

# MARCH 12TH, 2023

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

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**ST. ANTONINUS-Pierceland SACRED HEART -Loon Lake ST. BONIFACE -Goodsoil**

|                     | TIME     | LOCATION   | MASS INTENTION                | REQUESTED BY            |
|---------------------|----------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Mon Mar. 13</b>  |          |            | No Mass Scheduled             |                         |
| <b>Tue Mar. 14</b>  | 7:00 pm  | Pierceland | +Tony Schreiber               | Elizabeth Rolheiser     |
| <b>Wed Mar. 15</b>  | 7:00pm   | Goodsoil   | +Leonard Hofer                | Marion Hofer            |
| <b>Thur Mar. 16</b> | 9:00 am  | Goodsoil   | +Marianne Schamber            | Mark, Sandy, Matt, Mike |
| <b>Fri. Mar. 17</b> | 9:00 am  | Goodsoil   | +Anna Marie Piecharka         | Ted & Carmen Stremick   |
| <b>Sat Mar. 18</b>  | 7:00 pm  | Loon Lake  | +Kenny McRae                  | Gerald & Barb Tracey    |
| <b>Sun Mar. 19</b>  | 9:00am   | Goodsoil   | +Florian & Isabella Schewalje | Rudy & Isabelle Weber   |
|                     | 11:00 am | Pierceland | For All Parishioners          |                         |

| ST. BONIFACE                            | MINISTERS | LIST- MAR. 19 | ST. ANTONINUS                                   |
|---|-----------|---------------|---|
| <b>Commentator-</b> Melanie H.          |           |               | <b>Eucharistic Minister -</b> Pam               |
| <b>Readers-</b> Yvonne R. Bob R.        |           |               | <b>Readers -</b> Audery Debbie                  |
| <b>Greeters -</b> Larry & Barb N.       |           |               | <b>Music-</b> Angie <b>Mono-</b> Keri           |
| <b>Gift Bearers -</b> Joe & Jeanette M. |           |               | <b>Gifts -</b> Marla and Susan                  |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister-</b> Lucille M. |           |               | <b>Servers -</b> Shannon                        |
| <b>Stations of the Cross</b>            |           |               | <b>Greeters -</b> Leona <b>Rosary—</b> Theresia |

### DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

- In the hope of reaching out to support parents in the **faith formation of their children**, a new **FAMILY FAITH RESOURCES** webpage has been added to the Diocesan web site. New Lenten resources have been added recently. Lenten Resources for children, young adults and adults have also been added to the Evangelization and Catechesis Diocesan webpage.
-  **Face to Face** will be coming to **North Battleford**. You can find all the details here: [padiocese.ca/youth-registration](http://padiocese.ca/youth-registration) **Sat. April 1st** 10:30AM - 7:00PM Includes lunch, supper, and snacks. Grades 7 and up \$35
- ST. PATRICK'S DAY - IRISH STEW POTLUCK SUPPER AT OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH HALL IN MEADOW LAKE**  
On **Thursday, March 16** at 6:00 pm you are invited to **bring your best version of Irish Stew**. You may also bring "mashed potatoes" or salads or Bannock, Baking Powder Biscuits or Buns. We will provide the coffee, tea, and GREEN water. Since it is LENT, we will not have desserts unless you bring them! **Come and join us** for some Irish food, music, and humor. Let us enjoy the company of one another as we gather for this fun moment during the season of Lent!
-  **ROSARY AND REFLECTION** The next Rosary and Reflection evening with Bishop Stephen Hero, will be on **Sat. Mar. 25th** theme is "Mary, Did You Know?" The livestream will be available on the Diocesan Facebook page or YouTube.



### GOODSOIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Chrism Mass—will be held in Prince Albert on Tuesday April 4th @ 6:30 pm.** We are looking for 4 parish representatives to receive the new oils from Bishop Stephen. Anyone interested in attending, please let Father, Deacon or Carmen know as soon as possible. We need to register by March 28th. All will travel in one vehicle, returning the same day.

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In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: *"How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"* Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, He also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes Him unclean according to Jewish law.



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. 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).

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.

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"When an evil thought is presented to the mind, we must immediately endeavor to turn our thoughts to God, or to something which is indifferent. But the first rule is, instantly to invoke the names of Jesus and Mary and to continue to invoke them until the temptation ceases. He who trusts in himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things." — St. Alphonsus Liguori