



Saint Joseph's Passionist Church
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT
8th MARCH 2026

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Saturdays: Masses 11.00am;

Vigil: 6.30pm

Sundays: Masses: 9.30 & 11.00am,

12.30 & 6.30 pm

Mon-Fri Mass: 8:30Am

Eucharistic Adoration: 5:30-6.30pm

Confessions: Saturday: 11.30 –

12.30 & 5.30 – 6.30 p.m.

OR by appointment.

NO CCD CLASSES THIS SUN.
8th March. It will resume NEXT
Sunday, 15th March.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 8 March, 9.30am Josephine
Carty, RIP

12.30pm Caroline Izuogbunam, RIP

Please book in **ADVANCE** with the
office. Your intention can be booked
for more than one person but **ONLY**
ONE booking per Mass. Masses are
also available on **WEEKDAYS**.

COLLECTIONS : Masses 28Feb/1 March :

Collections : 3001,20€; CC : 1058,00€. Shrines : 139,59€; CC : 170,00€.

Bookstall : 40,00€.

Please Note: "**St Joseph's ADP**" in the **French Tax receipt**
Authorized Charity for St Joseph's. Direct regular debits or single
donations can be done from our website; cheques to "**St Joseph's**
ADP". Thanks a lot for your constant generosity.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY,
Tuesday, 17 March,
MASS 12noon followed by
RECEPTION

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH
Thurs, 19 March
MASS at 7pm



EXTRA MASS & STATIONS OF THE
CROSS every **Fridays of Lent** starting at
7.00pm and immediately followed by the
Stations of the Cross

LENTEN APPEAL for
LERATONG HOSPICE
2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

	1531,34€
CC	459,00€
Private Donation	900,00€
Total	2990,34€
TOTAL SO FAR	6242,62€

Thank you, so far, for money
raised.

RCIA : Please pray for our 4
candidates for Adult Baptism,
i.e. Felicianna, Bagoes, Bikash
& Omar as well as 16 other
Adults who will either be
Confirmed and/or Received into
Full Communion in the Catholic
Church this **Easter Vigil, 4th**
April. Sessions resume on
Thurs 12th March.



The God Who Thirsts

We see God begging for a drink of water from a human being, and a sinful one at that. On the cross, too, he will exclaim, / *thirst*, and soon after, as the surprising result of that thirst, water and blood flow from his Heart. Indeed, he is a thirsty God, a tired God, a God looking for the companionship and dialogue of one of his creatures. How could it be that God is needy?... In Christ the one who by nature has need of nothing outside himself has nonetheless voluntarily made himself needy, but only to communicate to us the life that is his. This action of making himself needy out of love may well be the greatest and most astounding work of his omnipotence. What God, who is Love, needs is to give himself to us, thus obeying the deepest law of his nature as Love, and he can give himself to us only if he succeeds in kindling within us the light of faith that then provokes in us the yearning for union with him. The only thing Love wants is to be loved in turn, and, to accomplish this, Love does not hesitate to humiliate himself and make himself a beggar: *Give me a drink*, says the immortal Lord to his sinful creature....

We see clearly here that Jesus' human thirst is the means God uses to manifest himself to us, to communicate to us his divine desire to give himself to us, and this real, human thirst of Jesus is the condition, as it were, for God to be able to give us the divine water of his grace and life. In a magnificent phrase, Saint Gregory Nazianzen calls Jesus *the thirsty fountain*, that is: the Fountain of Life and Love whose very reason for being is to give itself away. The bold oxymoron Gregory uses tries to babble something of the incomprehensible nature of God's Being as love. To suffer from the thirst to give himself as the life of the world: this is the whole secret of Jesus' Heart.

Erasmio Leiva-Merikakis