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Saturday 3:30pm
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Ministry of the Sick:
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85 E. Genesee St.
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The Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

The Good News About Thirst

An interesting contrast presents itself in our two big Bible stories this week. On the one hand we've got the grumbling nation behind Moses: reasonably thirsty, yet decidedly unpleasant about it. These are the same folks who've been recently delivered from a generation of slavery, miraculously led across a divided sea, and granted the unlikely gifts of quail and manna from heaven, right there in the Sinai wilderness. You'd expect a little show of faith from these people, an air of courtesy mixed into their request for water. But all we see is an ugly, snarling mob of ingrates.

On the other hand we meet the woman from Samaria, obviously thirsty, too, or she wouldn't be visiting the well at this difficult, sun-drenched midday hour. She also has reasons to be unpleasant: It's hot, there's a strange man hovering over her destination, and what's worse he's a traditional enemy to her community. Yet this woman chooses to keep the dialogue civil, calling the stranger "sir" and demonstrating, once more, a delightful spunk that is the signature characteristic of a biblical hero. Whereas the nasty mob around Moses repels us—we don't want to be in the midst of these people more than necessary and are grateful they remain an anonymous sea of hostility—we find ourselves befriending the woman of Samaria. We want to know her name. We'd like to follow her home and find out what happens to her after her privileged encounter with Jesus.

We know in general terms that the fates of the participants in these two stories couldn't be more distinct. The nation behind Moses, ever wielding a blade of mistrust that could wind up in their leader's back, gets their spring of water and miraculous rescue once more. But does it change anything? Won't they be just as angry, aggrieved, and thirsty again tomorrow? The rock at Horeb provides them with water for a day, or a week. Still the place remains defined by the spirit of the people: Massah and Meribah, quarreling and testing. In the deepest and most real sense, the community remains parched and unsatisfied.

By contrast watch what happens to our heroine of Samaria. She leaves her bucket unfilled by the well, no longer in need of the kind of water that lasts a day. She leaves her grievances by the well, too, running back to the community that has judged her behavior in the past with news too good to withhold. Living water has changed her, turning a notorious woman into a reliable witness. Once defined by a wearily eminent marriageability, she's redefined in a sterling new relationship as the first apostle to the Samaritans. Thirst is not a bad thing, we realize. It can lead straight to our heart's desire.

~Alice Camille

Alice Camille is a religious educator, scripture commentator, and author of many books including *This Transforming Word* and other titles found at alicecamille.com.

**Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Leo
March:**

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

The "Pack the Pantry" item for the week of
 March 7/8-Bags or Boxes of Cookies
 March 14/15-Boxes of Cereal

Please bring these items to church and place them in our
 "Pack the Pantry" Baskets
 or they can be brought to the:

St. Alphonsus Food Pantry
 (Physical Location)
 1579 Clark St. Rd. Fingerlakes Mall
 Monday-Saturday
 9:00 am-11:30 am
 315-252-0710

**PLEASE NOTE: Soup, Pasta, Coffee & Tea
 Juice, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, Tissues
 and Hand Soap are always needed and appreciated**

All Correspondence should be addressed to:
St. Alphonsus Food Pantry
 90 Melrose Rd.
 Auburn, NY 13021
 Thank you for your continued generosity!

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 03/01/25

Sacred Heart Church
 Regular Collection \$5983.00
St. Alphonsus Church
 Regular Collection \$4964.35
St. Ann's Church
 Regular Collection \$1015.50
 Thank you for your continued generosity!

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday 12:00pm & 7:00pm

March 13
 Sacred Heart Church 12:00pm
 St. Alphonsus Church 7:00pm

March 20
 St. Hyacinths Church
 March 27

6:00 pm at SS Peter & Paul
 Ukrainian Catholic Church
 for the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts



Date	Cans
2/22/2026	530
3/1/2026	1331
3/8/2026	
3/15/2026	
3/22/2026	
3/29/2025	
TOTAL	1861

**Calendar of Events
 Week of March 8, 2026**

Sunday, March 8, 2026
 10:00am-11:00am(SH) Faith Formation
Monday, March 9, 2026
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
 5:00pm(SH) 1st Penance/1st Communion Prep
Wednesday, March 11, 2026
 7:00pm(SH) Bible Study
Thursday, March 12, 2026
 5:30pm(SH) Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 13, 2026
**8:30am(SA) Mass and Exposition &
 Adoration to follow**
12:00pm Stations at Sacred Heart
 6:30pm-8:30pm(SH) Christus Vivit Ice Cream
 Social and Paint Party
7:00pm Stations at St. Alphonsus
Saturday, March 14, 2026
Sunday, March 15, 2026
 10:00am-11:00am(SH) Faith Formation
 3:00pm-5:00pm(SH) Y1 Confirmation
 5:00pm-7:00pm(SH) Y2 Confirmation

During Lent we strive to free ourselves from all kinds of clutter-material and spiritual-in order to focus on God and turn back to him with our whole hearts. Please join us for a Bible Study as we read Lent: Season of Transformation on Wednesday, March 4th, 11th, & 18th from 6:00pm – 7:00pm at Sacred Heart. Led by Liza Kelly. If you have any questions, please contact Ana at 609-575-9580 or ana.haff@dor.org.

SUPPORT FOR FR. JOSEPH OSEI BONSU:

In 2010, Fr. Bonsu, from the Diocese of Obuasi in Ghana, began a three-year priestly assignment in Auburn. When he completed his assignment, he returned to Ghana as is the protocol for his diocese. Ever since then, Fr. Bonsu has taken a six-week vacation every few years in Auburn. In mid-2024, Fr. Bonus needed medical treatment for pancreatic cancer, which he has received in Auburn all through 2025 with all his needs taken care of. It is in his current stay in Auburn lasting until July that he needs financial assistance for housing, food, transportation, etc. Dr. Theresa Casper-Klock has graciously arranged a fund-raising program to assist Fr. Bonsu. Please visit GoFundMe and go to “Community Support for Father Joseph” or make a check payable to Dr. Theresa Casper-Klock and write “Fr. Joseph” in the memo line and mail to 1712 W. Genesee St. Rd, Auburn, NY 13021. In your kindness, please keep Father Joseph Osei Bonsu in your prayers.

Operation Rice Bowl sponsored by Catholic Relief Services is the almsgiving portion of the traditional Lenten Tryptic of Prayer, Penance, and Almsgiving. Please take a Rice Bowl cardboard box and fill it daily and returned the filled box on Palm Sunday.

St. Joseph’s Altar & Rosary will be having there next meeting on Tuesday, March 10th at 4:00pm in the church hall. New members are needed and all are welcome. (Spring meetings will be held April 14th, May 12th & June 16th).

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Please make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal
PO Box 6841
Ithaca, NY 14851

03/02/26	Donors	Pledged	Goal	%
ANN	28	\$10,751	\$10,000	107.51%
SH	148	\$35,958	\$47,000	76.51%
SA	106	\$21,752	\$37,000	58.79%

Thank you for your continued support and generosity

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3/13/26 6:30-8:30pm
Sacred Heart Church

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
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Painting best for Ages 8&up
\$25 for a canvas, includes icecream
\$5 to make an ice cream sundae
\$ for Raffle Baskets

The Knights of Columbus 207 Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship, valued at \$500 each, will be awarded to two well-rounded high school seniors and/or continuing education adults who have consistently demonstrated a Christian attitude, through word and example, and are actively involved in their parish, school, and community. Interested individuals should contact their guidance counselor for an application. Deadline is April 24th.

If you know of someone who needs a "Hug from God" the Prayer Shawl Ministry can help. It could be a parishioner, family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone in need of a hug. If you know someone who is struggling with an emotional challenge, illness, a job loss, struggling in school or who has been bullied, or suffered the loss of a loved one, please call Nancy in the parish office for more information. "Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."
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The 2026 Book for Mass Intentions and Tabernacle Candles is open. The Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm and Friday 8:00am-11:00am. Please call 315-252-7271 or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2026

Saturday, March 7, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+Barbara Quinn by Deacon Gary DiLallo
+Patricia Kelly by Jean Jetty
+Nancy Castellano
by Theresa & Beth Zanowick

4:30pm St. Alphonsus

+For the People of St. Alphonsus Parish

Sunday, March 8, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Ken Kanya by His Wife Linda

9:00 am St. Ann

+Bill Stinson by Ron & Sara Podolak

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+Margaret Bellnier Osborne by Family

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+William Fulton by Joanne Szot & Lizzie Szot
+Antonina Leone by The Cuff Family

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+Alfred, Shirley & Maria Napoli by Bill & Cathy Barlow
+Cathy Burger by Family

Monday, March 9, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Caroline Blowers by Bereavement Ministry
+Theodore Orzel by Bob & Sue Marullo

12:15pm St. Alphonsus

No Mass

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

8:30 am-Sacred Heart

+Patty Galloway by Jim & Barbara Collins

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+For our Faith Community

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+James "Robbie" Robinson by Family

Thursday, March 12, 2026

5:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+For our Faith Community

Friday, March 13, 2026

8:30 am St. Alphonsus Church

+Judy McGinn by Family

Saturday, March 14, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+Gerald Evans by Family
+Josephine Kott by Family

4:30pm St. Alphonsus

+For the People of Our Faith Community

Sunday, March 15, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Helen Oyer by Family
+Barbara Wallace by Family

9:00 am St. Ann

+Mark Geherin by Kathy & Brent Rhodes

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+Ruth Barry by Estate

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+Jerry Oliver by Family
+William Foster by Family
+Tom Burke by Family

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+Margaret Renahan & Dominick Schillace
by Michael Schillace
+Lawrence & Josephine Kenna & Family by Family

**The Memorial Candles
Week of
March 8, 2026**

**Sacred Heart Church
Tabernacle Candle**

Mimi Gacek

by Patty, Joanne, Lorraine, Mary &
Cheryl
and
John Doyle
by Family

**St. Alphonsus Church
Tabernacle Candle**

Alfred, Shirley & Maria Napoli
by Bill & Cathy Barlow

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle
Helen Graney
by Family

Sunday, March 8, 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent



Catholic Mom
 HOLY CROSS
 FAMILY MINISTRIES

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

When Jesus walked the earth, people did not speak to or associate with others who were not like them in faith or community. The Samaritans and Jews were basically enemies. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus (a Jew) meets a Samaritan woman at a well (which is where people had to go in Jesus' time to get water to drink or use for cooking). He takes her by surprise when He speaks to her and asks for a drink of water. She is very confused why He would even speak with her. When Jesus reveals to her that He knows her past (and present) situation, she is amazed. She realizes that He is either a prophet or the Christ. We learn by Jesus' example in the Gospel not to judge, but rather to invite others to share in the love of the Heavenly Father.

During His ministry, Jesus radically challenged all of the old ideas of who can be "saved." He showed how all the Old Testament prophecies that said all nations would come to be saved were coming true. He continually invited all those He encountered to believe and become His disciples.

In his Service,
 Ana Haff
 Director of Faith Formation
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References:
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 "The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together." - Venerable Patrick Peyton

Monday, Mar 09, 2026, Tune out the noise Often the people around us try to undermine our resolve to get physically and spiritually healthy. As we try to avoid addictive substances, find time for quiet contemplation, volunteer one night a week, or whatever we've committed to, others try to thwart us. Some loved ones may be worried that the measures we're taking are too extreme; others may be suffering from the misery-loves company syndrome—they choose not to get healthy and don't want to be on that path alone. Whatever the reason, we feel unappreciated and betrayed. But don't let that distract you. Jesus knew that no prophet is accepted in his hometown, but that didn't stop him from preaching in Nazareth. LENTEN WEEKDAY 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30 (237). "No prophet is accepted in his own native place."

Tuesday, Mar 10, 2026, Reach deep for compassion In a women's concentration camp in Nazi Germany, a prayer was found scrawled on a piece of wrapping paper. The anonymous writer commends to God "not only the men and women of good will, but also those of ill will. But do not remember all the suffering they have inflicted on us. Remember the fruits borne of this suffering: the loyalty, the humility, the courage, the generosity, the greatness of heart which has grown out of this. And when they come to judgment, let all the fruits which we have borne be their forgiveness." May we cultivate such deep pockets of compassion for those who injure us. LENTEN WEEKDAY Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35 (238). "How often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

Wednesday, Mar 11, 2026, Put your relationships in order Think of all the relationships in your life: family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and others. They don't always go smoothly, but without them life would be pretty empty. Then think about God. God is a relationship, too: the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The whole story of scripture, the whole story of the church, tells of God calling creation, especially people, into community and communion with one another and with God. "Love God, serve God; everything is in that," says Saint Clare of Assisi. Put your relationship with God first, and all the others will fall into place. LENTEN WEEKDAY Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19 (239). "Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of heaven."

Thursday, Mar 12, 2026 Check your freedom Sometimes we don't know what hit us. Power comes into our lives and takes our breath away. Was this mighty attraction we just felt a good thing or a bad thing? Was that charismatic speaker who cast a spell over us an evil genius or a saint? It all depends on which direction the demons are headed, according to Jesus. The spirit of holiness is a liberating power, and the spirit of darkness one that constricts us. The freer you are to open your arms in love, the closer you are to God's Holy Spirit. Take time to do a freedom check. LENTEN WEEKDAY Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23 (240). "If it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you."

Friday, Mar 13, 2026, Be a good neighbor When Jesus is asked by a scribe to name the single most important Commandment, he answers by citing not one, but two Commandments: to love God and to love neighbor. The scribe agrees with the answer. All this might seem a bit odd to us—wasn't Jesus supposed to pick just one Commandment? Perhaps the message here is that we can't really separate these two Commandments from one another—they come as a unit. It is impossible to "love God with all your heart" if you do not "love your neighbor as yourself," and vice versa. God is in our neighbor—yes, even in the noisy one who plays loud music late at night. Do your best to live up to the greatest Commandment. Love God with all your heart—it's the neighborly thing to do. LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34 (241). "There is no other commandment greater than these."

Saturday, Mar 14, 2026, A worthy practice Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque is best known for introducing the observance of nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. But she also had some wise words about how to put humility into practice: "Be humble towards God and gentle with your neighbor. Judge and accuse no one but yourself and ever excuse others. Speak of God always to praise and glorify him, speak of your neighbor only with respect—do not speak of yourself at all, either well or ill." Her advice makes for a worthy Lenten practice: praise for God, respect for the neighbor, and keep blessedly silent about yourself! LENTEN WEEKDAY Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14 (242). "The one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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Cheryl Bellnier, Colleen Pinckney, Pat Gallagher, Gloria Cuddy, Tim Daly, Sue Daly, Carol Aldrich, Thomas Didio, Dave, Don & Joan Zeleznik, Mary Campbell, Mark Cole, Jonathan Arrowsmith, Lucas Mallory, Joe Schubach, Mary Warter, Gina DelPiano, Caleb Jones, Michael Fronzek, Carter Hergert, Joan Komanecky, Elizabeth Lane, Frances Lane, Siobhan Phillippe, Donna Romano, and those listed in our Book of Petitions.

"We pray for all those who are sick, especially those on our parish prayer list, those in nursing homes, assisted living, the hospital or the homebound. May they receive comfort, healing, and strength from God's grace."

Please call Nancy at 315-252-7271 to have names added or removed. Thank you!



We pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces serving U.S. and abroad:

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