

# THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY

## *The Crowning with Thorns*

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL BASILICA

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Saturday Evening.....5:00 p.m.  
Sunday.....9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

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**Weddings:** Please schedule marriage at least 6 months  
in advance.

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sat., March 14:**

12:00 p.m. Nick & Rose Bellino by Bellino Family  
5:00 p.m. Josephine Carella by Carella & Caravella Family

**Sun., March 15: *Third Sunday of Lent***

9:00 a.m. Joseph Calcagni by Sam Accordino  
11:00 a.m. John & Rose Starr by John & Carol Amicone

**Mon. March 16:**

12:00 noon Anthony Chizmar by Dan McCallister

**Tues., March 17: *St. Patrick, Bishop***

***First St. Anthony Novena***

12:00 noon Marie DeBartolo by Denise DeBartolo York

**7:00 p.m. *St. Anthony Novena and Benediction***

**Weds., March 18: *St. Cyril of Jerusalem***

**11:30 a.m. *Stations***

12:00 noon Peter Chila by Phil & Marie Pillin

**Thurs. March 19: *St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

12:00 noon Geraldine Sherwood by Pat Wolpert

**Friday, March 20:**

12:00 noon Jay Napoli (A) by A.J. & Marge

**7:00 p.m. *Stations of the Cross***

**Sat., March 21:**

12:00 p.m. Peter Chila by Pat Gibbons  
5:00 p.m. Graziella Giannini by Dorina Canacci

**Sun., March 22: *Fourth Sunday of Lent***

9:00 a.m. Benjamin Lipinsky by Marlene & Nicholas Bellino & Family



**Sunday, March 8 (260 envelopes)  
St. Anthony Shrine/Novena**

**\$8,247.84  
\$1,106.00**



**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL ST. ANTHONY NOVENA**

Begins **Tuesday, March 17**, 12 noon Mass & Novena of St. Anthony of Padua.

7 p.m. Novena of St. Anthony of Padua and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday through Tuesday, June 9th.

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH**

9:00 a.m.—Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion and Novena Prayers.

5:30 p.m.—Novena Prayers and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament of St. Anthony.

**WEEKEND ASSIGNMENTS (March 21/22)**

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

5:00 p.m. Gary DiTullio, Debbie DiTullio,  
Deacon Anthony Falasca, Jr.  
9:00 a.m. Anthony Sabastiani, Michelle  
Sabastiani, Melissa Varso  
11:00 a.m. Deacon Anthony Falasca, Jr, George  
Summers, Joseph Nohra, Jr., Chelsey  
Santucci



**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Ron DiBacco  
9:00 a.m. Jenna Anness  
11:00 a.m. Daniel Rossi



**Altar Servers**

5:00 p.m. Gianna Howe, Gabriella Howe, Jeffrey  
Howe, Lauren Klanica, Gregory Car-  
bon  
9:00 a.m. Scott Cross, Adrianna Marsco, Luciano  
Marsco  
11:00 a.m. Gabriella Weese, Atianna Caggiano,  
Alex Carano

**IN INVITATION**

Yes, I will spend ONE HOUR WEEKLY with *Jesus*, present in  
**THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.**

Please check the time you prefer:

- MORNING (6:00 a.m. to noon)  
 AFTERNOON (12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)  
 EVENING (6:00 p.m. to Midnight)  
 NIGHT (midnight to 6:00 a.m.)



NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like to *promote* this most  
important prayer Apostolate

**Cut & drop in collection basket or mail to Our Lady of Mount  
Carmel Basilica.**

Call Maria Panozzo @330-372-5141 or Jean, 330-758-3335 to  
schedule your time to be with *Jesus*.

**Come! Spend one hour per week with *Jesus* in Adoration,  
Praise and Thanksgiving for his many graces. Hours needed.**

**Sat- 8:00 p.m.-10 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m.- 10 a.m.**

**Tuesday, 9 p.m.-10 p.m.**

**Sun.—2 p.m.—3 p.m., 3 a.m.—4 a.m., & 4 a.m.— 5 a.m.**

**Thursday- 7 p.m.—8 p.m. Friday - 3 p.m.-4 p.m.,**

**Saturday, 8 p.m.—10p.m., 9 p.m.-10 p.m.**



**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

The families of the following parishioners have requested that we remember them in prayer: Martha Aliberti, Regina Altiero, Melinda Amon, Genevieve Angelides, Peter Angelides, Sandy Battaglia, Nick Benedis, Madelyn Brudis, Tina Bury, Zayne Bryce, Eugene Calcagni, Isabelle Corradi, Jeanni Pesa, Carmen, Kim Bowser, Marko Calko, Dominic Calko, Lori Capone, Michael (Cal) Calipare, Carl J. Carbon, Roseann Cencia, Joseph Cencia, Bethany Maytas, Anthony, Cathy Chimento, Joseph Chimento, Stephanie Chimento, Christopher Centofanti, Damian Chordas, Joseph R.Cioffi, Mary Rose Colucci, Johnny D., Ed Derek, Joanne Desko, Michelina DiVito, Greg Diorio, Grace Ducay, Angela Elmo, JoAnn Elmo, Roberta Elmo, Dolores Elston, Deacon Anthony Falasca, Jason, Monroe, Mara Frease, Ilona Gerson, Sebastian Green, Margie, Joseph Haus, Baby Henry, John, Reese, Lisa, Joshua, David, Carl Jr., Louise Faustino, Kaylee, JoAnn George, Emily Gerome, Rose Giampetro, Donald "Duke" Girardi, Dominic Greco, Josie Greco, Jennifer Greco, Michael & Carol Gromada, Claudia Hernandez, Sean Holden, Gail Hubbert, George Iati, Loretta Julian, Mark Julian, Peter Julian, Kerri, Glory & Family, Jeff Knorr, Dennis Kopnisky, Jackie Golden, Gerard Kopnisky, Hillary, William & Melinda Kopnisky, Agnes Kowis, Rocco Kovacs, Francine Kraiosky, John Kuzman, Jr., Leann P., Lenny & Cheryl, Lavonne, Lucille, Linda Maiorana, Baby Dominic Malachi, Bill Marcavish, Missy Marrie, John Mascardine, Eileen Mattiussi, Jennifer McCon, Paul and Greg Medina, Jean Medina, Livia Marinelli, Ellen Monroe, Francisco Rivera-Ocasio, George Panno, Beverly Poidmore Pariza, Mary Pesa, Ronald Pesa, Phil Pillin, Sr. Brielle, Vincent, Paul III, Giovanna Pace, Isabel Pupino, Joseph Pizzola, Nicholas Poccia, Barbara Poghen, Charles Richards, Joseph Richards, Joseph Ridel, Chris Ritter, Rose Ruggieri, Marti Runyan, Mark Roberts, Ben Russo, Millie Santangelo, Carmel Scocca, Ellie Sullenberger, Chris Sultan, Helen Trimboli, Betty & Dennis VanSuch, Greg VanSuch, Rita Varacali, Jodi Walters, Kathleen Wienand, Anna Mae Williams, Lilah Dovic, Todd Zamary, Skevos Zimbillas, **Mary, help of the sick, pray for us!**—please let us know when person is well.

**Prayer Petitions**

It is in spirit of love, care, and support for one another that we invite you to place your prayer petitions into the Petition Box. The box and blank petition slips are available to you in the vestibule before each weekend Mass. The petitions are remembered during the Prayer of the Faithful and are brought forward during the Offertory Procession and placed at the foot of the Cross. At the conclusion of the Sunday Masses, the petitions are brought to the Little Flower Eucharistic Chapel where, throughout the week, members of the Apostolate for Perpetual Adoration unite their prayers with yours in the presence to our Eucharistic Lord. Let us unite our prayers with one another as we follow St. Paul's instruction to "pray without ceasing" and support one another through mutual prayer, solidarity, and love.

**REGISTRATION:** Members of the parish must be formally registered. If you are not receiving Our Lady of Mount Carmel envelopes, this means you are not registered. Call the rectory at 330-743-4144, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.—3 p.m. And we will send you a registration form. **Families who have members of our church staying with them who are shut-ins or who are in nursing homes should include them as members of their household. For a change of address or telephone number, please call the rectory as soon as possible. Thank you.**



The Week Ahead

**Tuesday, March 17:**  
12:00 noon Mass/Novena (1st) St. Anthony  
7:00 p.m. Novena/Benediction (1st) St. Anthony

**Wednesday, March 18:**  
11:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross  
7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Scripture Study /St. JPIICTR.

**Thursday, March 19:**  
10:00 a.m. Legion of Mary/St. JP II Ctr.  
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Mtg./SJH  
7:00 p.m. Parish Council/St. JPIICTR.

**Friday, March 20:**  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 21:**  
St. Joseph Cream Puffs following Mass

**Sunday, March 22:**  
8-3 p.m. Light of Faith/Family/St. JPIICTR.  
St. Joseph Cream Puffs following both Masses

**ST. ANTHONY LIGHT: March 15-21**

In memory of ENNIO (B) & Cornelia (A) DiFrangia by Son, Bill & Angela

**BLESSED SACRAMENT LIGHT: March 15-21**

In memory of VIRGINIA & RED PALLANTE by Anita & Nickie Marsco

**SACRED HEART LIGHT: March 15-21**

In memory of BENJAMIN LIPINSKY by Marlene & Nicholas Bellino & Family

**SANCTUARY LIGHT: March 15-21**

In memory of GEORGE & JOSEPHINE PUGLIESE by Granddaughters & Nieces, Bonnie & Cindy

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL LIGHT: March 15-21**

In memory of JOHN CARNEVALE (A) by Family

**INFANT JESUS LIGHT: March 15-21**

In memory of JOHN R. MARINELLI by Cathy Zack & Family

**GUARDIAN ANGEL LIGHT: March 15-21**

In memory of CHARLES & JULIA AMICONE by John & Carol Amicone

**ST. THERESA OF THE LITTLE FLOWER LIGHT: March 15-21**

In memory of SAM A. & ROSE M. DIBACCO by Family

**ETERNAL FLAME: Sunday, March 15**

In memory of JOHN SCARAMUZZINO by Parish Family

**HOLY CROSS LIGHTS: Saturday, March 21**

In memory of CORSINA YANNARELLA by Daughter



**NIGHT AT THE RACES**

Sponsored by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's Vestibule Club

Saturday, April 18, 2020

Races start at 7:00 p.m.

Adults Only (Must be 21 & Older)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica—Youngstown, Ohio

Refreshments include: Beer, Pop, Water, Sloppy Joe

Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Snacks.

50/50 Raffle and Chinese Auction



### Birthdays for the week of March 15-21

Melinda Amon, Anthony Bonamase, McKayla Bryan, Jackson Chasko, Dana Onesti, Mary Ann Petruzzi, Wanda Centofanti, Paulette Chiarello, Angeline DeAngelis, Iona Gerson, Luke Miller, Antonella LaMonica, Dominic Mordocco, Ronald Pesa, Lisa Petrino, Rita Varacalli, James Winterburn, Levio Julio, III Baldarelli, Michael Cafaro, Joann Colla, Eleanor DePaul Ellen Monroe, Donna Taroll, William Cafaro, Mark Fusillo, Charles Koulianos, Dana Larson, Constance Bane, Isabella Caruso, Nicholas Capone, Gia Carfangia, Daniel Gagliano, John Kowacich, Joseph LaRocca, Deborah Mottle, Alexandra Pesa.

### INTERCESSION FOR VOCATIONS:

For all those thirsting to know their vocations in Christ, that they will be open to the waters of prayer and drink fully of the Holy Spirit who leads them, **We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.**

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:

*"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."  
John 4:13*

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

"But whoever drinks the water I give, will never be thirsty." Are you or someone you know thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? To quench your thirst, contact Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: [kopp@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:kopp@youngstowndiocese.org).

### 31st Annual St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration, March 21st and 22nd, 2020

—On March 19th St. Joseph's Feast Day—in Sicily and other parts of Italy, people prepare a special banquet of meatless dishes and invite people in need. The St. Joseph's table reminds us of God's goodness to ourselves and the need to share this goodness with others. In honor of St. Joseph's Feast Day we will gather in the St. Joseph Hall after all Masses on Saturday, March 21st and Sunday March 22nd for beverage and **St. Joseph's Sfingi (cream puffs) and coffee.**



### St. Anthony Shrine and Novena

**\$100.00 GIFT**

In memory of ROSE WORRELLIA  
by Scott Schulick & Vi Agresta

**\$50.00 GIFT**

Mr. and Mrs. John Wakin

**\$40.00 GIFT**

In memory of AL BACA by Norma

In memory of ROSEANN BACA by Mom

In memory of ROSE MARIE FIORE by Norma

In memory of ANTHONY FIORE by Norma  
SPECIAL INTENTION FOR CHRISTINE KANA  
by Ann Desimone

**\$30.00 GIFT**

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony DeLuca

**\$25.00 GIFT**

Mr. Dominic Colucci

Mrs. Walter E. Good

**\$20.00 GIFT**

In memory of the CARNEVALE AND FALABELLA FAMILIES  
by Ms. Angela Carnevale

In loving memory of MARY ANN PELLEGRINI by Cleto

In memory of the FUMI & MARSCO FAMILIES

by Anita & Nickie

In memory of BEBE MARSCO & TONY YORK by Bones

**\$15.00 GIFT**

Ms. Helen Furnish

**\$10.00 GIFT**

In memory of WILLIAM MASSARO by Phil Pillin

Mrs. Jennie Dundee

Mrs. Sophia Schiavoni

Mr. Scott R. Schulick

Sharon Quaranto

### 2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal

Our parish recently joined with parishes throughout the Diocese of Youngstown in making a commitment to the **2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal**. Our parish goal is 100% participation. The Appeal is the primary funding source for Catholic Charities in our six-county diocese and helps to support various Church ministries including Religious Education, Youth and Young Adult Ministries. **Bishop Murry** is counting on our support of the **2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal**. It is his fervent hope that every parish will reach their goal. Thank you to those members of our parish who have already responded. If you have not yet responded, please take some time to review the in-pew envelope or response card and prayerfully consider how you can participate: **PRAY, DONATE, VOLUNTEER**. Thank you for your prayerful reflection and generous response.

### "Make your Vision Clear in 2020"

**"Its not too late!"**

It's not too late to register and join the men of the Diocese of Youngstown at our Annual Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 21, 2020. 9:00 a.m. start with closing with Mass at 4:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Go to [www.CMFDOY.org](http://www.CMFDOY.org) for more information, to download a registration form or register on line. Walk-in tickets will be available the day of the conference.

"The Doctor is in; come hear him speak"

"...if we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another..." 1 John 1:7a

Men, come join other Catholic men and hear Dr. Ray Guarendi speak on "Why Catholic Men, are not Wimps". Conference 2020—Make your Vision Clear—is the theme for this year's Diocesan Men's Conference to be held Saturday, March 21, 2020 at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. 9:00 a.m. start with closing Mass at 4:00 p.m., Bishop George Murry presiding. Go to [www.CMFDOY.org](http://www.CMFDOY.org) for more information, to download a registration form or register on line.



**CRAIG'S CORNER**  
**A Note**  
**from our Music Director**

*"I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live.' I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him."*

Water is essential for human survival and in my meteorological world, one of the first things I learned in my atmospheric science studies is how the world is that nearly 71 percent of the Earth's surface is water-covered, and the oceans hold about 96.5 percent of all Earth's water. Water also exists in the air as water vapor, in rivers and lakes, in icecaps and glaciers, in the ground as soil moisture and in aquifers. The water cycle is something we learn as kids in grade school.

When we come into the basilica or any church, one of the first things we do is bless ourselves with holy water as a sign of our baptism and our need to cleanse ourselves of sin. As we approach Easter, this becomes an even more prominent sign since we start over anew with the new water from the Easter Vigil.

Water plays a vital role in our readings from the Old Testament and our Gospel this weekend. In the Exodus account of Moses with the Israelites complaining about their thirst for water, until they turned to the Lord they were parched. Once they turned to the Lord and sought Him, He provides. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals Himself to the woman of Samaria at a well where, once He affirms that those who drink the water at the well will always be thirsty again, those who partake of His water – the water of everlasting life – will never thirst. Because of her interaction with Jesus, she comes to believe in Him and brings others to believe in Him as well.

The verse above from the hymn "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" summarizes these two readings today perfectly. This weekend's third verse of "From Ashes to the Living Font" is another perfect prayer for us:

*"For thirsting hearts let waters flow, our fainting souls revive. And at the well your waters give, our everlasting life."*

During the Lenten season, as we turn away from our sinfulness and look to Jesus, let us pray these words, that we ask Jesus to give us, not only the water that is essential for human life here on earth, but rather the living water from the life-giving stream where our eternal souls are quenched and revived, so that we, as we hasten towards Easter may continue to live in Him.

**Instrumental Music Selection for March 14-15: Third Sunday of Lent**

Postlude: Adagio for Strings – Samuel Barber

**DAILY MORNING OFFERING PRAYER**

Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month.

**Prayer Intentions for March**

**Catholics in China.** We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

**LENT**

**Stations of the Cross**

11:30 a.m. Every Wednesday of Lent  
 7:00 p.m. Every Friday of Lent

**Fasting and Abstinence**

Fasting means eating a lesser amount of food. Catholics 18 and not 60 years of age must fast. The days on which we must fast are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Days of abstinence are days on which we do not eat any meal at all. Dairy products, fish and seafood are allowed. All Catholics over the age of 14 must abstain. The days of obligatory abstinence are Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, both the laws of fasting and abstinence apply and no meat may be eaten.



**Congratulations!** To the newly elected officers of the Senior Citizens Organization:

**President:** John Mascardine, **Vice President:** Patty Schuly, **Secretary:** Diane Weikart, **Treasurer:** Ann Leone, **Trustees:** Angie Cercone, Ann Desimone.



**REMEMBER US LAST:**

When you are preparing your will and estate plan remember those closest to you...spouse, family members and loved ones. Then remember Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica with a residual gift that defines your Legacy of Faith as a member of our parish community. Please call 330-744-8451, ext. 325 for information.

**Third Sunday Of LENT**

Sponsor of the week:

Compliments of  
**Bill Clair**  
**Chemsafe**  
**330-727-0141**

**Communal Penance with Narrative Stations**

**April 3, 2020**

An evening of personal reflection, "God gave His only Son for you and I."



A Communal Penance Service will follow at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica, Youngstown. All are welcome. Time: 7:00pm

**The LIGHT of FAITH and FAMILY**

**Sunday, March 22, 2020**

Our last gathering before Easter.

**Speaker:**

Msgr. Cariglio



**Topic**

Catechism of the Church

**Followed by**

Individual Classes will give a presentation of, "What We learned Throughout the Year"

**Holy Thursday Parish Pot Luck Supper**  
**prior to Mass**

Holy Thursday Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica ~ St. Anthony of Padua Parish Community Covered Dish Meal April 9, 2020

Doors open 5:15pm  
Meal begins 5:30pm

Followed by 7pm Mass and Adoration.



**RSVP no later than April 5th**

Details and form: [www.olmcsta.com](http://www.olmcsta.com) Parish News

**Chicken, soft drinks, coffee, and tea will be provided.**

**Mark your calendar and find your Basket**

Following the 9am Mass meet on the sidewalk in front of the church, Sunday, March 29th at 10:15am

Adults needed to help supervise the children find the eggs.

Looking for 'hiders' to help during the 9am Mass.

Call Therese / Mrs. I 330-743-3508 ex 121



**Harriet's Cupboard**

"Harriet's Cupboard is a program of Catholic Charities. The purpose of this service is to establish a collection of hygiene items, paper products and cleaning supplies for people in need throughout our diocese. "

Our Youth Ministry will be collecting items the weekends of March 21st / 22nd and March 28th / 29th.

**Blue bins** will be located in the vestibules of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica ~St. Anthony of Padua Parish. Thank you for your support and generosity!

See flier for details. Questions call or e-mail Melissa Varso

**Continue to Pray**, for the following parishioners who will be fully Initiated into the Catholic Church this Easter Vigil.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Victoria Ann Favazzo,

Russell Glenn Monroe, Nancy Marie and Joseph E.

Richards, Richard A. and Roseann Sereday and

Robert Ronald Weimer, Jr..



**Contact Information for Faith Formation** 330-743-3508 [www.olmcsta.com](http://www.olmcsta.com) FAX: 330-743-1035 (Out of the office on Monday)

**Director: Therese M. Ivanisin / Mrs. I** [OLMCTherese@gmail.com](mailto:OLMCTherese@gmail.com) ext 121

**Coordinator of Youth Ministry: Melissa Varso** [OLMCMelissa@gmail.com](mailto:OLMCMelissa@gmail.com) ext 122

# Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7  
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9  
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8  
John 4:5-42

**Monday March 16**  
2 Kings 5:1-15b  
Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4  
Luke 4:24-30

**Tuesday March 17**  
Daniel 3:25, 34-43  
Ps 25:4-9  
Matthew 18:21-35

**Wednesday March 18**  
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9  
Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20  
Matthew 5:17-19

**Thursday March 19**  
**St. Joseph**  
2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29  
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
or Luke 2:41-51a

**Friday March 20**  
Hosea 14:2-10  
Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17  
Mark 12:28-34

**Saturday March 21**  
Hosea 6:1-6  
Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab  
Luke 18:9-14

What do you thirst for? Thirst happens when we lack something vital. Water is essential for survival, and our bodies signal us when it's time to drink fluids to stay healthy.

Likewise, water is necessary for our spiritual survival, albeit a different sort of water – the living water, which we first received from the baptismal water that purifies us for eternal life.

The Holy Spirit is the Giver of Life. One of the biblical symbols that represents the presence of God's Spirit is life-giving water. Therefore, we can surmise that Jesus wanted to give the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Samaritan woman. Why? It would still be a while before the Holy Spirit descended upon everyone at Pentecost.

She needed the truth; the Holy Spirit is Truth, and Jesus

wanted to give her what she needed for salvation and then share this new life with the people around her.

We only get thirsty when we haven't had enough to drink. Spiritual thirst shows itself in many forms: addictions, loneliness, despair, frustration, self-indulgence, or any other feeling or behavior that's triggered when we lack something that we need or want. And why would we lack anything spiritually? Because, like the



woman at the well, we sometimes fail to realize that Christ is with us. We need to receive a spiritual healing.

How does God give us this healing? He pours his love into us with all sufficiency, but to drink of it, we have to listen openly, like that woman, ready to be changed by the truth.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. In the first reading, why did a physical thirst turn into a sin? How does this happen today?
2. In Romans 5, grace and hope are mentioned as gifts we receive when we have been "justified by faith" (i.e., when we've repented of our sins and sought forgiveness). How do grace and hope quench our thirsts? How do they help us resist sin?
3. The woman at the well eagerly received what Jesus said. Even though he confronted her about her sins, she drank it all in and then, without shame, excitedly told others about her encounter with the Messiah. What need was filled by the truth? What does this teach about how we can help others hear the truth?

### Lenten Activity:

What sin or unhealthy habit do you need to overcome so that Jesus is free to quench your thirsts? What will you do this week to hand it over to Christ?

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