

## Water for Living, or Living Water?

### Water flows through this Sunday's readings.

In the passage from Exodus, the Hebrews cry out for the water so necessary for life. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of living water that provides eternal life.

The exchange between the Hebrews and Moses is straightforward and startling. Physical thirst led them to question the divine care that miraculously delivered them from the hands of Egyptian oppressors. We shouldn't be too quick to shake our fingers at them. How many times have we looked past blessings we take for granted, only to focus on lesser immediate needs? These desert people are our ancestors in more ways than one.

The Gospel of John is most interesting. Jesus is in Samaria, a land hated by the Jews. There he initiates a conversation with an inhabitant of the town of Sychar, someone who is an outcast in three major ways. She is a woman—no self-respecting man would be alone

with a woman he didn't know. She is a Samaritan—Jews considered Samaritans unclean. And she is promiscuous—his own honor might be at risk. The woman's questionable social status does not prevent Jesus from engaging her, first in social etiquette ("Give me a drink" [4:7]), then in a theological exchange ("Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst" [4:14]).

The Hebrews experienced God's saving action in their exodus, but they lacked trust. The woman, hated by the Jews, was an outcast of her own people, yet she believed. How do we respond to the water?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ Look at the deepest longings of your heart. What might quench your thirst?
- ★ The Samaritan woman may have been the last person we would expect Jesus to engage with. What does this say about us?



# Assumption of Our Lady



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March 15, 2020

3rd Sunday of Lent – Year A

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

### Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed .12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals

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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Mar. 01	Sheila Ryan-Hachey Ruth Boden	Darm Crook Andrew Cassidy	Whittle Family	Bea Lepine Shirley Gutierrez Dee Dee Lepine	No Snacks Today
Mar. 08	Gerry Engen Gracious de Vera	Tony Whittle Doug Swallow	Ramirez Family	Marie Kopp-van E. Theresa Swallow Davida Delorey	Kelly Lizardo Shirley Gutierrez
Mar. 15	Shirley Cutierrez Sancie Gostick	Andrew Cassidy Darm Crook	Liz Buckley & Family	Tony Whittle Susan Bouchard Pete Boden	Debbie Whittle Sheila Domingo Lennie Ramirez
Mar. 22	Youth-led Participation Mass	Youth-led Participation Mass	Youth-led Participation Mass	Marie Kopp-van E. Theresa Swallow Andrew Cassidy	Erlinda Bowker Yolly Sanchez Ligaya Mutcha
Mar. 29	Andrew Cassidy Bea Lepine	Jason Morissey Darm Crook	Steinwan Family	Bea Lepine Shirley Gutierrez Doris Caudron	Please sign up on bulletin board



The Announcement for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

----- We are always delighted to welcome each and everyone who has come to worship with us here at Assumption parish. If you're a new member, please take time to introduce yourself to the pastor and fill out a registration form found at the bulletin board at the entrance of the church..

----- We have begun a study, reflection and faith sharing on the epistle of St. Paul to Timothy. It will run throughout this Lenten season; every Tuesday. Time is 7:00 to 9:00pm. All are invited to attend.

----- We are once again reminded that there is Stations of the Cross every Friday during this Lenten season. Sequel to that our Friday evening masses are moved from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. All are encouraged to participate as it is a way of identifying with Christ in His passion. It impacts grace too.

----- Our Parish is responsible for providing soup and sandwiches for the Lenten lunches at the Anglican Church this Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please see sign- up sheets at the back of the church. Thank you for your help.

----- The Archdiocese of Toronto in standing with all Catholics in Canada and all citizens of Canada, encourages all on the importance of maintaining a healthy level of caution and use preventive measures to ensure the health of our most vulnerable members even though there has currently been no evidence of corona virus infection in Canada. We all are therefore advised to take these steps to reduce exposure to the virus and protect our health.

Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Sneeze and cough into your sleeve.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Avoid contact with people who are sick and stay home if you are sick.

According to them, these are actions we can practice all the time even when there is no imminent threat of infection. On top of these practices, they advice that if anyone is uncertain about his or her present health, that person should refrain from sharing the chalice or shaking hands during the sign of peace. And that people respect the wishes of others who may not wish to shake hands during the sign of peace.

----- Communion to the sick and home bound: Do you know of anyone who is sick and/or home bound and would like to be visited and given communion by the church, please let us know.

Rachel's Corner

"As a man, I was all dry inside, I knew what I had done but I didn't feel much of anything as I didn't truly understand what I had done to my child as well as to my family. Now I am filled with love for my daughter. I feel like I have been renewed inside, strengthened and empowered by God, through God and for God. The man He always wanted me to be." -Testimonial

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: <b>Weekly Revenue</b>	
\$1,526.42	
\$1,526.42	Revenue Total
\$1,831.00	Expenses Total
<b>-\$304.58</b>	
Expenses are based on 2018 Q1	

# Dear Padre,


**For many of us older Catholics, our children have either left the faith or they don't belong to any church. Consequently, their children aren't baptized. We were taught that anyone may baptize in an emergency. Can we baptize our grandchildren? If so, how?**


**W**hen necessary, "any person," even one who is not baptized, "can baptize provided that he has the intention of doing that which the Church does and provided that he pours water on the candidate's head while saying: 'I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1284).

Church law permits baptism when at least one consenting Catholic parent or guardian plans to nurture the child in the faith and in the faith community. Some people—with the best intentions—may disregard these legal conditions and resort to baptizing a child in secret or against the parents' will. However, while the Trinitarian formula used while pouring water over a child qualifies as the sacrament even under non-life-threatening circumstances, it's also contrary to Church law. This has negative consequences both for the child being baptized and the grandparents doing the baptizing!

May you find consolation in these words: "Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament" (CCC 1257). Should a child die without baptism, we can trust in God's mercy, since the full proclamation of the gospel and request for the sacrament was not possible for the child. Moreover, Jesus' tenderness toward children allows us "to hope that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without baptism" (CCC 1261).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR  
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**A WORD FROM Pope Francis**

*This season of Lent is a good occasion to draw near to [Jesus], to encounter him in prayer in a heart-to-heart dialogue; to speak with him, to listen to him....In this way we can renew in ourselves the grace of baptism, quench our thirst at the wellspring of the Word of God.*

—ANGELUS, MARCH 19, 2017

<i>Calendar</i>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>MARCH 16</b>
Lenten Weekday	2 Kgs 5:1–15b Lk 4:24–30
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>MARCH 17</b>
Lenten Weekday	Dn 3:25, 34–43 Mt 18:21–35
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>MARCH 18</b>
Lenten Weekday	Dt 4:1, 5–9 Mt 5:17–19
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>MARCH 19</b>
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Lk 2:41–51a
<b>Friday</b>	<b>MARCH 20</b>
Lenten Weekday	Hos 14:2–10 Mk 12:28–34
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>MARCH 21</b>
Lenten Weekday	Hos 6:1–6 Lk 18:9–14
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>MARCH 22</b>
Fourth Sunday of Lent	1 Sm 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a Eph 5:8–14 Jn 9:1–41 or Jn 9:1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38