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Third Sunday of Lent, March 8, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

According to a legend, St. Thomas Aquinas told of a man who heard about a very special horse and determined to have it for his own. He traveled all over the world. He spent his entire fortune. He gave his whole life to the search for this horse. At last, just moments before he died, he realized he had been riding on that very special horse all that time! -- You are searching for happiness, perhaps? Look no farther. Look no farther than your own heart. Open your heart to God through His Son, Jesus Christ. He will give you the living water he promised to the woman at the well. You need never thirst again.

The first reading describes how God provided water to the ungrateful complainers of Israel, thus placing Jesus' promise within the context of the Exodus account of water coming from the rock at Horeb. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 95), refers both to the *Rock of our salvation* and also to our hardened hearts. It reminds us that our hard hearts need to be softened by God through our grace-prompted, grace-assisted *prayer, fasting, and works of mercy* which enable us to receive the *living water* of the Holy Spirit, salvation, and eternal life from the *Rock of our salvation*. In the second reading, Saint Paul asserts that, as the Savior of mankind, Jesus poured the *living water* of the gift of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. In the Gospel, an unclean, ostracized Samaritan woman is given an opportunity to receive the *living water*. Jesus awakened in the woman at the well a thirst for the wholeness and integrity which she had lost, a thirst which he had come to satisfy. This Gospel passage also gives us Jesus' revelation about himself as the Source of *Living Water* and teaches us that we need the grace of Jesus Christ for eternal life because Jesus IS that *life-giving water*.

Life messages: 1) We need to allow Jesus free entry into our personal lives. Jesus wishes to come into our "private" life, not to embarrass us, not to judge or condemn us, but to free us, to change us, and to offer us what we really need: the *living water of the Holy Spirit*. Let us find this *living water* in the Sacraments, in prayer, and in the Holy Bible, especially during this Lenten season. 2) We need to be witnesses to Jesus as the Samaritan woman was. Let us have the courage to "be" Jesus for others, especially in those "unexpected" places for "unwanted" people. Let us also have the courage of our Christian convictions to stand for truth and justice in our day-to-day life. 3) We need to leave the "husbands" behind during Lent as the Samaritan woman did. Today's Gospel message challenges us to get rid of our unholy attachments and the evil habits and sinful addictions that keep us enslaved and idolatrous. Lent is our time to learn from our mistakes of over-indulgence in food, drink, drugs, gambling, promiscuity, or any other addiction that distances us from the *Living Water*.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday
Rosary at 4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Rosary at 9:25 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon
12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:30 p.m. English
7:30 p.m. Spanish

Masses at Wellspring

Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Stations of the Cross

During Lent the Children's Stations of the Cross will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

The administration and pastoral care of Prince of Peace Parish is entrusted to the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales (M.S.F.S.), also known as Fransalian Missionaries, an international religious order with headquarters in Rome and the Provincial House in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, visit www.fransaliansusa.com or www.wellspringcommunity.net.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community....

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Barbara Dean, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie Hayes, Rich Legler, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Shirley Stenklyft, Matthew Williams, Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Mar 07	5:00 p.m.	Darlene Nolan+
Sun	Mar 08	10:00 a.m.	Our Children & Youth
Sun	Mar 08	12:30 p.m.	Domitila Rios+
Tue	Mar 10	12:30 p.m.	Lucile Cook+
Thu	Mar 12	5:00 p.m.	Darlene Nolan+
Fri	Mar 13	12:30 p.m.	Andre & Clotilde Meyer+
Sat	Mar 14	5:00 p.m.	Darlene Nolan+

Parish Giving

March 1, 2026

1st Collection	\$ 3,198.00
2nd Collection	\$ 339.00
Children's Collection	\$ 36.00

2nd Collection	Mar 08	Scholarship Fund
3rd Collection	Mar 08	Lawn Care/Maintenance
2nd Collection	Mar 15	Catholic Relief Services

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 77
10:00 a.m. 150 and 12:30 p.m. 119

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura;
Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham
Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey



Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



Through devotion, our family cares become more peaceful, mutual love more sincere, our service more faithful, and our work more pleasant and agreeable.

St. Francis de Sales

News and Notes

Faith Formation

There will be no Faith Formation class on Wednesday, March 11, for Spring Break.

Knights of Columbus Crawfish Etouffee Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for Crawfish Etouffee dinners after each Mass this weekend. The Crawfish Etouffee dinners will be served on Friday, March 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Adult dinner tickets will be \$10 and child (12 and under) tickets will be \$5. Each meal includes crawfish etouffee over rice, side dish of corn, drink and dessert. All proceeds will be used for supporting events and activities at Prince of Peace and other charitable causes.

Prince of Peace Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4

In about 4 weeks, our parish will have its annual Easter Egg Hunt. Now is the time to bring bags of Easter candy and plastic eggs for stuffing, preferably the large eggs. Candy should be individually wrapped and small enough to fit inside the eggs. Please, do not bring hard candies, as they present a choking hazard to small children. Drop them off at the church, in the helper's food basket, or at the church office. Thank you.

Helpers Pantry

The Helper's pantry needs: flour, sugar, spaghetti sauce, mac n' cheese, jam/jelly, and dry red or pinto beans. Thank you for your continued support.

2026 Bishop's Appeal for Ministries

If you have not yet turned in your pledge in support of the 2026 Bishop's Appeal for Ministries, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or a one-time contribution. Appeal envelopes are in the pews. You may place your pledge envelope in the basket in the church, mail it directly to the diocese, or complete your pledge online at the Diocese of Tyler's website. Our parish goals are 100% participation and \$42,000. Thank you.

Diocese of Tyler Catechist Lenten Retreat

There will be a catechist Lenten retreat on Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Chancery's St. Paul's Meeting Room, 1015 E. Southeast Loop 323, Tyler, Texas 75701. The cost is \$25.00 which covers breakfast and lunch. Register online at the Diocese of Tyler's website. If you have any questions regarding this retreat, please contact the Faith Formation office at 903-534-1077 ext. 158 or email Rita Martinez at rmartinez@dioceseoftyler.org.

Building extension input

Thanks to all those who participated in the parish building extension input and expressing their sincere suggestions. Based on the input and considering the needs of the parish, we will work toward what is best for the smooth functioning of our church community.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.

Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner Answers of February 22

Kids: 1. Nadab and Abihu
2. In the Sanctuary area

Answered by Victoria Gutierrez, David Gutierrez, Alonso J., Matias Gutierrez, and Elijah Rivera.

Adults: 1. They failed to eat the purification offering.
2. It shall be burned in fire.

Answered by Eriselda and Alonso Gutierrez, Jason Reed, Linda Rossler, Leo Rossler, and Mimi Plumb.

Questions for March 8, 2026 (Leviticus 16-20)

Kids: a. What was the punishment prescribed by God for child sacrifice?
b. "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ask, so that he may not die." Who said this to whom?

Adult: a. What was the punishment prescribed by God for adultery?
b. "And this shall be a statute forever for you, that atonement may be made for the people of Israel once in the year because of all their sins." Who is 'you' referred to here by God?

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