

# The Missionary Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine



## I am He, the One Speaking to You

In the woman at the well we meet ourselves. We, like her, thirst for something more. It tells us that God has placed the thirst in our hearts for a purpose. St. Augustine, one of the great theologians of the Church, said, "Oh God, you have created us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they rest in you."

The Samaritan woman in today's gospel comes to the well because she wants water. She wants water, which she can drink and with which she can clean and cook. But when she comes to the well for that water, she meets Jesus. There she listens to him as he talks about a living water that will lead to salvation. The woman does not come to the well to find Christ's water; she comes to find the water that is in the well. But her thirst for that water leads her to consider and ultimately to

accept the water that Jesus offers. A natural water leads her to an eternal water. A physical thirst leads her to a drink beyond her imagining.

That thirst can be characterized by a fundamental dis-ease, an unquenchable fire that renders us incapable, in this life, of coming to full peace. That deep, divine desire is at the heart of our resiliency, our capability to dream of hope even when things seem utterly hopeless. It fuels the arts, poetry and literature.

Our holy longing, the longing of the Samaritan woman, can be understood as our humble response to the divine longing of God for all of humanity and all of creation. We can imagine Christ, nailed to a cross, whose arms were outstretched in order to draw us all to himself, a God who believes in us more than we believe in ourselves.



March 8th, 2026  
3rd Sunday of Lent



Exodus 17:3-7  
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8  
John 4:5-42

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The Gift Shop is open  
Thursday through  
Sunday, 11 am - 6 pm  
508-429-8176

## Fatima Shrine News

- The **Metrowest Interfaith Community** is organizing with **Peace Islands Institute** an interfaith gathering at Fatima Shrine where we will be breaking the fast of the day with our Muslim neighbors to break bread with one another with a delicious Turkish meal and interfaith fellowship. We will be hosts to our Jewish, Protestant, Sikh, Hindu, and Bahai friends. **It will take place next Sunday, March 15, 6 pm to 8 pm. Contact Fr. Carl.**
- **Our collection last Sunday was \$756.00.** Thank you for your generosity.

## Weekly Celebrations

### SUNDAY

10 AM MASS IN THE SHRINE CHURCH  
1 PM FILIPINO MASS (BI-LINGUAL)

### SATURDAY

10 AM MASS IN THE SHRINE

CHURCH CONFESSIONS 3 PM - 5 PM  
DURING LENT

### MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

7:30 AM MASS IN CONFORTI CHAPEL  
| 12:10 PM DURING LENT

### DAYS OF OBLIGATION

7:30 AM IN CONFORTI CHAPEL  
12:10 PM IN SHRINE CHURCH



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## fatima Shrine PANCAKE FUNDRAISER

Fun for the whole family! Raffle baskets and the Easter Bunny will pay a visit!

Resources for families on drugs and alcohol awareness will be available.



\$ 12

MARCH 28, 8 AM - 10 AM

AT APPLEBEE'S IN MILFORD

91 Medway Rd #1, Milford, MA  
Gift Basket Raffle!

CALL THE OFFICE FOR TICKETS  
508-429-2144  
HOLLISTON@XAVERIANMISSIONARIES.ORG

## Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, March 8, 10 AM | 1 PM**

+ Salvatore Bertone | + Marie Johnson

**MONDAY, March 9, 7:30 AM | 12:10 PM**

+ Anthony Jose Sanches & his grandparents | + Mimma Bertone (anniversary)

**TUESDAY, March 10, 7:30 AM | 12:10 PM**

Katie & Rich Sabatini (healing) | Joseph Mark (healing)

**WEDNESDAY, March 11, 7:30 AM | 12:10 PM**

+ Ana Dias and Family | + Lorraine M. Chapman

**THURSDAY, March 12, 7:30 AM | 12:10 PM**

+ Vito A. Bertone (anniversary) | + Aida Sebastiao

**FRIDAY, March 13, 7:30 AM | 12:10 PM**

+ Peter Bucchanio | + Peter Bucchanio

**SATURDAY, March 14, 10 AM**

+ Carolina Bertone

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