

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

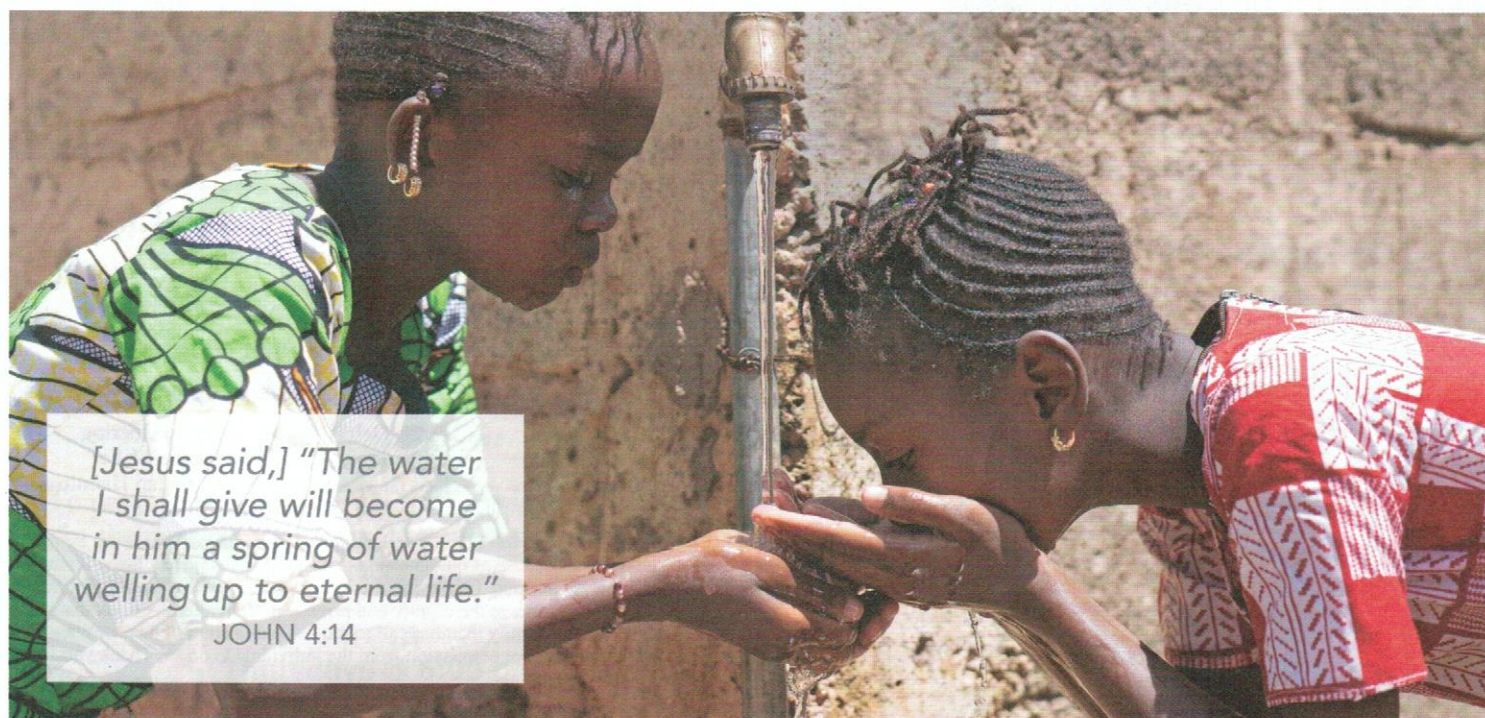
with a woman he didn't know. She is a Samaritan—Jews considered Samaritans unclean. And she is promiscuous—his own honor might be at risk. The woman's questionable social status does not prevent Jesus from engaging her, first in social etiquette ("Give me a drink" [4:7]), then in a theological exchange ("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?



[Jesus said,] "The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

JOHN 4:14

RICCARDO MAYER/SHUTTERSTOCK

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?

When 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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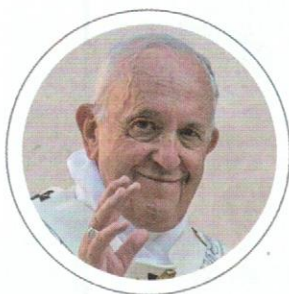


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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

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



Calendar

Monday

MARCH 16

Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1–15b

Lk 4:24–30

Tuesday

MARCH 17

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34–43

Mt 18:21–35

Wednesday

MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5–9

Mt 5:17–19

Thursday

MARCH 19

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

Friday

MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2–10

Mk 12:28–34

Saturday

MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1–6

Lk 18:9–14

Sunday

MARCH 22

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



Very Reverend Michel J. Mulloy
Diocesan Administrator
Diocese of Rapid City



Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood
Bishop of Sioux Falls

JOINT STATEMENT: THE SPIRITUAL LEADERS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESES OF SIOUX FALLS AND RAPID CITY

*Dispensation from the Obligation to attend Sunday Masses
due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus until further notice*

March 13, 2020

Earlier this week and in our respective capacities as spiritual leaders of the two dioceses in South Dakota, we announced measures for limiting the spread of illness during Masses. These statements were circulated within parishes and can be accessed on the two diocesan websites¹.

With public health officials providing additional guidance this week that has led to the cancellation of sporting and cultural events, we write to offer further clarification and guidance. While the Church has not been asked by government officials at this time to suspend the celebration of Masses, these additional measures honor the spirit of what those competent in public health are advocating in light of the facts that have come forward in this current COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic.

All Catholics have an obligation to God to participate in Sunday Mass in ordinary circumstances. This obligation can be suspended for just causes. We also bear a duty to protect those who are most vulnerable among us.

Due to the arrival of the COVID-19/Coronavirus to South Dakota, we have determined it prudent and a just cause to dispense all Catholics within the state's borders from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. If Catholics feel that congregating for Sunday Mass would bring an undue risk to themselves or others, they have the freedom to not attend Mass. Masses will still be celebrated in our parishes to provide for those who are healthy. However, if pastors feel, because of particular circumstances in the parish or because of their own vulnerability, that the celebration of Holy Mass in a public setting brings an undue risk, they have the freedom to suspend the celebration of Sunday Masses in their parishes. Anyone feeling ill is asked to not come to Mass so as not to expose others to illness.

Since the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith and our spiritual nourishment in our journey of faith this decision to dispense the Sunday obligation is not taken lightly. It has been made with the awareness that the COVID-19/Coronavirus can be life threatening and has placed strain on healthcare systems across the world. We feel it prudent to allow Catholics to be dispensed from Mass should they choose this option.

It is important we all remember that honoring the Sabbath is God's command, not His Church's. Therefore, Catholics who are unable to attend Sunday Mass or who chose not to in light of this dispensation are urged to make "spiritual Communion" while joining in radio, television, or

online broadcasts of the Sunday Mass. More information about these opportunities can be found on the diocesan websites¹. The Rosary and other devotions are also ways that Catholics can honor the Lord's Day and offer proper reverence to him while also receiving the spiritual help God desires to give us.

We urge all Catholics to offer additional prayer during this health crisis. In particular, we would ask all Catholics to pray for the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church and St. Joseph, Protector of the Church. Let us continue to pray for the sick and dying, for those caring for them and for those working to minimize the impact of COVID-19. Let us pray for our own protection and care, for those who fear death without knowing the Lord's loving care, and for strengthening our hope of eternal life.

Since God has promised to be with us at all times, let us turn to him in prayer, remain calm and tend to our brothers and sisters in need: those in our families, neighborhoods, and around the world.

Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood
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References

www.sfcatholic.org

www.rapidcitydiocese.org

"Through Hospitality, we share our Catholic Faith with All as Disciples of Christ."

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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kachbach@diorc.org cell 605-848-2112

Fr. Riccardo Pennati serving in Fr.'s absence.

MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

MASS - Saturday at 6:00 pm, Sunday at 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION - Saturday at 5:00 pm

Office Hours: Mon. thru Fri., 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Office email: parishsec@gwtc.net

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 21st

Sacristan: Maxine Fisher

Lector: Judy Wagner

EME: Keith Moser, Marty or Karleen Flakus

Servers: Megan Brozik, Paige Sachtjen, Blake Volmer

Ushers: Todd Volmer, Barry Grossenburg

John Janecke, Steve Meyer

Sunday, March 22nd

Sacristan: Vicki Covey

Lector: Jeannie Heim

EME: Leonard and Jeannie Heim

Servers: Oscar, Charley and Maree Pravecek

Ushers: Jay Mayes, Brad Assman

Charlie Grossenburg, Phil DeMers

ICC COLLECTION REPORT

March 7 & 8, 2020: Envelopes \$2,792.00, Loose \$162.00. Total \$2,954.00.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Seminarian Education \$5.00
Priest Retirement \$1.00



Immaculate Conception STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Followed by a brief Adoration

Friday Mass time change during Lent

Immaculate Conception

Friday Mass - 6:00pm

Please join us!



Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thurs., March 19th 10:00 am at ICC

NO WINE & CHEESE NIGHT

Sat., March 14th

Winner & Colome Knights of Columbus

Tues., March 17th - 7:00 pm @ St. Mary's Hall

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - Mar. 14 - 6:00 pm **Winner**

For deceased Knights of Columbus by Knights of Columbus

Sunday - Mar. 15 - 8:30 am **Colome**

For deceased Catholic Daughters by Colome Catholic Daughters

Sunday - Mar. 15 - 10:30 am **Winner**

For the Parish

Monday - Mar. 16 - 5:30 pm **Winner**

Special Intention

Tuesday - Mar. 17 - 6:30 pm - Penance Service **Colome**

Wednesday - Mar. 18 - 5:15 pm **Winner**

Special Intention

Thursday - Mar. 19 - 5:15 pm **Winner**

Special Intention

Friday - Mar. 20 - 6:00 pm **Winner**

Daisy (Isabelle) Mernaugh[†] by Kelly Mernaugh

Saturday - Mar. 21 - 6:00 pm **Winner**

For the health of Avery Eddie by Randy & Valora Eddie

Sunday - Mar. 22 - 8:30 am **Colome**

For the Parish

Sunday - Mar. 22 - 10:30 am **Winner**

Kathleen Steele[†] by Darrel & Deanna Kaiser

Area Lenten Penance Liturgies

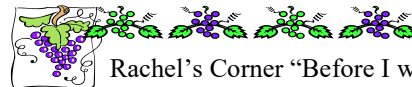
Tuesday, March 17th Colome 6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 24th Winner 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 26th Fort Pierre 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 2nd Presho 6:30 pm

**Please take one of these
opportunities to attend confession.**



Rachel's Corner "Before I was humiliated. I was like a stone that lies in deep mud, and He who is mighty came and in His compassion raised me up and exalted me very high and placed me on the top of the wall." - Saint Patrick - Feast Day March 17
Since the day of the abortion, does your heart feel like a heavy stone resting in deep mud? Come on a Rachel's VineyardTM Retreat and allow Our Lord to raise you up and fill you with His merciful healing. Join us in S.Dak. May 22-24. Contact the national office for more information, at 1-877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org. or Contact Carol Kling for information about local retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com

'Saint Juliana's Prayer List'

Jonathan Perez

Reid Malnati

Connie Vaughn

Jackie McKenzie

Myrna Pravecek

Avery Eddie

Gary Elder

Janet DeMers

Doug Stiehl

Jane Moser

Wendy Smith

Bromley Heath

Ruthie Storms Joachim

Katrina Wagner

Prayers for our Family Members in the Military

Gene Fisher

Daysha DeMers

Spencer Hughes

Spencer Kirkpatrick

Jacob Debus

Jeff Butler

Kris Schwartz

Dylan Doering

Jacque Miller

Christian Hamilton

St. Juliana's (Patron Saint of sickness) is a list of the people we are currently praying for because of illness or in the military. The military list will remain until we are notified. Please call the office (842-3520) to request continued prayers. To preserve the dignity and privacy of individuals, we ask that only an immediate family member call to request publication of names. We will presume they have permission from the individual to do so. Thank you for your understanding.

**A prayer shawl is given to any who are in
need of extra prayers.**

To obtain a prayer shawl, please call the office 842-3520.

ST. ISIDORE CHURCH

301 Carr St. Colome, SD 57528
842-3520

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - Sunday at 8:00 am
MASS SCHEDULE - Sunday at 8:30 am



Penance Service

St. Isidore Church
Tuesday - March 17th - 6:30pm

St. Isidore - Ministry Schedule

Sunday, March 22nd

Lector: Cole
EME: Van/Sara
Music: Kathy/Janette
Servers: Kaden/Rystan/Allan
Ushers: Lyle/RJ
Sacristan: Kathleen

March Church Cleaning

Sara Petersek, Chr.
Rosemary King
Sara Krumpus
Deanna Kartak



ST. ISIDORE COLLECTION REPORT

March 8, 2020: \$852.00

COLLECTION: March 15, 2020 ~ Craig & Carol K.
March 22, 2020 ~ Holly & Leslie
March 29, 2020 ~ Van & Ryan

NO Holy Hour

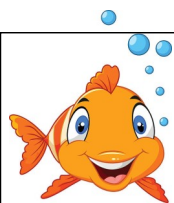
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday, March 17th at St. Isidore

NO Rosary for Vocations

Please attend Penance Service at 6:30pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS - 5:00pm
St. Isidore



**The Fish Fry scheduled for
Friday, March 27th
has been
CANCELED.**

**If you have an emergency
for which you are in need of a Priest,**
please call Fr. Riccardo at 605-939-5844.
If Father does not answer, leave your name,
number and your request.

Fr. will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Requiem Pacem

It is our custom:

To pray three 'Hail Marys' after Mass is completed,
for the next person to die, to have a peaceful death.
And to die with the sacraments of the church.

RCIA

**Thursdays @ 6:00 pm
at St. Joseph's Hall**

*They are looking into Full Communion of the Church.
Please pray for them as they discover a
deeper spiritual life with God.*

Communion

Sharing in the Eucharist is the high point of the entire celebration. Holy Communion seals the sacrificial nature of the meal in which we remember Christ's Passover. The Church teaches that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life.

Receiving Holy Communion is the most intimate moment of this encounter with the Lord Jesus. He gives himself to us completely, body, blood, soul and divinity; his totality. He can't give any more of himself to us. This is the most intimate union possible. There is no greater love.

We respond to the invitation to receive communion as the Roman centurion did when Jesus offered to come to his home. We are "not worthy to have him enter under our roof." In order to enter this union, we, though sinners, must open our hearts to this profound love for us. We are not receiving just a consecrated host, we are receiving Jesus himself, and therefore his saving, sacrificial love.

THAT MAN IS YOU

Thurs., March 19th ~ 6:30 – 7:30am @ St. Martin Room

Lent is about Praying, Fasting & Almsgiving.

We have baskets in the entry to the church for you to place thoughtful items for the needy of our community. Money, Food, New and Gently used Clothing Items, and anything you believe they are in want of, this Easter Season. After Holy Thursday, these items will be given to the local Food Pantry & Social Services. Your one can of food a day will fill a hungry tummy.

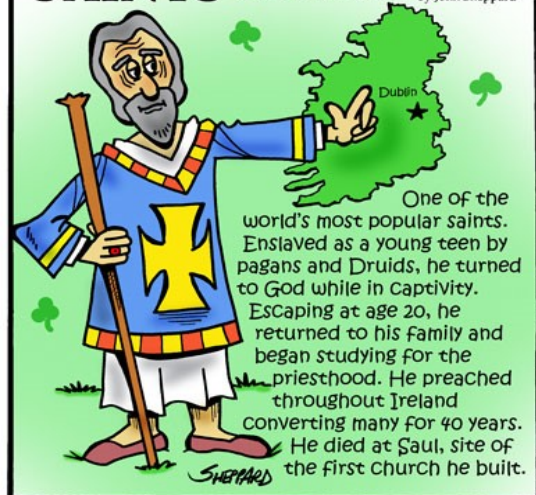
**Please open your Hearts and Minds to
these sometimes forgotten children of God.**



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard



St. Patrick