

Third Sunday of Lent – March 8, 2026



Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy

food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "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 a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

- John 4: 5-42

St. Augustine Speaks Of Jesus At The Well

"The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:14)

"Wearied by his journey, Jesus sat down beside a well. It was about the sixth hour." Already divine mysteries begin. Not for nothing is Jesus wearied; not for nothing does the Power of God suffer fatigue. Not for nothing does he who refreshes the weary endure weariness. Not for nothing is he wearied, whose absence makes us weary, whose presence gives us strength.

Jesus is tired, tired out by his journey. He sits down. On the edge of a well he seats himself. It is midday, and he sits there exhausted. All these details have meaning. They are meant to signify something. They capture our attention, persuading us to knock and investigate further. We have Christ's own exhortation to do so, for he said: "Knock and it will be opened to you." May he, then, open up the meaning of this text to us as well as to you.

It was for your sake that Jesus was wearied by his journey. In Jesus we encounter divine power together with weakness. He is strong and weak at one and the same time: strong, because "in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. present with God from the beginning." Would you know how strong the Son of God is? "All things were – made through him, and apart from him nothing came into being." The whole universe was made without effort. Could any greater power exist than the power of one who was-

Cont...able effortlessly to construct the entire universe?

And would you know him in his weakness? "The Word was made flesh, and lived among us." The power of Christ created you; the weakness of Christ recreated you. Christ's power caused what did not exist to come into being; Christ's weakness saved existing things from destruction. In his might he fashioned us; in his weakness he came in search of us.

Jesus, then, is weak, tired out after his journey. Now that journey of his, undertaken for our sake, was his incarnation. How could he otherwise journey when he is present everywhere, and absent from nowhere? To what place or from what place could he travel? In only one way could he come to us, and that was by assuming our visible human flesh. Since then he condescended to come to us in that way, and to appear in the condition of a servant by taking to himself a human nature, that assumption of our nature was his journey.

The fatigue caused by his journey, therefore, was the weariness Jesus experienced in our human nature. In his human body he was weak, but you must not be weak. You must be strong in his weakness, for "there is more power in divine weakness than in human strength." St. Augustine Homilies on the Gospel of John 15, 6-7:

Readings For This Sunday

Reading I: Exodus 17:3-7

Reading II: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Reading II: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9: 1-41

FINANCE

1st Collection=\$3,681

This week's 2nd Collection = Building & Maintenance

Next week's 2nd Collection = Catholic Relief Services

AMA 2026 Goal=\$34,900 Pledges=\$4,945 Rec'd=\$3,435

You may place your rosary counts in the collection baskets. Report: 11,938! Rosaries prayed last week =55 Cumulative= 11,938

INVITATION TO MASS of the CHRISM

The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa, Bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, along with the Diocesan and Religious priests of the Diocese invite you to participate in the Mass of the Chrism at the Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa on **Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.** The beautiful Mass of the Chrism is celebrated once a year. The Bishop blesses the oil of Catechumens, the oil of the Sick and the oil of Chrism. This Mass is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the ministerial priesthood that the bishop has received. It also signifies the unity the priests have with the bishop who share in the same ministerial priesthood. During this Mass, the Diocesan and Religious priests will renew their commitment of priestly service.

CONFIRMATION NEWS... There will be a parents' meeting on March 12th at 6:30 PM in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. It is for all parents of children who will be receiving Confirmation. The Confirmation ceremony is on April 11th. Thank you.

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule

First Saturday, March 7

8:30 am No Intention Sacred Heart Church
3:15 Confession St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Int. Stacy Cudney St Joseph Church

Sunday, March 8

7:30 am Mass for the People St. Joseph Church
9:00 am No Intention Sacred Heart Church
10:30am + Alan Walters St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm(Sp)No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Monday, March 9

12:15 pm Int. Mildred Perrone St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, March 10

7:30 am +Rebecca Bertain St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, March 11

12:15 pm Int. John Perrone ,Sr. St. Bernard Church
6:00 pm Adoration/Confession Sacred Heart Church
7:00 pm No Intention (Sp) Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, March 12

7:30am Souls.in Purgatory St. Joseph Church
11:30am Mass No Intention St. Joseph Hospital

Friday, March 13

12:15 pm Int. Lynette Cahill St. Bernard Church
1-2 pm Confession St. Bernard Church
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross Sacred Heart Church
and Soup Supper

Saturday, March 14

3:15 Confession St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Juvenal Regalo St Joseph Church

Sunday, March 15

7:30 am +Erling Dellabalma St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Jim Cruz Sacred Heart Church
10:30am Int. Mildred Perrone St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm(Sp)Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For: Chet Williams, Maria Mendes Da Costa, Martin Fosnaugh, Sylvia Clark, Catie Biesecker, Stacy Cudney, Josephine Silva, Jo Ann Dellabalma, Ann Marie DeSimone, Bill King, Martin & Claudia Vess, Chris Miller, Mary Alpers, Basil, Santos, Bosco, Maria, Mario, Pio, & Mariano Mainus, Nancy Allen, David Russell, Sonny, Garrett Anderson, Dottie Barrett, Harvey & Mary Anne Bennett, Mildred Perrone, Marian Griffin, Massimo Matteoli, Gary Cormier, and Obdulia Walter

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

Gloria Allen, Rebecca Bertain, Roseann Cooney, Lorraine Holland, Sandra Lingle, Lena Petty, Sarah Mixon, Suanna Rowell, Erling Dellabalma, Paul Windham, Rosealee Schuler, Nick Giannini, Juvenal (John) Regalo, Evo Fannuchi, Dianne Luzzi, Rose Ann Hurst, Tom Long, Joe Thompson, Colleen Cruz, Gina Costa, Rodrigo Reyna Sanchez, Jerry Bronder, Madalenne Smith, Bruce Amado, Doris Davy, Stella Reyes, Mary Antonelli, Mary Ellen Hadley, Sara & Carmen Scrivner, Camille Regli, Fred Avelar, Delores McBroome, and Gus Cricchio

JOIN US FOR AN HOUR OF PRAYER TO END

ABORTION We will have an hour of Prayer to End Abortion every Saturday until March 28th 10 AM every Saturday! Corner of Walford and Wilson, just up from Safeway. Bring your kids, bring your guitars, bring your Rosaries.

Rosary- Making Kit Needs A Home

Beloved parishioner, +Mel Berning, left his rosary-making kit complete with instructions for the next person who is willing to answer God's call in this beautiful ministry. This is your chance to bring many to the holy mother church through the gift of a rosary. Just the act of making a rosary is a prayer that brings peace to the heart with the knowledge that what you are making is one of God's and our blessed Mother's greatest gifts to humanity. Please visit the office if you are interested.

Knights of Columbus Saint Patrick's Fest-3/14



On Saturday, March 14th doors open at 5pm.

Corned beef & Cabbage Dinner is served at 5:30pm with Irish beer and wine available. At the St Bernard Parish Hall come enjoy Auction items, "Pot O' Gold" Raffle, Entertainment & Live Music with dinner. Tickets are available at the door or from any Knight or 6th & I Sts Adults:\$30 \$15 Children 12 & under This is a fundraiser for local charities, food banks, scholarships and community and church activities.

Hall of Fame Dinner The Alumni Association will host its annual Hall of Fame Dinner Saturday, March 21 in the St. Bernard's Academy Auditorium, 222 Dollison St., Eureka. Two Alumni and two Friends of St. Bernard's will be honored. This year's inductees are: Cindy Honeycutt Finck, Class of 1989, and her husband Brian, for their years of volunteer service and tireless commitment to St. Bernard's Academy. Brenda Daly Zwiefelhofer, Class of 1965, will be honored posthumously for her years of working with youth and for her selfless volunteer hours of service in church and community organizations. Bill Long, in memoriam, for his school contributions, community involvement, and unwavering support for the youth of the area.

The Hall of Fame Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m. with a no-host reception with dinner starting at 5:45 p.m. Tickets are \$35/adults, and \$15/children age 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the St. Bernard's Academy school office (707-443-2735) or by mailing reservation request and payment to the school: St. Bernard's Alumni Association, 222 Dollison St. Eureka, CA 95501 All proceeds will go to tuition scholarships for St. Bernard's Academy students.

Come Join Us! On March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, Catholics from across California will gather in Sacramento

for a sacred day of prayer, unity, and public witness with our California bishops. This gathering is meant for everyone — families, young adults, school communities, ministry leaders, and parish groups. It is an opportunity to make Lent visible and to stand together in hope at the center of our state's civic life. For your convenience, you'll find bulletin inserts, a pulpit announcement script, and an email template you can share here. If you'd rather receive it by email, please email me at familylife@srdioce.org. More information about the event: <https://cacatholic.org/capitol/> Thank you

Pray to End Abortion with 40 Days For Life

Look for our table outside after Mass for information on how to get involved. Call for more information: Sue Lehman at 347-446-5508 Allen Rode 707-601-9592 Join us in this prayerful campaign!