

COMMENTATOR Text

Third Sunday of Lent (Mar. 6th and 7th)

Good morning (good evening)...

Our Lenten journey has brought us today to Jesus, the Fountain of Life. As we celebrate this Sunday the first scrutiny for our elect, who are preparing for baptism this Easter, we recall how Jesus is the source of all that is good in our own lives, and pray that his cleansing and life-giving presence will make itself felt in their lives as well. May we too, come to better know the Lord Jesus, who alone can heal our sinful souls and quench our thirst for life-giving waters.

[Pause]

Please stand, and be prepared to receive our Lord in Word and Sacrament,...

[Pause twice as long....] then move to place *Parish Petition Book* underneath the ambo, and the cantor/music ministers assume responsibility for beginning the “gathering song.”

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

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PRIEST: God our Father has shown boundless generosity in Jesus' great Love for us sinners, so let us approach him with confidence to pray for our needs and the needs of the world saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

† Father, you created this world to be good for your children, but we have departed from You. We pray for all humanity, thirsty for peace and security, that the restlessness of humanity may be calmed with the knowledge of salvation won by Jesus Christ your Son... Let us pray...

Lord, hear our prayer.

† We pray for all who are preparing for the sacraments, especially those who will receive the living water of baptism at Easter, that they may learn to know your Son Jesus Christ, who came to save what was lost... Let us pray...

Lord, hear our prayer.

† Good Father, we want to keep in mind those who have no clean water to drink, those who are suffering from famine or poverty, or those who because of recent calamities have no proper shelter. That they may find relief through our support of the agencies of aid who minister on our behalf... Let us pray...

Lord, hear our prayer.

† Merciful Father, you created family to be a happy and welcoming place for your children. We pray for all those with irregular situations, so they can find in your all-powerful Love, the strength to heal and renew their unity... Let us pray...

Lord, hear our prayer.

† We place in your bountiful hands Father, the needs of our community; all those expressed in our petition book and Mass Intentions, and all our sick, especially: **Antonio Bravo** and **Kimberly Flores**. And for all who have departed to your presence this week, especially: **Jesus Landeros**, that their memories, prayers and the self-discipline of Lent help us to grow in holiness... Let us pray...

Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST: O God of life, you know the secrets of all our hearts and give us the water of life. Graciously hear these prayers that we make in the name of Jesus, who is our Lord forever and ever. **Amen.**