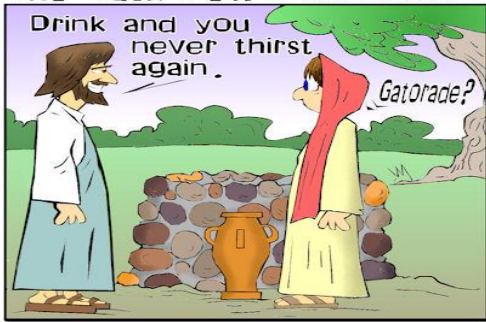
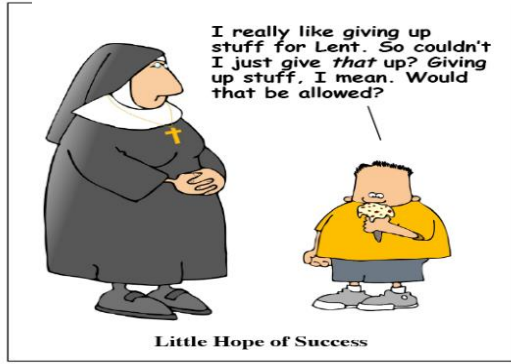


**The Back Pew** – Jeff Larson



The Samaritan Woman meets Jesus at the well. **Jo 4:3-42**

The Season of Lent



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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
Year A  
March 08, 2026

*"My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor."*



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**EUCCHARIST**

Saturday St. Joseph.....5:00 p.m.  
Sunday St. Joseph.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Holy Trinity.....12:00 noon  
Tues & Thurs.....6:30 p.m.  
Wed & Fri.....9:00 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION**

By appointment.

**BAPTISM**

Contact Father Pier for more information.

**MATRIMONY**

Please contact Father Pier for an appointment at least six months

Water pours through today's readings, soaking us with grace. In the desert, water pours from a rock with divine energy. St. Paul tells us that God's love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. The well water drawn by the Samaritan woman becomes living water poured into her life through her meeting with Christ. These are moments of grace. Grace is a word that eludes easy explanation, but we sense it in what Celtic Christians call "thin" places or locations where we feel God's presence. The distance between us and God is thin. Our churches are thin places, as are awe-inspiring sights in creation. Places where the needy are served are thin places. These are places soaked with grace. The well was a very thin place for the Samaritan woman. She encountered the sacred as Jesus sat, listened and encouraged her. This love-infused sacred grace transformed her, leading her to bring that grace to others. Where are our thin places? Where are our wells? Seeing Christ in the face of our beloved? Seeing Christ in the face of the stranger? Seeing Christ in the beauty of creation? In it's wounds? From these thin places we draw the living water that satisfies our deepest thirsts and blesses our daily pilgrimages towards holiness.

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**PRAYER REQUESTS:** For Brenda Antoine, Jason Aritolla, Mackie Basil, Julio Bonilla jr., Cooper Cursley, Evelyn Embree, Ronald Gilmore, Brent Gray, Ellen Haynes, Patrick Irving, Lisa Ketlo, Halli & Hunter Krawczyk, George LaBrash, Jennifer Lock, Wanda Miller, Della Morin, Eunice Nash, Virginia Power, Dorothy Ranck, Ian Scott, Madeline Scott, Vanessa Stewart, Gerry Theissen, Mike VanDusen, Art Wiens and for all who are ill or in need of God's healing grace.

**‘Jesus: the water that gives life.’** The readings on the third Sunday of Lent focus on water and on God’s self-revelation to seemingly unworthy people. Those who are in most need of help, who appear to be unworthy, are those to whom life is given: the doubtful, the sinners, the impatient grumblers, the wanderers. As Jesus encounters the Samaritan woman, Jesus encounters us. As Jesus defied tradition by speaking with her, Jesus/God defies understanding by speaking to us. As Jesus loved her and opened up salvation to her, Jesus loves us and opens up eternity to us.

**Homework:** whenever we drink water this week, let us ask God to come into us with life-giving presence.

**Reconciliation: opening our hearts to grace.** The sacrament of reconciliation is encouraged during the Lenten Season. Lent is a time to reflect on the call of our baptism to follow Jesus more closely. Sin is walking away from our baptismal call and reconciliation is turning back to that call. The sacrament requires 4 main parts: (1)**CONTRITION** (or sorrow) for sins that we uncover through an examination of conscience; (2)**CONFESSION** (or naming) the sins which means we take responsibility for them; (3)**PENANCE** (or act of restitution) which indicates that we are willing to change; (4)**ABSOLUTION** (or prayer of forgiveness) where the church through Christ grants the forgiveness. It is good to see reconciliation as God pouring life-giving water into us. Reconciliation times: Saturday 4pm and upon request. A time for a parish reconciliation service will be scheduled.

**St. Joseph Feast Day(s):** in the church calendar, St. Joseph is remembered on March 19 as St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, Patron St. of Canada and on May 1 as St. Joseph the Worker. Our parish feast day is May 1<sup>st</sup> but we remember May 19.

**CONCEPTION DAY, March 25, Feast of the Annunciation:** Mary saying yes to the invitation from the angel Gabriel to be the Mother of God marks the ‘conception’ of Jesus, the Word Incarnate. Nine months later is Christmas. This is a beautiful way to reflect that life begins at conception. We encourage people to begin to think of marking in a special way their conception day (roughly nine months before your birthday).

**‘Stations of the Cross.’** Is the pious practice of honoring the passion and death of Christ. It consists of 14 stations with specific images/events where the faithful are asked to reflect and pray. It originated with the practice in early times to visit the actual scenes of Christ’s passion and death in Jerusalem. In the fourteenth century the Franciscans promoted the devotion until Clement XII (1730’s) gave it a definitive form with 14 Stations and prayer and reflection. Paul VI authorized a new series of 14 images that are based strictly on the Gospel. Recently an optional 15th Station commemorating the Resurrection has been added.

**‘List of the 14 Stations of the Cross.’** (1)Jesus is condemned to death; (2)Jesus accepts His cross; (3)Jesus falls the first time; (4)Jesus meets His Mother; (5)Simon Cyrene helps Jesus carry His cross; (6)Veronica wipes the face of Jesus; (7)Jesus falls the second time; (8)Jesus consoles the women of Jerusalem; (9)Jesus falls the third time; (10)Jesus is stripped of His garments; (11)Jesus is nailed to the cross; (12)Jesus dies on the Cross; (13)Jesus is taken down from the cross; (14)Jesus is laid in the tomb; optional (15th)the RESURRECTION.

**ALPHA3:** 9 participants explored the question ‘Why Did Jesus Die’ and the Christian answer ‘because God loves you so much that he took your place for the penalty of sin’. Next week: How can I have faith? Pray for this gathering.

**LHC Life Healing Choices:** next offering of the course is October 2026; pray always for those with addictions.

**Transformed lives, transforming community:** mission statement for evangelization;

**Intimate encounter with God through an open heart:** mission statement for prayer

**PARISH ACTIVITIES:** 6:30 Fridays: Stations of the Cross

**PARISH ACTIVITIES:** March 11 Neighbourlink lunch **sign-up sheet in the back**

**QUIET PARISH HEROS :** parish staff

### CWL ROSARY INITIATIVE

Have old or broken rosaries?

If you have loose beads, broken pieces, or parts of rosaries you’d like to donate, please give them to the CWL for repurposing.

If you have a rosary, you’d like repaired, connect with Connie Wallace, our local rosary expert.

Donated pieces may be used to repair rosaries, create new ones, or support this ongoing project.

Thank you for helping keep these sacred items in use

### CWL Prayer Cards Initiative

Prayer cards are available at the back of the foyer by the CWL box.

Write your prayer intention and place the card in the box.

Members of the CWL and/or the Prayer Circle will pray for these intentions.

If you would like to take part in this prayer initiative, please connect with your CWL

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