



# St. Gaspar del Bufalo Catholic Church

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*“We must let it be known how the Blood of Christ cleanses the souls and sanctifies them, particularly by means of the sacraments.”*

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR A

MARCH 12, 2023



### Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

### Confessions

20 Minutes before each Mass Saturday and Sunday

Wednesday 8:30am to 9:00am

Saturdays 9:00am to 10:00am except first Saturday of the Month.

*You can also schedule a private one by calling the office.*

### Adoration

Wednesday 8:30am to 9:00am

First Tuesday of the Month

6:00pm to 7:00pm

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### READING 1: Exodus 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: Romans 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.

### GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

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."



The Rite of Election was held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on March 5, 2023. The Most Reverend Bishop Kevin Rhoades recognized our candidate Debra Seiber at the Rite of Election. Pictured on the left is Debra's sponsor Linda Schenher. May God continue to bless you on this journey of faith!



We will have Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm, with Mass following, and Friday at 7:00 pm. We will be serving soup after Mass on Wednesday evening through Lent. Also, please consider signing up to bring soup. The sign up sheet is in the kitchen.

**CONFESSION:** March 30th at 6:00 pm  
April 7 (Good Friday) 9:00 am-10:00 am  
April 8 (Holy Saturday) 9:00 am-10:00 am

**\*\*\*Pancake and Sausage breakfast:** The final one of Lent! Please join us March 19th as the Knights of Columbus serve up delicious pancakes! Thank you to all of those Knights who prepared and served the breakfasts for us! Thank you to everyone who joined us!

***We will be collecting sign up sheets for St. Vincent DePaul the next two weeks. Please place them in the basket in the gathering area. George Vandermeir will be contacting those that are interested for an informational meeting.***

MASS INTENTIONS		
Saturday	4:30PM	✝ Max & Ginny Roesler
Sunday	7:30AM	✝ Rita Garrett
	10:00AM	People of the Parish
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	8:00AM	✝ Dennis Hogan
Wednesday	8:00AM	✝ Rose Worman
Thursday	8:00AM	✝ Donald Fischer Jr.
Friday	8:00AM	✝ Ginny Roesler

March 5, 2022 Collections	
Weekly Collection	4914.00
Donations	200.00
Children	5.00
Votive	93.00
Emergency Fund	90.00
Altar & Rosary	20.00
Copier	65.39
Sanctuary Flowers	30.00
Church Central/Eastern Europe	50.00
Breakfast	225.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5692.39</b>
<i>Thank you for your generous giving</i>	

**Please join us Saturday, March 25th and Saturday, April 1 to view the Passion of the Christ. The program will begin at 6:00 pm.**

March 2023 MINISTRY SCHEDULE					
Altar Cloth: Roberta O'Boyle			Altar Flowers: Karen Edwards		
Ushers and Greeters			Altar Servers		
<b>4.30PM</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>4.30PM</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
Mike Edwards	Jeff Strong	John Cazier	Paige McDonald	Kaleb Strater	Matt Kelty
Karen Edwards	Dave Singleton	Pam Neu, Maddie	Natalie McDonald	Sam Strater	
Proclaimers: Saturday and Sunday			Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		
<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
Sara Lake	Ed Keil	Matt Lock 3/19 & 3/26	Janie Schoenle	Roberta O'Boyle	Al Langsenkamp
	Sharon Wilsey	Elena Lock 3/19	Gail Martin	Robin Aspy	Terry Langsenkamp
		Ben Schortgen 3/26	Bob Berghoff	Cathy Putman	Mary Krouse
Proclaimer Daily Masses			Collections		
March 14	Mary Krouse		March 14	Roberta O'Boyle	Margaret Baskett
March 21	Sharon Wilsey		March 21	Roberta O'Boyle	Margaret Baskett
March 28	Elena Lock		March 28	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
April 4	Tim Worman		April 4	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer
April 11	Mary Krouse		April 11	Roberta O'Boyle	Margaret Baskett
<b>Please call Karen 260-336-1703, if you are unable to serve. Thanks</b>					