

# PAROISSE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARISH BULLETIN



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Parish

March 15, 2020  
Third Sunday of Lent

## Welcoming New Parishioners

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family.

We would like to get to know and serve you.

In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

### Pastor

Fr. Trini Pinca  
Phone: 9393-4412 ext 4  
[pastor@sjbp.ca](mailto:pastor@sjbp.ca)

### Executive Assistant

Donna Sobochan  
Phone 939-4412 ext 0

### Parish Council

Noreen Radford  
Phone: 780-939-3613

### Finance Temporal Committee

George Vansevenant  
[Gnlv7@hotmail.com](mailto:Gnlv7@hotmail.com)

### Children's Liturgy

Lisa St. Onge  
Phone: 939-5185

### Safe Parish Committee

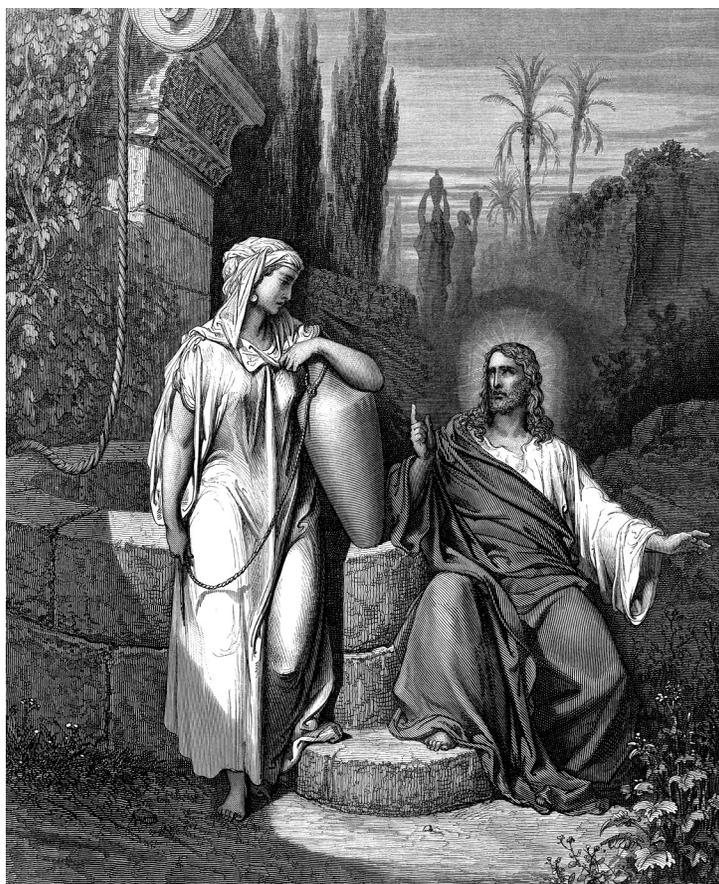
Denise Toucchette  
Phone: 939-4401

### Knights of Columbus

Pat Earles GK  
Phone: 939-6253

### Catholic Women's League

Simone Chevalier  
Phone: 939-4512



## ANNOUNCEMENT

As a measure to diminish the risk of contamination from a disease that threatens communities, the bishop of the Diocese of St. Paul directs a **TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL** from:

- Communion from the cup
- Communion on the tongue
- hand shakes
- using holy water fonts



All parishioners over **sixty-five (65)** years old are also granted dispensation from Sunday obligations; until further notice. Meanwhile, please watch mass on TV and say the rosary instead at home.

This pastoral response to the pandemic of coronavirus was sent after consultation with the other bishops of Alberta.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**We invite everyone to join us every Friday at 7:00 PM here in our Church for the stations of the Cross.**

This popular devotion honors the Passion of Jesus. Please join us and the different Parish groups in following Christ to his crucifixion at Calvary.

## Sacraments

### Baptism:

Last Sunday of the month at mass. Please the parish office for more info and registration.

### Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

### Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office at least **SIX** months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

### Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office. After Hours for Emergencies Only

780-645-9749.

## Sunday Masses

Sat 05:00 PM English

Sun 09:00 AM English

11:00 AM Bilingual

## Weekday Masses

Tue 8:30AM Church

Wed 10:00AM

Heritage Lodge

Thu 10:00AM

Aspen House

Fri 8:30AM Church

## 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month

9:00-11:00AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

## Background on the Gospel Reading

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>

MASSES FOR THE WEEK			
	DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY	14-Mar	5:00 PM	Special intention for Colette Klein-Mom and Dad
SUNDAY	15-Mar	9:00 AM	For Parishioners
		11:00 AM	RIP Jill Venoit-Jeanne (her sister) + Yvon LeBlanc
TUESDAY	17-Mar	8:30 AM	For all priests
WEDNESDAY	18-Mar	10:00 AM	Lodge-RIP Alice Kerckhof - Jean Louis Boissonnault
THURSDAY	19-Mar	10:00 AM	Aspen-RIP Margaret Rousseau-Wayne+Marlene Vranas
FRIDAY	20-Mar	8:30 AM	RIP Lucien Beapre-Knightss of Columbus
SATURDAY	21-Mar	5:00 PM	RIP Roger Champagne-Lorette
SUNDAY	22-Mar	9:00 AM	RIP-Norm Potvin-Jennifer and Family (2nd Anniversary)
		11:00 AM	For Parishioners

### YOUTH COMMITTEE:

We are looking for volunteers to join a committee dedicated to building the youth in our church, and eventually creating a youth group. If you are interested in joining and/or have any questions, please contact:

**EVAN CONSTANTINE: 780 717 8209**

**BEN BOURKE: 780 864 0524**

**KATIE ST. ONGE: 780 268 3845**

### MASS AT HERITAGE LODGE:

is every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

### CAMP ST. LOUIS IS HIRING!

If you are a young adult, looking for the best summer job in the world, then you've found it! We are currently accepting applications for 2 male TEAM members.

To download the application package, go to <https://www.campstlouis.ca/apply-for-team/> to download an application form. or contact Aaron at [aarondebusschere@dosp.ca](mailto:aarondebusschere@dosp.ca) for more information. Applications are being accepted until February 29th. So don't delay, apply now!

**MARCH 8, 2020**

**COLLECTION \$3,115.00**

**RESTORATION: \$100.00**

## Pope Francis' intentions for March

**Catholics in China**  
We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

## The Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross

- "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)
  - "This day you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:43)
  - "Woman, behold your son." (John 19:26-27)
  - "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34; Matthew 27:46)
  - "I thirst." (John 19:28)
  - "It is finished." (John 19:30)
  - "Into your hands I commit my spirit." (Luke 23:46)
- In preparation for the coming Holy Week we will be introducing during Good Friday the meditation of the Seven Last Words of Jesus in the Cross. For those who are interested please approach Fr. Trini or the rectory.

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS		
DUST ANGELS	MONDAY, MARCH 16, 8:00 AM	PARISH CHURCH
PRAYER GROUP	TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 7:00 PM	RECTORY