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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

News Flash!

Parish Committee Meeting -Tue., Mar. 25th at 6:45 pm.

The Readings

Ex 17, 3-7 Psalm 95 R. IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS! Rom 5, 1-2. 5-8

Eucharistic Prayer II

Holy Masses TODAY - March 23rd -III Sunday in Lent. 09:00 am - Holy Mass. FRIDAY - March 28th -The Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm. SUNDAY - March 30th -IV Sunday in Lent. 09:00 am - Holy Mass. After Mass we will have Annual Parish Meeting.

The Lectors

March 23rd - Ernie Stavrovsky March 30th - Jena Devivo

Entrance Rite

V. As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for You, O God. My being thirsts for God, the living God. When can I go and see the face of God?
R. O God, You are my God - for You I long! For You my body yearns; for Yo soul thirsts like a land parched, lifeless, and without water.
V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

The Gospel (Jn 4, 5-42)

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saving 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 have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father

seeks such as these 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 Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

<u>Announcements</u>

1. OUR FRIENDS

Special prayers are needed for: Gertrude Gron, Anthony Getsko, Jennie & Eugene O'Callaghan, Amelia Stankus, Elana Todd, Gerry & Dorothy Villa, Heler Trexler, Janina Martucci, Carolyn Broczkowski. Let us pray: **Our Father.**