



CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Stewards of God's Gifts

March 23, 2025 | Third Sunday of Lent

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY | DOMINGO

8:00 am	English
10:00 am	English*
12:00 pm	Español*
2:00 pm	Chinese*
4:00 pm	English
6:00 pm	Español

*Livestream available.

Monday—Friday
Lunes—Viernes
12:10 pm

ADORATION

See page 5

ADORACIÓN

Vea la página 5

RECONCILIATION

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Monday—Friday

Lunes—Viernes

11:30 am—12:00 pm

Saturday | Sabado

2:00 pm—5:00 pm (See page 5)

CATHEDRAL HOURS

Monday—Friday

10:00 am—4:00 pm

(hours subject to change if needed)



OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday

9:00 am—noon & 1 pm—4 pm



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Events and Information

Let's Talk Parish!
CATHOLIC OF THE
BLESSED
SACRAMENT

The Let's Talk Parish podcast features a Cathedral staff member or parishioner in a casual discussion with host Christian Jensen.

Have a listen to learn about your fellow parishioners!

If you would like to participate as a guest, please contact 916-545-5376.



Listen here:
<https://is.gd/talkparish>

DEEPENING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

7:00-8:00 PM in Mercy Hall

Topics to choose from each week:

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| MONDAY
MAR 24 | • Battle of Prayer
• Blessed Trinity |
| THURSDAY
MAR 27 | • Who is Jesus? Just a Man or Lord of All? |
| MONDAY
MAR 31 | • Cardinal Virtues
• The Incarnation |
| MONDAY
APR 7 | • The Church
• Virtue of Faith |

For info/questions, contact Sister Lisa Marie at slmdoty@cbssac.org



KEEP THE FLAME ALIVE

With Father O'Reilly

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm via Zoom

Gospel of Luke is on pause until March 26 but it's never too late to sign up so that you can join us for Chapter 4, when Father O'Reilly returns.

Contact Donna: flamealive22@gmail.com

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday

11:30 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm (See page 5)

ADORATION (See page 5)

Wednesday & Thursday

Postponed until April 2.

THE HOLY ROSARY

1st and 3rd Wednesdays 6pm

St. Josephine Bakhita Room, lower level.

praytherosarywithus@yahoo.com

HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION

Postposed until May 2. First Friday of each month immediately following the 12:10 Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

MANTENGA LA LLAMA

Con Padre O'Reilly

Miércoles, 7:00 pm vía Zoom

El Evangelio de Lucas está en pausa hasta el 26 de marzo, pero nunca es demasiado tarde para registrarse para que pueda unirse a nosotros para el Capítulo 4, cuando regrese el Padre O'Reilly.

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RECONCILIACIÓN

Lunes - Viernes

11:30 am to 12:00 pm

Sábado 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Vea la página 5)

ADORACIÓN (Vea la página 5)

Miercoles y Jueves

Aplazado hasta el 2 de abril.

EL SANTO ROSARIO

1er y 3er miércoles, 6:00 pm

Aula St. Josephine Bakhita, nivel inferior.

praytherosarywithus@yahoo.com

HORA SANTA DE LA REPARACIÓN

Aplazado hasta mayo. Primer viernes de cada mes inmediatamente después de la Misa de las 12:10 en la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento.



SUNDAY CATHEDRAL DOCENT TOURS

English at 9am and 11am & Spanish at 1pm

Meet by the Baptismal font. Docents share why the Cathedral is such an integral part of Early California history and how our beautiful and important works of art express symbolically spiritual beliefs that are intrinsic to our Catholic Faith.

VISITAS POR LA CATEDRAL LOS DOMINGOS

Español a la 1 pm e inglés a las 9am y 11am

Reunirse cerca de la fuente bautismal. Los docentes guían a los visitantes compartiendo con ellos por qué la catedral es una parte fundamental de la historia de la Temprana California y cómo nuestras hermosas e importantes obras de arte expresan simbólicamente creencias espirituales íntegras a nuestra Fe católica.

DONUT SUNDAY

TODAY, MARCH 23

Join the **Chinese Community**
after 10am and Noon Masses
for a donut and coffee mixer
in the Lower Level.

The Eucharistic Ministers will host on April 27.



REMEMBER *in your prayers*



Nicholas S.	Regina F.
Pope Francis	Lorna G.
Angela A.	Annemarie
Judite	Hansel
Patrick O.	Dorothy G.

Cathedral Prayer Chain

Prayer.chain.sacramento@gmail.com

SECOND COLLECTION: Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC, **and help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholicrelief.

COLECCIÓN ESPECIAL: La próxima semana, nuestra parroquia llevará a cabo la colecta para Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Los fondos recaudados en esta colecta ayudarán a proveerles alimentos a los que pasan hambre, apoyo a los refugiados desplazados y trae el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a todas las personas aquí en nuestro país y en el extranjero. La próxima semana, por favor contribuye generosamente a la colecta de CRSC y a **Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudarás?** Aprende más acerca de la colecta en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Mass Intentions & Observances

SUN 3/23

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM: BERNARDO GELUZ S.I.

10:00 AM: PEOPLE OF THE PARISH S.I.

12:00 PM: SEAN TINGEN S.I.

4:00 PM: MATTHEW WALKER S.I.

6:00 PM: STEFANIE SOLOMON S.I.

MON 3/24

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

12:10 PM: FR. JAMES KOLLING +

TUE 3/25

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

12:10 PM: OLGA FUENTES +

WED 3/26

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

12:10 PM: SISTER JENNY ALDEGHI S.I.

THU 3/27

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

12:10 PM: ROSARIO PURUGGANAN +

FRI 3/28

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

12:10 PM: MICHAEL AND DONNA GUTIERREZ S.I.
AND FAMILY S.I.

*S.I. = for special intention
+ = for repose of the soul*

Mass Intentions

Please email:

vramos@cathedralsacramento.org

or call 916-444-3071, ext. 10

PARKING NOTIFICATION

1. Parishioners are asked to show their Parking tickets to the ushers to receive the parking vouchers.
2. Cars parked in front of the old rectory or in staff parking spaces will be TOWED. Only those with the parking placard are allowed to park in those spaces.

NOTIFICACIÓN DE ESTACIONAMIENTO

1. Se pide a los feligreses que muestren sus boletos de estacionamiento a los ujieres para recibir los vales de estacionamiento.
2. Los automóviles estacionados frente a la antigua rectoría o en los espacios de estacionamiento del personal serán REMOLCADOS. Sólo aquellos con el cartel de estacionamiento pueden estacionar en esos espacios.

More Events/Más eventos

CRAB FEED A TERRIFIC SUCCESS!

On February 1, the Cathedral Social Service Ministries teamed with the Rotary Club of South Sacramento to host a crab feed and silent auction at the Scottish Rights Center. Over 500 patrons attended the event, including more than 80 people from the Cathedral! The Cathedral will receive more than \$10,000 for its participation, and for exceeding its goals for ticket sales, providing silent auction items and volunteering!

Many thanks to all our Cathedral volunteers who helped with setup and cleanup. Gabriel Gutierrez and the Knights of Columbus team worked so hard to prepare and serve delicious food to the multitude. Susan Moeller organized many beautiful baskets and other fine items for the silent auction.



¡LA ALIMENTACIÓN DE CANGREJOS FUE UN ÉXITO ROTUNDO!

El 1 de febrero, el Ministerio de Servicio Social de la Catedral se unió al Club Rotario del Sur de Sacramento para organizar una alimentación de cangrejos y una subasta silenciosa en el Centro de Derechos Escoceses. Más de 500 asistentes asistieron al evento, incluyendo más de 80 personas de la Catedral. La Catedral recibirá más de \$10,000 por su participación, superando las metas de asistencia, proporcionando artículos para la subasta silenciosa y su voluntariado.

Muchas gracias a todos los voluntarios de la Catedral que ayudaron con el montaje y la limpieza. Gabriel Gutiérrez y el equipo de Caballeros de Colón trabajaron arduamente para preparar y servir comida deliciosa a la multitud. Susan Moeller preparó muchas hermosas canastas y otros artículos de calidad para la subasta silenciosa.



A Hymn of Praise Saturday, April 26 - 7:30pm at the Cathedral

WWW.CAMELLIASYMPHONY.ORG 916 929 6655

Tickets are \$40 or less.

Cathedral parishioners use code **Bruckner1824** for a special discount. Tickets: BrownPaperTickets.com

Bruckner, Te Deum — with Davis Chorale, Alison Skinner, Director
Sacramento City College Choir, Daniel Paulson, Music Director
Fremont Presbyterian Church Choir, Rachel Jackson, Music
Director Rena Harms, soprano, Hilary Hecht, mezzo-soprano
Aaron Gallington, tenor, Daniel Yoder, bass-baritone
Rex Rallanka, organ

Respighi, Vetrata di chiesa (Church Windows)
Rex Rallanka, organ

Lent/Cuaresma

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent

After 12:10 pm mass in English

At 7 pm in Spanish

EL VIA CRUCIS

Todos los viernes
de Cuaresma

A las 7 en español

Después de la misa
de las 12:10 en inglés

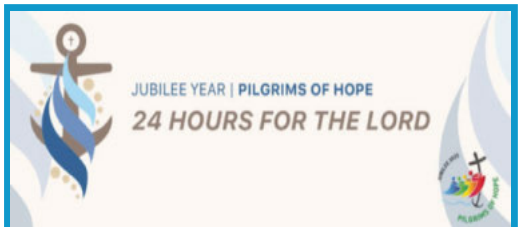


Through the Eyes of Mary

A live presentation of
Jesus on the Way to Calvary

*Presented by the
Cathedral Youth Confirmation Class*

**Friday, April 11
7:00 PM**



For the Jubilee year of Hope,
the Cathedral will have
24 hours of Adoration
from 5 pm on March 28 until
5 pm on March 29.

Adoration will be open to the
public on March 29 from 9 am to
5 pm, with Confession from 2 pm
to 5 pm. If you would like to join
during the hours that are not
open to the public, please email
cbsadoration@gmail.com.

Para el Año Jubilar de la Esperanza,
la Catedral ofrecerá
24 horas de Adoración,
desde las 17:00 h del 28 de marzo
hasta las 17:00 h del 29 de marzo.

La Adoración estará abierta al
público el 29 de marzo de 9:00 h a
17:00 h, con confesiones de 14:00 h
a 17:00 h. Si desea asistir durante el
horario de cierre al público, envíe un
correo electrónico a
cbsadoration@gmail.com.



LENTEN LESSONS
ON THE
SACRAMENTS

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ON THE SACRAMENTS

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Faith Formation & Education



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Pilgrims of Hope: Raising our Minds and Hearts to God

During Lent, we focus on strengthening three aspects of our Catholic life: **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.** The Church in her wisdom fixes days in the liturgical calendar for fasting: Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and days of abstaining from meat (All Fridays of Lent, as well as Ash Wednesday). The cornerstone of the Christian life is our life of prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us:

“There is no other way of Christian prayer than Christ. Whether our prayer is communal or personal, vocal or interior, it has access to the Father only if we pray ‘in the name’ of Jesus. The sacred humanity of Jesus is therefore the way by which the Holy Spirit teaches us to pray to God our Father.” (CCC 2664)

When we begin to pray, the first thing we notice is the sheer volume of options to help us pray as Catholics! We begin with three main types of prayer.

- 1. Vocal Prayer.** We say things aloud. “I love you, Jesus!” “Help me, God!” “Come, Holy Spirit!” These are all spontaneous prayers from the heart.
- 2. Meditation.** When we go a little deeper, the prayer is called meditation. That happens when we are prayerfully trying to understand something, pondering it.
- 3. Contemplation.** This is the point where words stop and our mind and heart just gaze in love at our wonderful God! A resting with God.

How are you raising your mind and heart to God this Lenten Season?



Durante la Cuaresma, nos centramos en reforzar tres aspectos de nuestra vida católica:

La oración, el ayuno y la limosna. La Iglesia, en su sabiduría, fija días en el calendario litúrgico para el ayuno: Miércoles de Ceniza, Viernes Santo y días de abstinencia de carne (Todos los viernes de Cuaresma, así como el Miércoles de Ceniza). La piedra angular de la vida cristiana es nuestra vida de oración. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos dice:

«No hay otro camino de oración cristiana que Cristo. Tanto si nuestra oración es comunitaria o personal, vocal o interior, sólo tiene acceso al Padre si oramos «en el nombre» de Jesús. La sagrada humanidad de Jesús es, por tanto, el camino por el que el Espíritu Santo nos enseña a orar a Dios, nuestro Padre.»(CIC 2664)

Cuando empezamos a rezar, lo primero que notamos es el enorme volumen de opciones que nos ayudan a rezar como católicos.

Comenzamos con tres tipos principales de oración.

- 1. Oración vocal.** Decimos cosas en voz alta. «¡Te amo, Jesús!» «¡Ayúdame, Dios!» «¡Ven, Espíritu Santo!» Todas estas son oraciones espontáneas del corazón.
- 2. Meditación.** Cuando profundizamos un poco más, la oración se llama meditación. Ocurre cuando intentamos comprender algo con la oración, reflexionando sobre ello.
- 3. Contemplación.** Este es el punto en el que las palabras se detienen y nuestra mente y nuestro corazón se limitan a contemplar con amor a nuestro maravilloso Dios. Un descanso con Dios.

¿Cómo estás elevando tu mente y tu corazón a Dios en este tiempo de Cuaresma?

MARCH 2025

Sat 22 MAR	FFF Sat Group 10 AM—Mercy Hall
Sun 23 MAR	OCIA BOW—8 AM OCIA Families— 9:10AM
Dom 23 MAR	FFF Espanol 10 AM—Mercy Hall
Tue 25 MAR	NO FFF Tues Group Catechist In-Service
Thu 27 MAR	Adult Confirmation 7 PM—Mercy Hall
Thu 27 MAR	Bible Study—ACTS 7PM—Pius X Room
Sat 29 MAR	NO FFF Tues Group Catechist In-Service 3:30 PM Reconciliation Retreat

Save the Date

Friday, April 11
7 PM

Live
Meditation:
the Passion
of Jesus

Prayer of the Month: Act of Contrition:

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You. I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend you, O my God, Who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.



PILGRIMS OF HOPE

DECEMBER 24, 2024 - JANUARY 6, 2026

For more information
about the
Diocese Pilgrimage Sites:
[www.scd.org/
Jubilee2025](http://www.scd.org/Jubilee2025)

Family Faith Formation and OCIA—Formation of Faith and of Sacraments for Children and Adults

Formación y Educación en la Fe

Mass Preparation
Sunday, 30 March 2025

Prepare:

4th Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Focus of the Gospel:

In next week's Gospel from John, we encounter a man who has never known what it is like to see. To earn his keep, he would sit by the roadside and beg. He was totally dependent on the good will of others for his daily sustenance. As bad as it would be to be physically blind, our story tells of a far worse kind of blindness. Jesus healed the man's infirmity, undoing the lack of sight to manifest God's glory through him. What an amazing miracle! Yet, despite seeing what was done, the Pharisees—the leader of the Hebrew people—were not able to acknowledge this event. They were 'blinded' by the fact that Jesus did this amazing work on the Sabbath, a sacred day of rest. They could not SEE the miracle but only look upon the 'sin' of doing 'work' on the prescribed day of rest. They said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." They were so intent in finding fault in Jesus that they missed the reality of God coming near to them. What about you? Do you sometimes miss the moment in front of you—a temporary blindness—because your attention is caught in jealousy, hatred, or self-gain?

Alone or with your Family / Friends

- ◆ Pretend to be blind. Close your eyes—or be blindfolded. Find your way in your environment. What senses do you rely on in your 'blindness'?
- ◆ Our Gospel highlights a 'spiritual blindness' in the Pharisees that keeps them from seeing God in Jesus. What 'spiritual blindness' keeps you from coming close to Jesus?
- ◆ Pray Psalm 23 and let Jesus guide you.

Mass preparation for families

Catholic Kids Media is back with their easy and fun video prep for Sunday Mass! Every Wednesday receive a Mass preparation guide in your email box for your family.



Preparación para la Misa
Domingo, 30 Marzo 2025

Preparar:

IV Domingo de Cuaresma

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Salmo 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Efesios 5:8-14

Juan 9:1-41

Enfoque del evangelio:

En el Evangelio de Juan de la semana que viene, nos encontramos con un hombre que nunca ha sabido lo que es ver. Para ganarse el sustento, se sentaba junto al camino y mendigaba. Dependía totalmente de la buena voluntad de los demás para su sustento diario. Por muy malo que fuera estar físicamente ciego, nuestra historia nos habla de algo mucho peor. Jesús curó la enfermedad del hombre, deshaciendo la falta de vista para manifestar la gloria de Dios a través de él. ¡Qué milagro tan asombroso! Sin embargo, a pesar de ver lo que se había hecho, los fariseos -los líderes del pueblo hebreo- no fueron capaces de reconocer este acontecimiento, estaban 'cegados' por el hecho de que Jesús hizo esta obra asombrosa en sábado, un día sagrado de descanso. No podían VER el milagro porque sólo podían mirar el 'pecado' haciendo 'trabajo' en el día de descanso prescrito. Dijeron: «Este hombre no es de Dios, porque no guarda el sábado». Estaban tan empeñados en encontrar defectos en Jesús que se perdieron la realidad de Dios acercándose a ellos. ¿Y tú? ¿Te pierdes a veces el momento que tienes delante -una ceguera temporal- porque tu atención está atrapada en los celos, el odio o el egoísmo?

Solo o con su familia o amigos

- ◆ Haz como si estuvieras ciego. Cierra los ojos o ponte una venda. Encuentra el camino en tu entorno. ¿En qué sentidos confías en tu «ceguera»?
- ◆ Nuestro Evangelio destaca una «ceguera espiritual» en los fariseos que les impide ver a Dios en Jesús. ¿Cuál es tu «ceguera espiritual», que te impide acercarte a Jesús?
- ◆ Reza el Salmo 23 y deja que Jesús te guíe.

Preparación de misas para familias

Catholic Kids Media está de vuelta con su fácil y divertido vídeo de preparación para la Misa dominical! Todos los miércoles recibirás en tu buzón de correo electrónico una guía de preparación para la Misa en familia.



OCIA: Journey to Easter

Purification & Enlightenment

As we continue journeying towards Easter and Sacraments, we celebrate the Scrutinies with the OCIA at the 8AM Mass. This week we find Jesus at a well, waiting to encounter a Samaritan woman. He reveals to her the darkest parts of her life that need healing for her to be made whole. All of us are the Samaritan woman, with wounds and vices we intuitively know are keeping us from grace and wholeness. Jesus wants to reveal to us those very things we are ashamed of; not to shame us, but to make us new creations. Let us be like the Samaritan Woman, who, when confronted with the darkness in her, acknowledged her past, found new life in Jesus, left her jar behind, and found acceptance and joy.

*Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Messiah?
~ John 4:20*

OCIA SCHEDULE

SUN 23 MAR	OCIA BOW 8:00 AM Mass
MON 24 MAR	6:30 Vespers—LOTH 7:00 OCIA Monday
SUN 30 MAR	OCIA BOW 8:00 AM Mass
MON 31 MAR	6:30 Vespers—LOTH 7:00 OCIA Monday

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Liturgy of the Word

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 23, 2025

Reading 1 Ex 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:

"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,

Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading 2 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Verse Before the Gospel cf. Jn 4:42, 45

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water,
that I may never thirst again.

Gospel Jn 4:5-22

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew,

ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying 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 do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not 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 and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a 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 can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people 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 the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you."

At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

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23 DE MARZO DE 2025

PRIMERA LECTURA EX 17, 3-7

En aquellos días, el pueblo, torturado por la sed, fue a protestar contra Moisés, diciéndole: “¿Nos has hecho salir de Egipto para hacernos morir de sed a nosotros, a nuestros hijos y a nuestro ganado?” Moisés clamó al Señor y le dijo: “¿Qué puedo hacer con este pueblo? Sólo falta que me apedreen”. Respondió el Señor a Moisés: “Preséntate al pueblo, llevando contigo a algunos de los ancianos de Israel, toma en tu mano el cayado con que golpeaste el Nilo y vete. Yo estaré ante ti, sobre la peña, en Horeb. Golpea la peña y saldrá de ella agua para que beba el pueblo”.

Así lo hizo Moisés a la vista de los ancianos de Israel y puso por nombre a aquel lugar Masá y Meribá, por la rebelión de los hijos de Israel y porque habían tentado al Señor, diciendo: “¿Está o no está el Señor en medio de nosotros?”

SALMO RESPONSORIAL SALMO 94, 1-2, 6-7, 8-9.

R. Señor, que no seamos sordos a tu voz.

Vengan, lancemos viva al Señor,
aclamemos al Dios que nos salva.
Acerquémonos a él, llenos de júbilo,
y démosle gracias.

R. Señor, que no seamos sordos a tu voz.

Vengan, y puestos de rodillas,
adoremos y bendigamos al Señor, que nos hizo,
pues él es nuestro Dios y nosotros, su pueblo;
él es nuestro pastor y nosotros, sus ovejas.

R. Señor, que no seamos sordos a tu voz.

Hagámosle caso al Señor, que nos dice:
“No endurezcan su corazón,
como el día de la rebelión en el desierto,
cuando sus padres dudaron de mí,
aunque habían visto mis obras”.

R. Señor, que no seamos sordos a tu voz.

SEGUNDA LECTURA RM 5, 1-2, 5-8

Hermanos: Ya que hemos sido justificados por la fe, mantengámonos en paz con Dios, por mediación de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Por él hemos obtenido, con la fe, la entrada al mundo de la gracia, en el cual nos encontramos; por él, podemos gloriarnos de tener la esperanza de participar en la gloria de Dios.

La esperanza no defrauda, porque Dios ha infundido su amor en nuestros corazones por medio del Espíritu Santo, que él mismo nos ha dado. En efecto, cuando todavía no teníamos fuerzas para salir del pecado, Cristo murió por los pecadores en el tiempo señalado.

Difícilmente habrá alguien que quiera morir por un justo, aunque puede haber alguno que esté dispuesto a morir por una persona sumamente buena. Y la prueba de que Dios nos ama está en que Cristo murió por nosotros, cuando aún éramos pecadores.

ACLAMACIÓN ANTES DEL EVANGELIO

CF JN 4, 42, 15

R. Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

Señor, tú eres el Salvador del mundo.

Dame de tu agua viva para que no vuelva a tener sed.

R. Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

EVANGELIO JN 4, 5-42

En aquel tiempo, llegó Jesús a un pueblo de Samaria, llamado Sicar, cerca del campo que dio Jacob a su hijo José. Ahí estaba el pozo de Jacob. Jesús, que venía cansado del camino, se sentó sin más en el brocal del pozo. Era cerca del mediodía.

Entonces llegó una mujer de Samaria a sacar agua y Jesús le dijo: “Dame de beber”. (Sus discípulos habían ido al pueblo a comprar comida). La samaritana le contestó: “¿Cómo es que tú, siendo judío, me pides de beber a mí, que soy samaritana?” (Porque los judíos no tratan a los samaritanos). Jesús le dijo: “Si conocieras el don de Dios y quién es el que te pide de beber, tú le pedirías a él, y él te daría agua viva”.

La mujer le respondió: “Señor, ni siquiera tienes con qué sacar agua y el pozo es profundo, ¿cómo vas a darme agua viva? ¿Acaso eres tú más que nuestro padre Jacob, que nos dio este pozo, del que bebieron él, sus hijos y sus ganados?” Jesús le contestó: “El que bebe de esta agua vuelve a tener sed. Pero el que beba del agua que yo le daré, nunca más tendrá sed; el agua que yo le daré se convertirá dentro de él en un manantial capaz de dar la vida eterna”.

La mujer le dijo: “Señor, dame de esa agua para que no vuelva a tener sed ni tenga que venir hasta aquí a sacarla”. Él le dijo: “Ve a llamar a tu marido y vuelve”. La mujer le contestó: “No tengo marido”. Jesús le dijo: “Tienes razón en decir: ‘No tengo marido’. Has tenido cinco, y el de ahora no es tu marido. En eso has dicho la verdad”.

La mujer le dijo: “Señor, ya veo que eres profeta. Nuestros padres dieron culto en este monte y ustedes dicen que el sitio donde se debe dar culto está en Jerusalén”. Jesús le dijo: “Créeme, mujer, que se acerca la hora en que ni en este monte ni en Jerusalén adorarán al Padre. Ustedes adoran lo que no conocen; nosotros adoramos lo que conocemos. Porque la salvación viene de los judíos. Pero se acerca la hora, y ya está aquí, en que los que quieran dar culto verdadero adorarán al Padre en espíritu y en verdad, porque así es como el Padre quiere que se le dé culto. Dios es espíritu, y los que lo adoran deben hacerlo en espíritu y en verdad”.

La mujer le dijo: “Ya sé que va a venir el Mesías (es decir, Cristo). Cuando venga, él nos dará razón de todo”. Jesús le dijo: “Soy yo, el que habla contigo”.

En esto llegaron los discípulos y se sorprendieron de que estuviera conversando con una mujer; sin embargo, ninguno le dijo: “¿Qué le preguntas o de qué hablas con ella?” Entonces la mujer dejó su cántaro, se fue al pueblo y comenzó a decir a la gente: “Vengan a ver a un hombre que me ha dicho todo lo que he hecho. ¿No será éste el Mesías?” Salieron del pueblo y se pusieron en camino hacia donde él estaba.

Mientras tanto, sus discípulos le insistían: “Maestro, come”. Él les dijo: “Yo tengo por comida un alimento que ustedes no conocen”. Los discípulos comentaban entre sí: “¿Le habrá traído alguien de comer?” Jesús les dijo: “Mi alimento es hacer la voluntad del que me envió y llevar a término su obra. ¿Acaso no dicen ustedes que todavía faltan cuatro meses para la siega? Pues bien, yo les digo: Levanten los ojos y contemplen los campos, que ya están dorados para la siega. Ya el segador recibe su jornal y almacena frutos para la vida eterna. De este modo se alegran por igual el sembrador y el segador. Aquí se cumple el dicho: ‘Uno es el que siembra y otro el que cosecha’. Yo los envié a cosechar lo que no habían trabajado. Otros trabajaron y ustedes recogieron su fruto”.

Muchos samaritanos de aquel poblado creyeron en Jesús por el testimonio de la mujer: ‘Me dijo todo lo que he hecho’. Cuando los samaritanos llegaron a donde él estaba, le rogaban que se quedara con ellos, y se quedó allí dos días. Muchos más creyeron en él al oír su palabra. Y decían a la mujer: “Ya no creemos por lo que tú nos has contado, pues nosotros mismos lo hemos oído y sabemos que él es, de veras, el salvador del mundo”.

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