

March 15 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well.
John 4: 5-42

Meeting at the well

Annette was an active and faithful parishioner of many years. One Sunday, she asked for a moment of the pastor's time.

Her voice was firm, but she didn't sound cross or upset.

"I had surgery last week . . . "

Before she finished the sentence, the pastor slumped in his chair. Weeks before Annette had told him about her surgery and asked him to check in with her after. He said he'd be happy to do so — but he had forgotten all about it. Now he felt horrible. And she knew it.

She patted his hand. "You're my pastor. I need you to be there for me and you weren't. That really hurt me. I wanted to tell you this in person."

"O my God, Annette," the pastor stammered. "I don't know what else there is to say except you're right. I should have been there. I am so sorry. I screwed up."

"I know you didn't ignore me. But I wanted you to know that the forgetting hurt. And I accept your apology." Annette gave him a hug. Absolved. Done.

The two never spoke of it again, but the pastor never forgot. The pastor moved on to new parishes. He and Annette stayed in touch. The two spoke recently, and the pastor brought up the incident. Annette's memory of that pastoral blunder surprised him: "She told me that I had created the environment that enabled her to address hurt directly and openly," the pastor writes. "She said it was a big moment of growth for her to be able to do that . . . A lapse in pastoral care turned into one of the best mistakes of my ministry."

Jesus creates just such an "environment" in his meeting the Samaritan woman at the well: a safe, nonjudgmental space where the woman can see her life honestly and completely, where she is able to confront her failings and brokenness and begin to turn her life around. May we create such places and times of support and empathy around our "wells," where all may come and drink from the waters of compassion and reconciliation.



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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

Parish Information

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week: Tues & Thurs at 7 p.m. and Wed & Fri at 10 a.m.
First Fridays - 2 p.m. at the Lohnes Complex

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Daily mass is also cancelled any day there is a funeral in our parish.

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

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March 8, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$1706.65
Building Fund	5.00
Word Among Us	5.00
Lent Folders	95.00
Mass Stipends	150.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 pm	Late Mary Alexander
Wed, 10 am	Late Edna Dwyer
Thur, 7 pm	Late Gus & Irene Rumbolt
Fri, 10 am	Special Intention
Sat, 4:30 pm	Deceased Members of the Roche & Thompkins Families
Sun, 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 21	
Calvin Gillis Mike Leonard	Elizabeth Carew (Host Only)
March 22	
Joan Penney Carol Reid	Marie Byrne (Host Only)
Communion of the Sick	
Lohnes Complex visits discontinued	

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: Sunday, March 15th. Adoration begins at 2 pm and concludes with Benediction at 3 pm.

CHURCH CLEANING: Parishioners are asked to please help to clean our church in preparation for Easter. This will take place on Wednesday, April 8, following 10 am Mass. Please bring along a small bucket and scrub rags. Other cleaning supplies will be provided.

CORONA VIRUS - Over-Reaction versus

Precaution: While we do not want to overreact to the current fears around Corona Virus, we do want to take all precautions. For the foreseeable future, **communion will not be distributed under both forms** but only under the form of the hosts. **The sign of peace** will no longer encourage the shaking of hands but suggest a slight bow, fist bump, elbow touch, etc. while saying peace be with you. We have also removed the **Holy Water fonts** from the main doors. Until more is known these practices will continue in effect.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: You are invited to join us at Sacred Heart Church in celebrating the Stations of the Cross at 7 pm on the Fridays of Lent. A different version of the Stations will be used each week.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION: We Pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation services have been set for our parishes. Confirmation Service at Our Lady Star of the Sea will take place on Wednesday, May 6th at 7pm. Sacred Heart Parish Confirmation Service will be Wednesday, May 13th also at 7pm. Please mark these important dates in your calendar.

PARISH MISSION- Advance Notice: Our parish will be taking part in a special mission during Lent. Retired Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie will be with us on the weekend of March 28th, 29th and will lead us in a mission from March 29th to 31st. This will be a tremendous time to celebrate our faith with an Archbishop who has undergone great spiritual healing and has assisted many others in that same journey.

NET MINISTRIES: Sacred Heart and Holy Redeemer parishes are co-sponsoring events with NET Ministries for the weekend of March 20th – 21st. **While there are many fears over Corona Virus it was decided by the parishes involved that we will continue to prepare for NET Ministries visit.** If there are any changes in guidelines giving by the province or by the diocese, we will apply those new guidelines when necessary. This is a great event for all youth in grade seven and higher. More specific details to follow. Confirmation candidates are expected to take part in these NET Ministries activities.

THE WORD AMONG US & LIVING FAITH: In an effort to recover the cost of these resources, we are asking a donation of \$3.00 per copy. These are wonderful resources for preparing for mass and for private prayer at home.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you wish to donate toward Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one, you may do so by putting the persons name on an envelope with a donation inside. Blue envelopes for this purpose are available in the church. Place completed envelopes in the Sunday collection or drop by the Parish Office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Meeting: Bishop O'Reilly Assembly 624 will be meeting Tuesday, March 17th at All Hallows' Parish Humber Road at 7:45 P.M. Could Sir Knights please try to attend.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Meeting: The regular monthly meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place on Wednesday, March 18th, in the basement of the Priest House at 8pm. Please note the change of time.

THE DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS: Our Chrism Mass will be held at Holy Redeemer Cathedral on **Wednesday, April 1 beginning at 7 pm.** This is a wonderful time to gather as a diocesan family and renew friendships with Priests and Parishioners throughout the dioceses. Everyone is invited.

BINGO: The Ladies Group will be having the next bingo on April 5, 2020 at Sacred Heart Elementary at 2 pm. There is a volunteer list on the bulletin board located at the back of the Church. Volunteers in the **sections A through E (corrected from last weeks bulletin)** on this list are asked to donate items. All your donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact the parish office if you want your name added to or removed from this list.

HUMOUR: A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats and pigs, the husband asked her sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?" The wife replied, "Yes, they're my in-laws."

YOUTH AND FAMILY: There will be a young adult Pot Luck after the 5:00 pm Mass at the Cathedral on Saturday, March 21st. This will take place in the lower level of the Cathedral. Bring your favorite dish and come along for a social night with other parishioners. The NET Team will be in attendance as our special guests.

