

The Third Sunday of Lent Year A

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Readings: 1) Exodus 17:3-7 2) Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 3) John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is: The goodness and mercy of Jesus is life-giving.

Lent, with its disciplines of prayer, fasting and charity, is all about repentance, renewal and healing from sin. The Gospel tells of Jesus' encounter with a woman who had a long history of brokenness and isolation. As she meets Jesus and experiences his life-changing mercy, so, too, can we receive new life and living water from the Word and sacrament in which we encounter Christ.

In their fear and need, the Israelites grumble against Moses and the Lord. God responds by meeting those needs with water flowing from the rock. Saint Paul writes to the Romans that *we have been justified by faith* through Jesus – his death gives us life. In the Gospel, Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at the well and tells her he is the Messiah.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

Let us present our needs, and those of the world, to our most gracious God.

**For the holy Church,
may we seek Christ and his living water in the sacraments.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For the leaders of nations,
may the Holy Spirit strengthen them in wisdom and compassion.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are sick in body, mind or spirit;

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all our beloved dead.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our faith community, may our hearts be open to God's voice.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions, (pause).

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

Father, hear the prayers of your people, we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ.