

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Will be this Sunday, March 23rd at 11:00am in the church. The Topic—"Lenten Journey and Lenten Practices". The presenter will be Noel Wilkins. Please join us as we continue our Lenten Faith Journey.

NEW LIFE PRAYER COMMUNITY

Invites all to their prayer meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 beginning at 7:00pm at Carter Hall, Holy Cross Church. The meeting will be led by the Healing Ministry Team under the theme: *"Your Words Lord are Spirit and Life" - Matt. 5:17* and will take the form of a Mass. Fr. Jude Akagha and Fr. Richard Brown will be the Celebrants.



Unscramble each word, then use the marked letters to reveal the secret message.



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Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you _____." John 4:10 (NIV)

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MASS TIMES: Sunday 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday – Saturday 6:00 p.m.
RECONCILIATION: Appointment/Announced

Third Sunday of Lent



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Today's Readings

1st Reading: Ex. 17: 3-7
2nd Reading: Rom. 5: 1-2, 5-8
Gospel Reading: Jn. 4: 5-42



Response: O that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts

Scriptural Insights

At Sychar, the disciples search for food as Jesus rests by Jacob's well. Generally, Samaritans held a Torah-centered faith focusing on the patriarchs, worshipping on Mount Gerazim, and looking for a prophet-Moses-like messiah, while Jews held to their broader scriptural tradition, including prophets, centered their worship in Jerusalem, and hoped for a messiah-king of David's line. Although sharing the same foundation, the groups shared nothing else: not food, drink, or utensils. When a Samaritan woman comes to the well for her daily water-drawing chore, the scene is set for Jesus to upend conventions and incorporate a woman who is also Samaritan into his own group of followers, reconciling long-standing divisions.

Jesus demands a drink. By seeking a drink from the woman's jar, he rejects the religious division between them from the outset, not to mention gender conventions. For her part, the woman boldly questions his behavior. Responding spiritually, Jesus presents the gift of God and living water, referencing their shared Mosaic traditions and today's Old Testament reading.

Jesus challenges her to a new relationship with God through him, hinting at the coming revelation of himself as the "I AM" of God (4:26). She first counters literally but then asks about Jacob our ancestor" and giver of the well. She is open and, more symbolically, wants to know who Jesus is in relation to their shared history. Jesus responds by challenging her to think further about what he gives: "a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (4:14).

The woman's mission is perfected in the faith of the villagers based on their encounter with Jesus: "We know that this is truly the savior of the world" (4:42). The Samaritan woman becomes both a disciple of Jesus and an apostle to her community.



Happy Birthday



23rd March
 Gabrielle Grant ♦ Claudine Hanna ♦
 Courteney Johnson ♦ Scott Williams ♦
 Claudine Shoucair ♦

24th March
 Karen Akin ♦ Jesse Bernard ♦ Yanique Grant ♦
 Kara-Ann Boyne-Anderson ♦ Joshua Neita ♦
 Rory Robinson ♦ Stephanie Soltau ♦ Leah Yapp ♦

25th March
 Alexis Leyow ♦ Angela Munroe ♦ Dexter Yapp ♦

26th March
 Brittany Chung ♦ Jean Fraser ♦ Quentin Lee ♦
 Marilyn Smellie ♦ Justin Yapp ♦

27th March
 Trevin Chin Pen ♦ Christophe Ferrer ♦
 Carol Coore ♦ Lorna Bagwandeen ♦

28th March
 Jonathon Bispott ♦ Maria Robinson ♦

29th March
 Samson Anderson ♦ Dominic Grant ♦
 Shelly-Ann Houston ♦ Junior Williams ♦
 Norman Wright ♦



Happy Anniversary

24th March ❖ Stephen & Chevril Shaw
26th March ❖ Chris & Terry Peyrefitte
29th March ❖ Wayne & Joy Hew

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent, immediately following the 6:00pm Mass. Do make an effort to attend Mass and Stations of the Cross. The following Ministries have been asked to lead the Stations of the Cross:

Ministry	Date
Youth, Liturgical Arts Ministry, Sunday School & Altar Servers	Friday, March 28th
Special Ministers of Holy Communion & Readers	Friday, April 4th
SVDP, Outreach, Prison(Male & Female) & Street Feeding	Friday, April 11th