

THIRST

Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again

(John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14;

Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: St. Patrick

Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Thursday: St. Joseph; Spring begins

Friday: Abstinence

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 14th - Sr. Carol Diedrich

Sunday, March 15th -

8:00 Danny Gersbacher

9:30 Mr & Mrs. P. Onyemekeihia

11:00 Dominguez & Mendoza Family

12:30 Pro Populo

Monday 16th - Joel J. Weutling

Tuesday 17th - † Betty Pascual

Wednesday 18th - † Fernando Joaquin &

Frank Celestine

Thursday 19th - † Andrea Tavella

Friday 20th - Kruzicki Family

Saturday March 21st - † Mrs. Angel Sanchez

SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. March 19

Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: "With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus" (Preface of Saint Joseph, Sacramentary). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive "Saint Joseph's Table," welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as Patron of a Happy Death. Descended from David's house, which God finished "building" through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature's rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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FRIDAYS IN LENT 7:00 PM



Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson

Office of the Bishop

MARCH 5, 2020.

DIocese OF TUCSON PROTOCOL. SEASONAL FLU AND CORONAVIRUS

While the danger of the Corona Virus in Arizona is quite low, I am aware that many are concerned about preventing any possible spread of the virus through contact at our churches. Actually, at this time the far greater risk for most people is the seasonal flu which has already taken the lives of thousands across the U.S. I strongly urge all Catholics who have not yet had a seasonal flu shot to get one immediately, unless recommended otherwise by your healthcare professional. If the Corona Virus were to become serious, the thousands of hospital beds annually used for flu victims would be needed for others. I also urge all who are sick with any communicable illness—especially head colds or flu—to stay home from Mass as an act of charity. Note too, the Sunday Mass obligation is a most serious matter but it is always suspended for those who are ill.

In addition to these two fundamental practices, as a precautionary matter I recommend any or all of the following, at the discretion of the local pastor:

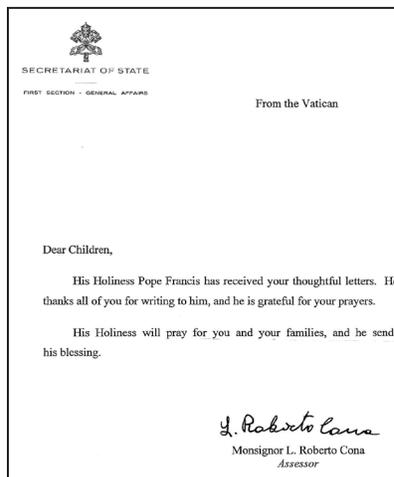
- parishes are to refrain from the use of Holy Water fonts for the immediate future.
- parishioners are to express the “Sign of Peace” at Mass in a way that does not involve human touch, such as a small bow.
- pastors are to urge all parishioners to wash hand frequently. Special Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) are to wash their hands before and after the distribution of Holy Communion and to use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- pastors are to suspend the use of the Chalice for the congregation for the immediate future.
- as receiving Holy Communion on the tongue almost always involves some accidental touch with tongues and lips, Holy Communion should be distributed only in the hand for the immediate future.
- pastors are to ensure a thorough cleansing with soap and hot water of all Communion vessels following Mass.
- congregations are to suspend holding hands during the Our Father Prayer, for those parishes where this may be a local custom. —Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger

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Monsignor L. Roberto Cona
Assessor

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