

MARCH 15, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



*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.”
John 14:13-14*

St. Philip Parish

Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM; 12:00 Noon - Spanish
Weekday Mass: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9:00 AM
Reconciliation: Wednesday & Friday, 8:30 AM; Saturday, 9:30 AM & By Appt.
430 Bozarth Avenue/Mailing: PO Box 2169 Woodland, Washington 98674 Phone: 360-225-8308
Website: www.stphilipwoodland.com

St. Joseph Mission

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM
Weekday Mass: Monday 9:00 AM Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:30 PM & By Appt
136 North 4th Street Kalama, Washington 98625
Mailing Address: PO Box 2169 Woodland WA 98674

St. Mary of Guadalupe Mission

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM
Weekday Mass: Thursday 9:00 AM
Reconciliation: Thursday, 8:30 AM & By Appt.
1520 North 65th Avenue Ridgefield, Washington 98642
Mailing Address: PO Box 2169 Woodland WA 98674
St. Mary Cemetery For Plots: 360-225-8308

Priest Administrator: Father Brian Thompson 360-225-8308
Priest for Hispanic Ministry: Father Jerry Woodman 360-225-8308

St. Vincent de Paul, St. Philip Conference Helpline: 360-841-8734

From Father Thompson,

Today in the gospel we heard the story of Jesus speaking to the Samaritan woman at the well. One particular detail struck me when thinking about this Gospel, especially in context of our own culture and how much vitriol and even hatred gets slung about so casually: How Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman about their differences, and in particular her sins. One only has to look at the news media or Internet culture to see that we have a very hard time separating the sinner from the sin, much less the ideologies and opinions of other people from their personal value and dignity as persons. Sin is bad for the world, and—more tragically—bad for the sinner. Ideologies and opinions are more complicated and can fall on multiple axes. Some are profoundly evil like Nazism, Communism, legal abortion, or policies that—even in the supposed name of compassion—promote or mandate sin. Some are prudential applications of principles about which we can debate the goodness and practicality (e.g. does the state or private charity serve the poor best, which vaccinations should be required for schoolchildren, what should our tax system look like?). Others are obvious goods we all agree upon, such as banning legally enforced racism, or respecting the freedom of speech, press, & religion/conscience. Obviously, most ideas are admixtures of good and bad, prudent and foolish, and good people can differ in opinion. The problem is that we yell rather than discuss, and so often set aside the rationality that sets us apart as the likeness of God, consequently causing us to lose sight of the image of God in our neighbor. This is not a flaw unique to any given ideological camp either, it seems everyone equally offends in his own way.

Jesus does not do that. When the Samaritan woman brings up the ideological elephant in the room, the conflict between her people, the Samaritans, and Jesus' people, the Jews, Jesus fully acknowledges that they disagree about where and how God should be worshipped, and that the Jews are on the correct side, but does so without disdain for or superiority over the woman. Even when he calls out her sinful lifestyle, he does not do so with hatred, but with a call to receive from him: living water that can help her escape from the evil that has ensnared her.

Jesus does the same throughout the Gospels. He has zero problem engaging with sinners, and he never looks down on them, while at the same time never, ever, promoting or supporting their sins. Jesus spiritedly debates those with other religious and political philosophies but never hates the Scribes or Pharisees for their being wrong. He does have strong words for them at times, and even accusations, but they are always based on corrupt actions, and always in the spirit of a call to repentance and conversion rather than personal attacks on them as people. As Christians we must do the same: call a spade a spade, but remember the person in front of us is the image of God.

In Christ, Fr. Thompson

REMEMBER IN PRAYER OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Gerry Alexander - Evelyn Allen - Katie Blodgett - Jennifer Boehle - Maggie Calhoun - Bob Campbell
Matt Cordor - Kolton DeHaan - Rhondi Ferguson - Theresa Filla - Dan and Judy Harrington
Helen Hernandez - Frank Lee - Mary Leslie - Halsten Loomis - Natalia Medina - Maryl Merwin - Lena Molony
Walter Neiman - Vanessa Romero Ortiz - A. J. Patnode - Char Patnode - Pat Quintrell - Deacon David Rapp
Sharon Redd - Bob Renner - Karen and Steve Ridlon - Bob and Renate Ripp - Lynda Robertson
Brandon Rogers - Faith Rogers - Silvia Romero - Fred and Hazel Schaller - Tyler Sharp
Sheldon Somers - Doug Spiering - Jamie Vasquez - Ted and Vicki Woods

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, March 16, 2020 ~ **St. Joseph**
9 AM ~ Archie & Mary Alexander †

WEDNESDAY, March 18, 2020
Joseph Pitton

THURSDAY, March 19, 2020 ~ **St. Mary**
9 AM ~ Rosemary & Robert Daetsch †

FRIDAY, March 20, 2020
9 AM ~ Heidi Cantu Vicario

SATURDAY, March 21, 2020
9 AM ~ For the ill

SUNDAY OFFERING

Thank you for staying current with your pledge.

March 7-8, 2020

St. Joseph - \$826.00 14 envelopes; 1 loose check
St. Philip - \$1,631.00 23 envelopes; 3 loose checks
St. Mary - \$2,055.00 17 envelopes; 9 loose checks

February 2020 Online Giving

St. Joseph - \$1,455.00
St. Philip - \$3,442.00
St. Mary - \$6,255.00

PARISH NEWS

FRIDAYS OF LENT – March 20, 27 & April 3

ST. PHILIP

9:00 AM.....Mass

9:30 AM – 6:00 PM...Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 PM...Stations of the Cross (English & Spanish)

6:00 PM...Confessions during Stations of the Cross

6:30 PM...Soup Supper in Hall

ST. JOSEPH

12:00 Noon...Stations of the Cross

ST. MARY of GUADALUPE

6:00 PM...Stations of the Cross

6:30 PM...Soup Supper

PENANCE SERVICES

3/19 7:00PM at Our Lady of Lourdes, Vancouver

3/25 6:30PM at Holy Redeemer, Vancouver

3/26 6:30PM at Sacred Heart, Battle Ground

LENTEN PARISH MISSION at St. Thomas Aquinas

March 16-19 with Father Matthias

From Mass to Everyday Life:

Finding Deeper Intimacy with Jesus.

SCHEDULE: Monday-Wednesday 8:30AM Mass; followed by Mission talk; followed by confessions. 6:00PM Mass with Mission Talk during Homily, followed by adoration/confessions.

Thursday, March 19, Solemnity of St. Joseph - 8:30AM Mass: followed by Mission talk, followed by confession. 6:00PM Mass with Mission Talk during Homily, followed by dinner celebration in the Hall. (RSVP for dinner.)

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

“God, The Father of Mercies”

The Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater is inviting us to their Lenten Parish Mission March 30 -April 2 with Fr. Jewel Aytona, CPM.

MISSION TOPICS:

Monday - The Holy Eucharist: Food for the Journey

Tuesday - God, the Father of Mercies: Where Sin Abounds, Grace Abounds all the More!

Wednesday - Mary: Our Heavenly Queen and Mother

Thursday - Holy Matrimony: Two Shall Become One Flesh

Daily Mission Schedule: Monday –Thursday:

11:00AM-12PM Confession;

12:10PM Mass, followed by Conference followed by Confession.

Evenings: 6-6:45PM Confession; 7PM: Conference followed by Confession

EVANGELIST for Youth and Latinos-St. Rose Parish in Longview, Washington is looking for an enthusiastic and outgoing Catholic with a call to serve as an evangelist. The ideal candidate must be bilingual in English and Spanish. Please apply by contacting robbie@strose-longview.org.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT ST. ROSE School in Longview and **ST. JOSEPH** School in Vancouver for a **Principal** committed to advancing a strong history of academic excellence, faith formation and service in a Catholic school. **Send letter of interest and resume to:** Robbie Alba-Estrada St. Rose Administrator at robbie@strose-longview.org. **Please apply through the** Archdiocese of Seattle Office for Catholic School Careers site (AppliTrack) <https://www.applitrack.com/seattlearch/onlineapp/default.aspx?all=1>. Send a letter of interest and resume to: St. Joseph Church, Atten: Human Resources, 6600 Highland Drive, Vancouver, WA 98661-7638 email: hr@stjoevan.org.

THIS THURSDAY, March 19, we honor Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Joseph was entrusted with the role of protecting and guarding God's greatest treasures upon earth, Jesus and Mary.



SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Hunger in Our World

Meet Yvone from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvone now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition?

Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE-JOIN US to help stop "Planned Parenthood's" Abortion Clinic. Participate in the **40 Days for Life** program during this Lenten Season by joining us every Tuesday across the street from PP(11516 SE Mill Plain). *Come and help us pray, fast and offer alternatives to abortion.* Visit 40daysforlife.com to learn more about 40 Days for life or call the Church office: 360-225-8308.

JOIN IN for our discussion of the book *From the Angel's Blackboard the Best of Fulton J. Sheen*. This book contains a selection of the best of his theological discussions. Bishop Sheen has been elevated to the title of venerable and is on the road to canonization. We will meet in the hall at St. Mary of Guadalupe at **on Sundays at 9:00 A.M. - March 15, 22, and 29**. Please see Leon for a copy of the book.

ST. MARY OF GUADALUPE NEWS

FATHER THOMPSON will be available for confessions following Mass today.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who made Jenny's birthday so special with a great party, cake, gifts, cards etc. God bless all of you.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: Come join us on March 14 in the Hall after Mass for an Irish Dinner with Irish Music and singing. This is always fun and brings the Irish out in everyone. More details to follow.

CHURCH CLEANERS are needed. The sign up sheet is in the annex. If you have any questions, please see Le'Nae.

ST. PHILIP NEWS

VOLUNTEERS are needed on Fridays to lead the Stations of the Cross at 6 pm. Still need two volunteers on March 27 to bring a soup for Soup Supper. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule. *Group/club can sign up or individuals can sign up.* Join in for Lent!



WE WILL HAVE ADORATION each Friday of Lent except Good Friday; a sign up sheet is in the vestibule. Come spend an hour in prayer with the Lord.

THANK YOU to everyone that that supported the Altar Society **BAKE SALE**. Your support furthers the good works of the Altar Society.

WE ALWAYS NEED HOSTS for coffee and donuts.

A sign up sheet is posted, *could you help?*