

SAT 4pm	Feb. 28	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28
Servers	Madalyne Brown Tryston Brown Abby Brown	Anna Brown Aubrey Brown Adeline Brown	Issac Wells Fred Dust Trey Brown	Issac Wells Fred Dust Trey Brown	Madalyne Brown Tryston Brown Abby Brown
Lector	Alaina Miller	Donna Davis	Sara Roepke	Doug Brown	Christy Brown
Usher	Don Brown Doug Brown	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Justin Miller Don Brown	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Doug Brown Justin Miller
Ministers of Holy Communion	Don Brown Kathy Brown Donna Davis	Rosemary Holland Mike Holland Katrina Davis	Don Brown Beth Spannagel Sara Roepke	Donna Davis Kathy Brown Rosemary Holland	Mike Holland Sara Roepke Don Brown
Gift Bearers	Fred & Joe Dust	Don Brown Family	Doug Brown Family	Jesse Davis Family	Jason Wells Family
SUN 8am	March 1	March 8 Families in Faith	March 15	March 22 Families in Faith	March 29 Families in Faith
Servers	Wylie Miller Daisy Miller Jacob Vonderheide	Wade Conder Olivia Vonderheide Zoey Conder	Hunter Buehler Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene	Wylie Miller Daisy Miller Jacob Vonderheide	Wade Conder Olivia Vonderheide Zoey Conder
Lector	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson	Kathy Adams	Terry Hoene	Lisa Thompson
Ushers	Jim Vonderheide Trevor Floyd	Dennis Koester Shawn Buehler	Gene Doedtman Tom Doedtman	Josh Miller Justin Conder	John Neu Don Antrim
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Gift Bearers	Rodney Hoene Family	Charley Rhonda Vonderheide	Jim Marylou Vonderheide	Dan Angela Woods	Barb Vonderheide
Greeters	Barb Vonderheide	Jason Pruemmer Family	Larry Lieb	Don Marcella Antrim	George Diana Conder
Money Counters	Hoene	Kemme Adams	Bales Richards Hackman Sheehan	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell
WED. 8am Lectors	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25	April 1
	Linda Doedtman	Mike Holland	Alice Richards	Irene Koester	Linda Doedtman

Please remember to sign in in the sacristy before mass so we know all ministries are covered.

Sacrament of Marriage-Please contact our parish office (1-844-536-6514) at least 9 months before your anticipated wedding date to begin your spiritual preparation. One or both persons must be registered and actively living their faith. All couples planning to be married at our parish must attend a Pre-Cana program, Natural Family Planning program and FOCCUS evaluation.

Sacrament of Baptism - A family must be registered & actively living their faith. Godparents must also be registered in a Catholic parish or other Christian church & actively living their faith. A Baptism Class is required for all parents. We ask that both parents attend this class together. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend. For more information, please call the parish office (1-844-536-6514).



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3rd Sunday of Lent—March 8, 2026

MISSION
Be a growing community of disciples, centered on the Eucharist, that imitates Jesus by proclaiming the Gospel and serving our neighbors with love.

VISION
Building the Body of Christ through families of faith with vibrant spiritual formation, joyful community fellowship and service, and a welcoming presence to all.

Shumway Mass Times:
Tuesday – 5:15 pm
Adoration 4-5 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am
Saturday 4:00 pm
Reconciliation-3pm
Sunday 8:00 am

Green Creek Mass Times:
Thursday – 5:15 pm
Adoration 4-5 pm
Friday – 8 am
Saturday – 6 pm
Sunday – 10:00 am

No Adoration/Mass when it falls on a Holy Day

March Committee:
Wanda Ohnesorge,
Vanessa Kessler, Patty Kessler,
Vanessa Floyd, Alice Richards,
Irene Koester

A Thirst for Living Water <https://young-catholics.com/2445/3rd-sunday-of-lent-year-a/>

The 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A reminds us that God is with us, even when we are tired, unsure, or in need. Each reading shows people who feel empty or thirsty, but God gives them what they truly need. He does not leave them alone. He hears their cries and responds with love and care.

In Exodus, the people are in the desert. They have no water and feel afraid. But God tells Moses to strike the rock, and water flows out. God provides, even when they doubt Him. This shows how God stays close, even when we struggle to believe.

The Gospel reading for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A tells the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus talks with her and offers something much greater than regular water. He gives her hope, truth, and new life. She leaves changed, ready to share what she has found.

These readings help us look at our own lives. Where are we empty? What are we really looking for? Lent is a time to open our hearts to Jesus, the one who gives us living water.



In times of difficulty, in times of suffering, many times we encourage others to rest in the love of God. We tend to say that God is merciful and will have mercy on you; or that God is love, and will never stop loving you, and that we need to trust in Him. And those statements, are accurate, they are true. But, when we don't feel God's love, when we don't feel his mercy, it can be awfully hard to grab onto those concepts and keep hold of them for ourselves. In one sense, it illustrates the fact that the Western way of thinking, including the way we understand and live out our faith, has been influenced by many of the Greek philosophers, such as Plato and Socrates and even Plotinus. At times, the philosophers were concerned with what could be seen as more abstract concepts that could be difficult to explain or pin down. And, certainly, God is mercy, He is love, He is justice; He is the source of all of those things and is all good.

It can be helpful, though, to look at how the Israelites understood God. God is referred to as a "fortress" multiple times throughout the Old Testament, particularly in Psalms. In Jeremiah, God is referred to as the "source" or "fountain of living water". In Psalm 23, we hear, we pray along with David, "The Lord is my shepherd". We can draw a fortress, we can draw a fountain or a spring, we can draw a shepherd because these are more than just concepts. And when we say, "the Lord is my fortress", we can understand that life is not always the easiest, that sometimes we will be under attack, but we can take shelter in God. It doesn't mean that there's no difficulty, and we may suffer, but we are preserved, and the Lord will not let Spiritual death afflict us if we take our refuge in Him. When we say that the Lord is the source of water: we need water to live. We can go without food for much longer than we can go without water. Dehydration exhausts us, it alters our way of thinking, and if we are in the desert, or a drought, or have no clean water, our constant thought is "where can I get the next drink of water to sustain me?" It's a matter of survival. So, understanding God as our source of life, as an oasis, can also be helpful. And "The Lord is my shepherd": there are dangers and difficulties in this life, but the shepherd is a protector. the shepherd leads his sheep on the right path, to pastures that provide nourishment and safety. Again, while there is danger in this life, while there are pitfalls, and darkness, and uncertainty, a good and faithful shepherd who loves his sheep is not going to abandon his sheep. And the Lord is The good shepherd. He defends us, He searches us out when we are lost and cannot find the way, He calls us by name.

This isn't to say that thinking of God in the Israelite understanding is better than the Western way of thinking, or vice versa. Both are good, both are helpful. Having both a concrete way of referring to God and a more conceptual way of referring to His attributes helps us to know and understand that God is with us and is greater than any "box" we tend to categorize Him into.

God Bless,
Fr. Adam

PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!



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| David Childress | Jerry Worman | Steve Moore |
| Elsie McKay | Mardell Sheehan | Pat Kuhns |
| Don Clark | Hans Kollinger | Bill Hamilton |
| Kelly Myers Kocher | Kathy Miller | Christie Dust |
| Roger Thomas | David Brown | Helen Kollinger |
| Ron Harris | Larry Nation | Bill Nuxoll |
| Lottie McCormick | Beth Hewing | Cinda Held |
| Kenny Hille | Jim Gordon | Kathy Wakefield |
| Trevor Roy | Don Kemme | |
| Tony Bierman | | |
| Tori Schairbaum | | |
| Tom Laue | | |

Call: 1-844-536-6514 to add or remove someone.
Thank You.

Dear Padre March 8, 2026

When I was young, my parish covered all the statues during part of Lent. What did it mean exactly? Do any churches still do this?

In 2001, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the practice of veiling statues and crosses during the last two weeks of the season of Lent, beginning on the fifth Sunday of Lent. This practice is optional, at the discretion of the local pastor. According to the Roman Missal, "Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

Covering crosses and statues in violet cloth in the final weeks of Lent indicates a shift in the Church's focus from Jesus in the desert (gospel for the first Sunday of Lent) to Christ during his Passion. Similar to other Lenten disciplines of penance and fasting that align us in solidarity with Christ, the veiling custom is meant to deepen our appreciation for Christ's ultimate sacrifice. It represents our "fasting" from sacred depictions of the cross on which hung our salvation and from images of the saints, who glorify Christ and in whom he is glorified. This concealment creates an absence to make our hearts grow fonder for the Lord, who "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). ● Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Weekly Offering..... March 1, 2026

Adult.....\$2125.00
Loose..... 664.00
Catholic Charities.....730.00
Total.....\$3519.00
Parish Hall update \$156,843.47

Masses \$60



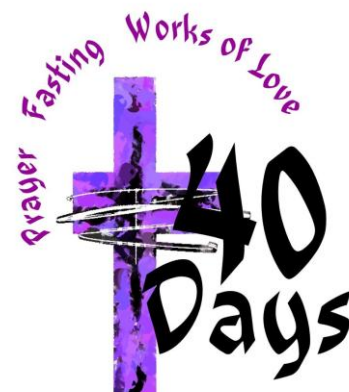
EVERY weekend, we will be collecting food for local food pantries. You can find the donation tote in the cry room.

To reserve the church basement please call 1-844-536-6514.

Cemetery Committee

John Adams 618-322-2874
Matt Childerson 217-254-5896
Daphne Hoffman 217-821-7268
Funeral Meal Coordinators
Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399
Dot Thomas 217-259-8560

To Report Child Sexual Abuse by Church Personnel or to inquire about Safe Environment Programs in the Diocese of Springfield call 217-321-1155 or Children & Family Services Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-25-ABUSE



MONDAY
MARCH 9
Lenten Weekday
2 Kgs 5:1–15ab
Lk 4:24–30

TUESDAY
MARCH 10
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:25, 34–43
Mt 18:21–35

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 11
Lenten Weekday
Dt 4:1, 5–9
Mt 5:17–19

THURSDAY
MARCH 12
Lenten Weekday
Jer 7:23–28
Lk 11:14–23

FRIDAY
MARCH 13
Lenten Weekday
Hos 14:2–10
Mk 12:28–34

SATURDAY
MARCH 14
Lenten Weekday
Hos 6:1–6
Lk 18:9–14

SUNDAY
MARCH 15
Fourth Sunday of Lent
1 Sm 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a
Eph 5:8–14
Jn 9:1–41 or
9:1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38

Dear Pro-Life Group,
 The Effingham County Board has drafted a resolution to oppose the bill to legalize physician-assisted suicide. The Administrative Committee will be meeting to discuss the wording of the bill. IF the committee votes to approve the wording, it will likely be voted on at the next Effingham County Board meeting.

Having a large supportive crowd at these meetings could go a long way toward the resolutions passage. If you are able, please consider attending these 2 meetings:

- Monday, MARCH 9 at 2 pm. Administrative Committee of the Whole Meeting.**
- Monday, MARCH 16 at 4 pm. County Board Meeting.**

Both will be held in the Effingham County Office Building, 3rd floor Boardroom. Address is 101 N. 4th St. Enter the building from the 4th street entrance (directly across the street from the historic old courthouse).

Since this bill has already been signed by the governor and scheduled to go into effect in September, why is passage of this resolution important? This will encourage local medical professionals to opt out of participating in assisted suicide. Other Illinois counties will be inspired to pass their own resolution using this as a model. This will send a message to our elected officials in Springfield that, though the bill is fundamentally flawed and cannot be "fixed", steps should be taken to provide better protections. Thanks for your consideration!

Praying for LIFE,
 Valerie Kemme

You are invited to **Lenten Day of Reflection in Springfield** – Through conferences and personal prayer time, this Lenten Day of Reflection on Sunday, March 22 at the Villa Maria Retreat Center on Lake Springfield will help you to contemplate on and to experience more deeply the infinite and tender love of Christ for all of humanity. It will also help you prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Arrival is at 2 p.m., and it concludes at 7 p.m. The day includes conferences, adoration, time for prayer, the Rosary, confession, and dinner. The cost is \$25. Register by March 15 at dio.org/events.

Effingham Catholic Young Adults

March 10th @ 7pm

for young adults 21-35

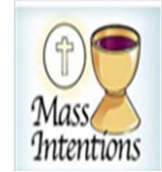
HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR

Confession available

7pm @ St. Aloysius
 19812 E 1000th Ave, Dieterich

8pm @ The Railyard
 202 W Center St, Dieterich

QR code for GroupMe



† This symbol denotes-deceased.

- Saturday, March 7 - +Bernard Ruholl
- Sunday, March 8 - +Richard Runde by George Diana Conder
- Tuesday, March 10 – +Mary Ann Richy by Teresa Tegeler
- Wednesday, March 11 - +Della Wernsing by Alice Richards
- Saturday, March 14- +Merita Elson by Teresa Tegeler
- Sunday, March 15 – +Agnes Agbata by Don Marcella Antrim and +Marita Kemme by family
- Tuesday, March 17- No mass
- Wednesday, March 18 – No mass

To schedule a mass intention please use a mass intention envelope. They are in the cry room in the "mailbox" outside the bathroom. There is also a calendar there with available dates. Drop your intention in the collection basket. If you have any questions, contact Donna Davis @1-844-536-6514.

Happy Birthday

Sara Roepke 3-8
 Kathy Brown 3-10
 Jim Vonderheide 3-13

Families in Faith
Next classes March 8, 22, 29

Bible Study @ St. Mary's, Shumway
 "A Journey Through Church History."
Next Meetings @ 6:30pm
 Wed. March 11 & 18
 Thurs. March 26
 Mon. March 30
 Wed. April 8

SonRise Men's Breakfast – The Hidden Face of God
 This week at TMII, we will take a look at how God is coming to us through other people and how we can encounter God in our home. Find out how he wishes to encounter us all day, every day. All men are welcomed.
 Come for Hot Breakfast on Friday, March 13, 6:15 AM, prayer, program and discussion from 6:30 – 7:30 AM, at the St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham.

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Wednesday, March 25

We will celebrate our Feast Day with Mass at 6pm followed by a meal.

Please sign up!! There are sheets at each entrance of the church

LENTEN Schedule

Stations of the Cross **every Friday @ 6:30pm**

Adoration/Penance Service – Tuesday, March 24 @ 5-7pm (no mass)

Chrism Mass – Tues. March 31 Springfield @ 6:30pm

Wed. April 1 – normal 8 am Mass

Holy Thursday – April 2 -Shumway @5:30pm

Good Friday – April 3 – Green Creek @ 5:30pm

Easter Vigil – Holy Saturday – April 4- Shumway @ 8:00pm

Easter Sunday – April 5 – 8 am Shumway
10 am Green Creek

Looking for fun ways to engage your kids on Sundays?

At 52sundays.com, you will find: "Time to Chat" everyday questions that relate to fun short bios of 129 saints
Fun recipes to make together like "St. Kateri Corn Bread" and "Mini Shepherd's Pot Pies"
Activities, Prayers, and Family Challenges related to each Sunday's readings
Any questions? Contact Gracie with the Office of Marriage and Family Life 217-321-1124 gortiz@dio.org



Parish council meeting minutes can be found on the bulletin boards at church.

Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life

St. Michael's church in Sigel Tuesday March 24th.
Rosary 6:00 pm.
Fr Hyland Smith will celebrate Mass @ 6:30 pm.
A business meeting will follow in the school gym.

Millions of Monica Prayer group will meet March 16th from 6-7pm @ Sacred Heart Parish in Effingham. We invites all mothers to come pray with us. This is a group of mothers, grandmothers, aunts and godmothers coming together to lift up their children (of all ages) in prayer. Following St. Monica's example of patience and perseverance, we pray for the joyful return of our children to full unity with the Catholic Church. For more information, visit www.millionsofmonicas.com.

Women's faith, wine, and chocolate night

Women of the diocese are invited to a beautiful evening of prayer, fellowship, and faith on Wednesday, March 25, at the Villa Maira Retreat Center on Lake Springfield in celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation. The night begins with Mass at 6 p.m., honoring Mary's joyful "yes" to God, followed by a relaxed and meaningful gathering featuring wine, chocolate (Lenten penances are not obligatory on solemnities), and guided discussion. The night ends at 9 p.m. Together, we will reflect on what it means to live as women after the model of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, growing in friendship with Christ, Our Lady, and one another. The cost is \$10. Registration deadline is March 20. Go to dio.org/events to register.

...SAVE THE DATE...

**Mattoon Deanery
Council of Catholic Women Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2026**

"Ladies' Day Out, Irish Style"

**Immaculate Conception, Mattoon
320 N 21st Street; Mattoon
Furthering faith and family,
featuring fun, food and fellowship**

*****NOTICE TIME CHANGE*****

**9:30 – 10:15 Registration; 10:30 Mass
Lunch, Meeting and Drawings to follow**

**Guest Speaker: Fr. R. Dean Probst
"Stories of Travels with Fr. Dean"**

(NOTICE: 50/50 Raffle replaces white elephant gift)

Wear Green – get 1 ticket Bring a new friend – get 5 tickets

What Really Happens at Mass movie – The Real Presence: The Mass is a 28-minute film that reveals the unseen spiritual world of the Catholic Mass through a combination of beautiful liturgical imagery and artistic augmented reality. At the heart of the film is the belief that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist—not symbolically, but in reality. With alarming statistics showing that many Catholics no longer believe in this foundational truth, the film seeks to reawaken faith and offer compelling insights into what the Church teaches about the Real Presence. Watch for free: therealpresence.com.

FORMED-Catholic Streaming Service To sign up follow these directions.

1. Go to Formed.org
2. Click on Find your Parish Subscription
3. Enter 62461 in the find your parish box
4. Click on St. Mary's and Next and create your account



The El Shaddai Maternity Home in Effingham recently had a bad flood when frozen sprinkler pipes burst. It damaged their west wing, living room, and food pantry. All contents of the pantry had to be thrown away.

If you're able to help, they are asking for financial donations to help pay the \$5,000 deductible for their insurance. You can make a donation online at <https://elshaddaihomes.com/> or mail a check to:

El Shaddai Homes
505 W. Temple Ave.
PO Box 6065
Effingham, IL 62401

- Detailed list of needs
- Coffee
 - Creamer
 - Flour
 - Sugar
 - Hamburger helper
 - Tuna helper
 - Tuna
 - Sloppy Joe mix
 - Noodles of every kind
 - Spaghetti sauce
 - Chilli beans
 - Tomato sauce and juice
 - Canned vegg
 - Crackers
 - Ketchup
 - Mustard
 - Mayo
 - Peanut Butter
 - Jelly
 - Cake and brownie mix's
 - Baby formula -Similac and Enfamil
 - Snacks
 - Thank you!!!

They're also in need of items to restock their pantry. These items can be dropped off at 505 W Temple Ave in Effingham any time before 8 pm.

The 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A brings us powerful readings that encourage us to deepen our faith and open our hearts to Jesus. In these passages, we see how Jesus reaches out to those in need, crossing boundaries and inviting them to new life. The story of the Samaritan woman at the well shows how a simple encounter with Jesus can lead to a life of faith, courage, and witness.

Breaking Down Barriers

The Gospel reading for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A invites us to consider how Jesus reaches across boundaries to show love and bring people to faith. When Jesus speaks to the Samaritan woman at the well, He crosses cultural and social lines. Jewish people at that time avoided Samaritans, and men generally didn't speak openly to women they didn't know. But Jesus doesn't let these divisions stop Him. Instead, He shows that God's love is for everyone, no matter who they are or where they come from.

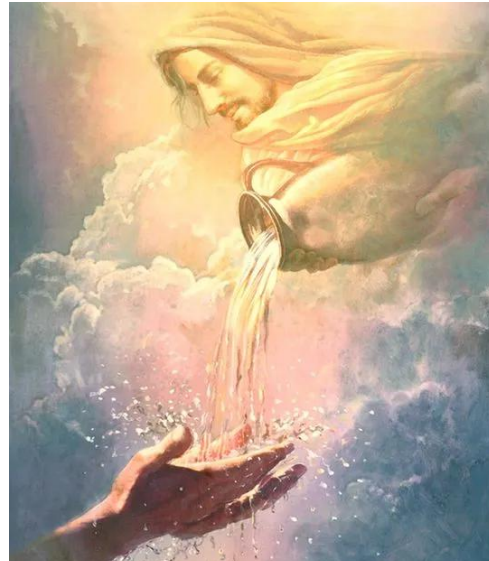
Jesus' actions challenge us to examine our own lives. We may have people or groups we tend to avoid or judge, whether based on background, beliefs, or behavior. The 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A calls us to follow Jesus' example by breaking down barriers and welcoming others with respect and kindness. Just as Jesus spoke with the Samaritan woman, we are called to reach out, share our faith, and listen with compassion.

Through His conversation with the woman, Jesus shows that love and understanding are more powerful than division. In our divided world, this lesson is more important than ever. We are called to be peacemakers, willing to cross boundaries for the sake of love and truth. By breaking down barriers as Jesus did, we can share His message of hope and peace.

Open to Change

The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman is about more than just a conversation; it is an invitation to change. Jesus meets her in her daily routine, drawing water from a well. But instead of just quenching her physical thirst, Jesus offers her "living water," something that will give her a new life. The 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A reminds us that Jesus also wants to meet us where we are and offer us this new life.

Jesus' offer of living water is an invitation to open ourselves to Him, allowing His love to change our lives. Like the Samaritan woman, we may have things in our past that make us feel unworthy, but Jesus doesn't hold these against us. He speaks to us as we are and calls us to accept His gift of new life. Through prayer, sacraments, or time spent reading the Bible, we can encounter Jesus and be refreshed by His presence.



Lent is a time when the Church invites us to seek that deeper relationship with Jesus. The 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A encourages us to let Jesus change our hearts, to give up old patterns of sin or fear, and to live with greater faith. When we open ourselves to Jesus, we grow in peace and joy. We also become better able to share His love with others.

A Woman Spreads the Good News

In the Gospel reading for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A, a Samaritan woman becomes an unlikely witness of Jesus. She comes to the well as part of her daily life, not expecting to encounter Jesus or be changed by Him. Yet, after her conversation with Him, she is filled with hope and eager to share her experience. This story shows us that God can use anyone to spread His message, regardless of their past or circumstances.

Jesus' knowledge of the woman's personal life makes her believe. He is more than just a teacher; He could be the Messiah. She doesn't keep this news to herself. Instead, she goes back to her town and tells everyone about Jesus. Through her witness, many in her community come to believe in Him. Her excitement and willingness to share her experience encourage us to be open about our faith with those around us.

This reading on the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A also reminds us that women have always had an important role in spreading the Good News. The woman at the well becomes one of the first people to share Jesus' message with others. Like her, we can bring Jesus to our families, friends, and communities by sharing what He has done in our lives. Our stories can lead others to believe, just as hers did.



As we reflect on the lessons from the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A, we are invited to look at our own lives. Are we ready to break down barriers, to let Jesus bring us lasting change, and to share His love with others? Let these reflections encourage us to live with open hearts, sharing God's message of love and hope in a world that deeply needs it.

Prayer

Lord, help us to seek You with open hearts and to welcome Your love that brings true life. Teach us to break down barriers and share Your peace with others. May we share Your love as a source of hope and joy in our communities. Amen.

Reflection Questions for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A

- What barriers in my life might keep me from loving others as Jesus does?
- How can I reach out to someone who is different from me or who may feel alone?
- In what ways am I thirsting for God's love and presence in my life?
- How can I open my heart to let Jesus change me this Lent?
- How has an encounter with Jesus brought peace or direction to my life?
- What is one way I can share my faith with others this week?
- Who in my life needs to know they are loved by God?
- How do I respond to people who may be judged by others?
- In what ways can I help build unity and understanding in my family or community?
- How does the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A inspire me to grow in my relationship with God?

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