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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading

When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7)

Psalm

Listen to God's voice today; be not hardhearted (Psalm 95)

Second Reading

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8)

Gospel

Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again

(John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF March 12, 2023

Sunday: Blessed Angela Salawa Monday: St. Leander of Seville

Tuesday: St. Maximilian

Wednesday: St. Louise de Marillac

Thursday: St. Clement Mary Hofbauer

Friday: St. Patrick

Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

"THE LORD IS GREATER THAN ALL: I HAVE SAID ENOUGH." -St. Patrick

St. Louise de Marillac



REFLECT

GOD EVER PURSUES US

We hear today of God's unrelenting pursuit of us. Our readings tell stories of God's intense desire to share the divine life with us. From Exodus, we see how God shows endless persistence and compassion, even to those who grumble against God, or seem to have forgotten God. From the Gospel of John, we hear of how Jesus, in his extended conversation with the Samaritan woman, gives her dignity, names uncomfortable truths, and gradually leads her into a new path of faith. We can have confidence that as we bring our own confusions, fears, and failings to God, we may receive God's mercy and forgiveness. God always persists and continually finds new ways to invite people into unity with God. As Paul describes in Romans, in the cross we see how God will go to any length to demonstrate the depth and breadth of divine love.

PONDER

The Three Lenten Disciplines: Prayer

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are not specifically Christian practices. Jewish piety, from which the primitive church developed, already included these three spiritual exercises. The Muslims also include these three in the five pillars of their Islamic faith. But it is Jesus himself who invites us to practice these three pillars of conversion. He reminds us that they are not done to "show off" that we are holier than everyone else. On the contrary, fasting, charitable works, and praying are done with humility (Matthew 6:1–6; 16–21). It is challenging, but we are not discouraged because the Holy Spirit comes to our aid.

The Lenten discipline of prayer can be thought of in two ways. For Christians, to pray in the first way is to speak like children to God, who loves us as mother, father, sibling, and friend. When speaking to God, we tell God what we have inside us, trusting that our words are the ones that most please God. The second approach to prayer means proclaiming with confidence our fears, problems, joys, and yearnings to God, knowing that God loves and hears us. Praying either way means spending time with God, at times talking, at times silent, but always with the assurance that we are loved.

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PHYSICIAN'S REAT G ш Ŧ S SURP **⊢**0 **N** 0 WOUNDS YOUR

W E E K L Y R E A D I N G S

- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Fully alivery Day

RCIA

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, you'll hear about something called RCIA. The initials stand for the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, which is the book ministers use to guide one through the stages and steps of church membership.

If you've never been baptized, and you are old enough to read this, you begin your preparation with a time of inquiry in what is called the Precatechumenate. During this time, you have some spiritual conversation about God and the church.

Once you decide to follow Jesus Christ, you celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. As a catechumen, you are considered a member of the Church in a broad sense. Unmarried catechumens may have a Catholic wedding; deceased catechumens may have a Catholic funeral.

During the Period of the Catechumenate, you become acquainted with what the Church teaches, you follow the Christian way of life, you engage in liturgical prayer, and you help spread the Gospel (see RCIA, 75). The time span for this preparation varies.

This period of formation closes with the Rite of Election, when the Church proclaims that God has chosen you for the sacraments. Normally, the bishop celebrates this liturgy at the cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent. This marks the beginning of the third stage in the process.

During the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, you make your spiritual preparation for Baptism. This period usually coincides with Lent.

Finally, you celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. This usually takes place during the Easter Vigil at your parish.

As a new Catholic, you deepen your participation through the Period of Mystagogy by meditating, praying, and doing works of charity.

If you have already been baptized, this preparation will be tailored to your needs so "that no greater burden than necessary" will delay "the establishment of communion and unity" (RCIA, 473).

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Hey Family, Let's Talk About This!

What is a catechumen?

How many stages of RCIA are there for catechumens?

When is the most likely time you would celebrate the sacraments of initiation?

Prayer for Vocations

Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd. You know each of us and call us by name. Help us to respond generously to your voice by opening our hearts to discern your holy will. We pray especially for those whom you are calling to serve the church as priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers. Give courage and guidance to all, so that we may respond to your call and serve you devoutly.

THIS MONTH

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March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Prayer Shawl Ministry 1 Wednesday Morning Scripture Study Walking with Purpose YDA Middle Ministries Renovate Adult Confirmation Prep Vocations Rosary	Thursday Morning Scripture Study Bunco GriefShare Sack Lunch Project	Homeschool Community & HTCS First Friday Mass Catechism in a Year Social Seniors Lenten Fish Dinner Stations of the Cross	Men's Rosary & Discipleship Pre-Baptism Class Samuel Ministry Marriage on Tap Altar Server Training New Member Welcome
5 KofC Burritos & Donuts YDA The 23rd Psalm: A Holocaust Memoir New Member Welcome	6 RCIA	Faith & Focus Women Growing in Faith	Wednesday Morning 8 Scripture Study Walking with Purpose YDA Middle Ministries Renovate Adult Confirmation Prep Vocations Rosary	Thursday Morning Scripture Study Archangel Moms Meetings GriefShare	Catechism in a Year Baby Looms Lenten Fish Dinner Stations of the Cross	Men's Rosary & Discipleship
12 Carter Blood Drive Lenten Mission	Women's Group Gathering RCIA Knights of Columbus Sodality of St. Monica	14 Women Growing in Faith	Wednesday Morning Scripture Study Walking with Purpose Adult Confirmation Prep Vocations Rosary	Thursday Morning Scripture Study GriefShare Sack Lunch Project	Catechism in a Year Lenten Fish Dinner Stations of the Cross	Men's Rosary & 18 Discipleship Interreligious Dialogue Ministry Easter Basket Flyers Dance Social
19 Easter Basket Flyers	20 Men's Club Meeting RCIA	Faith & Focus Women Growing in Faith Catholic Respect Life	Wednesday Morning Scripture Study Walking with Purpose YDA Middle Ministries Renovate Vocations Rosary	Archangel Moms Meetings Thursday Morning Scripture Study GriefShare	24 Catechism in a Year Lenten Fish Dinner Stations of the Cross	Men's Rosary & Discipleship Parish Service Day Breathe Retreat Holy Hour of Power Easter Basket Flyers
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Let go of your plans.

The first hour of the morning belongs to God.

Tackle the day's work that He charges you with,

and He will give you the power to accomplish it.
-St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross



MINISTRIES CURRENTLY MEETING

- Archangel Moms
- Baby Looms
- Catholic Respect Life
- Faith & Focus Men's Study
- Interreligious Dialogue
- Knights of Columbus
- Marriage on Tap
- Men's Club
- Men's Rosary and Discipleship
- Mission & Outreach Council
- Music Ministries
- Natural Family Planning
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- RCIA
- Samuel Ministry
- Secular Franciscans
- Social Seniors
- Sodality of St. Monica
- Stephen Ministry
- Women's Group
- Women's Rosary & Readings
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EVENTS NOW REGISTERING

- Marriage on Tap
- Small Church Communities



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THIS WEEK

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MONDAY, MARCH 13

- Women's Group Gathering | 6:30pm | Parish Hall
- RCIA | 7:00pm | St. Maria Goretti
- Sodality of St. Monica | 7:00pm | St. Monica
- Knights of Columbus | 7:30pm | Upper Room

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

• Women Growing in Faith | 9:30am | Upper Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

- Wednesday Morning Scripture Study | 9:30am | St. Maria Goretti
- Walking with Purpose | 9:30am | Pope St. John XXIII
- Adult Confirmation Prep | 5:45pm | Conference Room
- · Vocations Rosary | 6:30pm | Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

- Thursday Morning Scripture Study | 9:00am | Upper Room
- GriefShare | 7:00pm | St. Maria Goretti
- Sack Lunch Project | 7:00pm | Outreach Center

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

- Catechism in a Year | 9:30am | Upper Room
- Lenten Fish Dinner | 5:00pm | Parish Hall
- * Stations of the Cross | 7:00pm | Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

- Men's R&D | 7:00am | Daily Chapel
- Interreligious Dialogue | 9:30am | Pope St. John XXIII
- Dance Social | 6:30pm | Parish Hall









SWING INTO SPRING DANCE SOCIAL

Saturday, March 18 6:30pm | Parish Hall

Learn how to dance...Swing, Smooth, Latin, Line Dancing and more! Pizza will be provided. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Please RSVP by visiting gscc.net/dance.





Sunday, March 26 2:30pm | St. Dominic Savio

Please join us to assemble care packages for our college students and children serving in the military. Our goal is to keep our young adults connected to their home parish. Sign up and learn more at www.gscc.net/ccpackages.

GUARDIAN MINISTRY

The Guardian Ministry is a community safety and security volunteer ministry that provides parishes with a peaceful and safe place to worship. Guardian Ministers look out for each other and our parish community, and rely on our training to respond to various man made or naturally occurring emergencies.

We are looking for respectful leaders with a strong Christian approach who possess the attitude, aptitude, and level headedness needed during a crisis. Guardians can serve either in an armed capacity (aged 21 and older), an unarmed capacity (aged 18 and older), or as a Medical Team member. If you feel that you are being called to be a Guardian at Good Shepherd, please contact: **Chris Stiles at cstiles@gscc.net**.

APR 20

GSCC STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Thursday, April 20 5:00pm

GSCC has a number of great scholarship opportunities available for parish seniors in high school. These scholarships are sponsored by:

- Kathy Albert Memorial Scholarship
- Men's Club
- Women's Group
- Knights of Columbus
- Catholic Respect Life
- Music Ministry

The deadline to apply is April 20 at 5:00pm. Learn more about each scholarship as well as eligibility criteria by visiting **gscc.net/scholarships**.



MAR 25

PARISH SERVICE DAY

Saturday, March 25 8:30pm | Parish Hall

Be the face of Jesus through service projects that help those in need in our community. Slots fill quickly! Learn more and register at **www.gscc.net/parishserviceday** today! All volunteers will meet in the Parish Hall at 8:30 a.m. for check-in, light refreshments and a blessing



For all events and ministries currently meeting and coming up, please visit gscc.net/ministries or gscc.net/calendar

Breathe.

YOUNG ADULT DAY RETREAT
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Matthew 11:28-30

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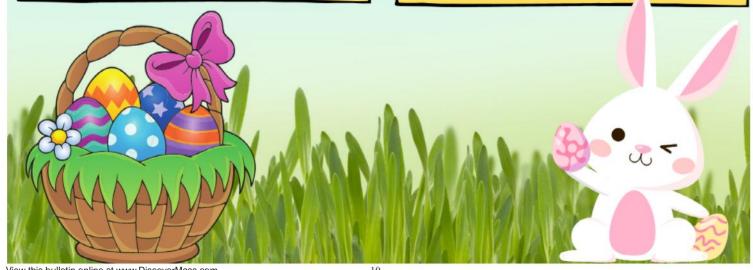
MARCH 18-19 & 25-26

Pick up your flyers with the specific needs for the children in the Narthex the weekend of March 18-19 and March 25-26.

APRIL 1 - COLLECTION DAY

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