delizo families
Souls of Aparicio and Maria Cambaya family and relatives	req Lolita Pascua
Julien Man	req Irene and Antony Man
Repose of souls of Jose Damiao and Daniel Mattos	req Fernanda
Safe travel and blessing	req Tessie and Loy Abugan

**Tuesday, March 10 9:00 a.m.**

Intentions of Leilani Yotingco	req Leilani
Kamil Ganko	req Teresa Tan
Intentions of Sadna	req Anne McInnis
Safe travel and blessing	req Tessie and Loy Abugan

**Wednesday, March 11 9:00 a.m.**

All souls in purgatory	req Benilda Fajardo
Soul of Marcelo Lumanog	req Lolita Pascua
Recovery of Health for David Roberts	req Fernanda
Safe travel and blessing	req Tessie and Loy Abugan

**Thursday, March 12 9:00 a.m.**

Eva Smith	req Theresa Didero and John Cancian
Repose of soul of John Michalik	req Anne McInnis
Soul of Aida Talagtag	req Lolita Pascua
Safe travel and blessing	req Tessie and Loy Abugan

**Friday, March 13 9:00 a.m.**

In memory of Lily Joseph	req Mathew family
All souls in purgatory	req Teresa Tan
Souls in purgatory and the unborn	req Lolita Pascua
Safe travel and blessing	req Tessie and Loy Abugan

**Saturday, March 14 5:00 p.m.**

Abelardo Tondoc	req Tina Talaue
Luis Maliglig	req Angelita Agbing
Thanksgiving	req Ramos family
In memory of Linus Dominic Ondiano	req Anabeth Ondiano
Birthday blessings Norie Rebamontan	req Fe and Frank
Benjamin Man	req Irene and Antony Man
Safe travel and blessing	req Tessie and Loy Abugan

**Sunday, March 15 10:00 a.m.**

**For St. Charles Garnier Parish Community**

**Bible Verse For This Week**

*“I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.” – Philippians 4:23*



**Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8.**

Clocks move forward one hour

DATE (Liturgical Publications will insert correct Date)



**PARISH  
SUPPORT**

Feb 28/29, 2026

Sunday Offering	\$ 1,568.00
Building Fund	369.00
Loose Offering	371.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support to St. Charles Garnier Parish.



Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, we express our desire to turn toward God and all his children in preparation for Easter.

**"Be reconciled to God for now is the acceptable time."**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
AFTER EVERY MASS DURING LENT**



"WE ADORE YOU O CHRIST  
AND WE BLESS YOU,  
BECAUSE BY THE HOLY  
CROSS YOU HAVE  
REDEEMED THE WORLD."

**JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

From Jan. 10, 2026 to Jan. 10, 2027, the Church marks a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. During this year, the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by fulfilling the usual conditions (confession, Communion, prayer for the Holy Father, detachment from sin) and engaging in acts inspired by the Franciscan spirit, such as pilgrimage, prayer, works of charity, and humble service.

**Parish Movie and Dinner Night**

**"Ben-Hur (2016 remake)"**

**Saturday March 14, 2026**

following the 5:00 Holy Mass

Lasagna dinner and movie

**Cost: \$15.00 per person**

Parish Meeting Room

**Tickets available after all the Masses**



**FEAST OF SAINT  
JOSEPH**

**HEALING MASS**

**THURSDAY, 19TH OF MARCH, 2026**

**6:00 pm: ADORATION**

**7:00 pm: HEALING MASS AND  
ANOINTING WITH HOLY OIL**

*Remembrance of the Just will last forever.... Prov. 10:7*

**PLEASE JOIN US WITH YOUR FAMILY  
AND FRIENDS**

**SAINT LUKE: THE STORY OF SALVATION  
FULFILLED**

We are now on the sixth week on our study on the Gospel of Luke. Participants continue to enjoy a great spirit of peace and joy. If any of you are interested, just come for morning or evening. You are welcome to hear the word of God and be nourished by grace and blessings.

**SCHEDULE**

**Tuesdays | February 3 – March 24, 2026**

**Morning Session: 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**

*(after the 9:00 AM Holy Mass)*

**Evening Session: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**



**VOCATIONS RECOGNITION  
DINNER 2026**

The Serra Club of Hamilton warmly invites you to attend the 23rd Annual Vocations Recognition Dinner on **Wednesday, April 29, 2026**, at Liuna Station to celebrate the dedicated service of our Priests, Deacons, Religious Brothers and Sisters, and Consecrated Virgins in the Diocese of Hamilton. Milestone anniversaries will be honored and we will hear the inspiring faith journeys of this year's ordinandi and candidates. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$90 per person. For more information and to order tickets, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>. This event is co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

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RESTS UNTO THEE." (St. Augustine.)**