

# 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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## 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,  
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

—ANGELUS, MARCH 19, 2017

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Ex 17:3–7

Rom 5:1–2, 5–8

Jn 4:5–42 or 4:5–15, 19b–26, 39a, 40–42

## 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 the 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



## 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

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Monday, March 16, 8:00 a.m. +Wayne Miller  
Tuesday, March 17, 9:30 a.m. Wyatt Rice (Mass will be at the church)  
Thursday, March 19, 8:00 a.m. +Victor Cahoj  
Friday, March 20, 8:00 a.m. For our Country  
Saturday, March 21, 4:00 p.m. For the People  
Sunday, March 22, 9:00 a.m. +Pete Ramos

CONFESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY afternoon at 3:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

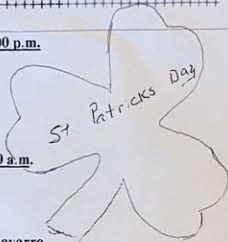
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Syracuse, Wednesday, March 18, 8:00 a.m. MT  
Syracuse, Sunday, March 22, 10:30 a.m. MT  
Deerfield, Saturday, March 21, 6:00 p.m.  
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Saturday, March 21, 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Leo Shelden and Volunteer  
Readers: Tom Bachman  
Musicians: Carolyn Robertson  
E. Ministers: Tom and Rosemary Bachman

Sunday, March 22, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: John, Joe and Jack Achen  
Readers: Cindy Achen  
Musicians: Allison Bushek and Alli  
E. Ministers: Cindy Achen and Primitivo & Lupe Navarro  
E. Ministers for the Sick: Fred and Suzie Jones



Holy Week: April 9, Holy Thursday, Mass 6:00 p.m. Good Friday, April 10, 4:00 p.m.  
Easter Vigil, April 11, 8:30 p.m. Easter Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD Wednesday, March 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m

MINI RETREAT IN LAKIN, MARCH 22, 2020.

Our Mini Retreat will begin after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 22. We will meet in the hall after Mass for donuts. At noon we will break for a light lunch which will be provided for all those attending the Retreat and Retreat will conclude at approximately 2:30 p.m. Our presenter is Sister Rose Mary Stein OP. Please sign the Sign Up Sheet in the back of church if you are planning to attend, as we will have to know the number attending for lunch count. Thank you.

Collection for March 8. Envelopes \$605.00; Loose Offering \$201.00; On line giving \$2,055.52; Total \$2,861.52; Average Weekly expense \$1,989.55; Income over/under (+\$871.97).

CCD Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Wed. evening at 7:00 p.m. during lent.

SOUP AND SERMON : St. Anthony's and Christ the King parishes will be in charge of Soup and Sermon on March 18.

Parish and Finance Council members needed: If you are interested in serving on either the Parish or Finance Council you are to call Fr. Peter or any member of the Parish or Finance Council. (a list of those members is listed on the bulletin board at both entrances of the church).

We will be having a rummage sale again this summer, (no date has been set), but if you have items you would like to donate we will gladly accept them anytime. You may call any of the following people to bring items to the hall . Tressa Powers, 355-6206; Jana Jenkinson 290-5201; Carolyn Robertson 290-5569; or Gwen Waechter 355-7203.