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Third Sunday of Lent March 15, 2020

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.
— *Romans 5:8*

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 AM,
11:30 AM (Spanish),
1:00 & 5:00 PM
Weekdays: 7:30 AM & 5:30 PM
Holy Days: 5:30 PM

DEVOTIONS

Monday-Friday: Liturgy of the Hours
(Morning Prayer 7:00AM;
Evening Prayer 5:00PM)
Tuesday: To the Blessed Mother after 7:30 AM Mass.
1st Friday: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after
7:30 AM Mass until 5:00 PM Benediction.
Grupo de Oración at 7:00 PM.
1st Saturday: To Our Lady of Fatima after 8:00 AM Mass

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 PM & other days by appointment

BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Office. Pre-baptismal classes are required for
Parents and Godparents.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish office. Nine-month notice required.

PARISH RELATED GROUPS & MINISTRIES

For more information please go to
<http://www.saintcharles.org>

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Gospel Reflection: Our Own Choices

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to spend one on one time with Jesus while he was here on earth? The Gospels allow us to do just that - to witness very human moments, where we catch a glimpse of what spending that time with Jesus may have been like. One of the things that quickly becomes clear is this: oftentimes, the first time you spend with Jesus can be awkward and uncomfortable. When Jesus shows up at the well, the woman has a negative attitude and ignores him. Jesus tries to engage her, but she's very standoffish and resistant. Jesus then offers her a kind of miracle water that would quench the thirst she has deep in her soul. She's intrigued - but still skeptical. She's not quite ready to believe, so she questions his ability to provide this sort of water. She's trying to apply human thinking to a spiritual reality, in a material way that's easier for her to understand. Her skepticism continues, because she doesn't understand that the kind of water Jesus speaks of doesn't need a bucket! Finally, Jesus begins to tell her about her own life. Which, of course, is awkward because he is identifying the true obstacle between her and the living water: her own poor choices, and her own sin. Uncomfortable as it is, this captures her imagination. Jesus could only know these secret truths about her if there was something more to Him than she originally thought. She acknowledges that Jesus must have been sent by God, by calling Him a prophet. The entire encounter inspires her to go to her friends, to her family, to the village and to invite them to meet Jesus on their own. And as the people encounter Him, they then begin to refer to him as the Messiah.

This one reading shows us an entire journey - a journey we very often see in ourselves when we first begin to try to pray. The woman at the well begins by ignoring God, is then standoffish with God, and then skeptical. She slowly begins to believe and of course, eventually opens her heart to God's ways and God's plans. We know what this awkward conversation can feel like. Oftentimes, we've tried to ignore God, and are closed off to the idea that he wants to speak to us. Next, like the woman, we try to place barriers between us and Him by coming up with various excuses as to why God cannot reach us in the way he claims he can. If we persevere past this skepticism and these first few uncomfortable moments of silence, are we always rewarded with good feelings and abundant peace? Not necessarily. Sometimes it is in those moments of trust that God brings to light the very thing that scares us, and is standing between us and Him - our own choices, and our sin.

But if we press on, if we don't give up, if we go into the classroom of silence daily for our time with God, he will begin to capture our imagination. He will inspire us. He will encourage us. We will grow in our faith. And that growth will bear amazing fruit not only in our own lives, but in the lives of others as well. We will drink from the cup of the living water.

Daily Prayer For Priests

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; For your unfaithful and tepid priests; For your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields. For your tempted priests; For your lonely and desolate priests; For your young priests; For your dying priests; For the souls of your priests in Purgatory. But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me: The priest who baptized me; The priests who absolved me from my sins; The priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; The priests who taught and instructed me; All the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (especially _____). O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, And bless them abundantly in time and in Eternity. Amen
By St. Therese of Lisieux

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]

Our Mission

St. Charles is a Christ focused, diverse, family centered, Catholic community serving Imperial Beach and the South Bay. We believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and His saving grace received through the Sacraments. We believe in the Holy Catholic Church instituted by Jesus, the sanctity of life, the value of family, and lifelong Catholic education for all ages. We live to deepen our love of God, spread His Gospel and bring others to Christ. We are committed to a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to those in need. With love, humility, and joyful obedience, we strive to be transformed and guided by the Holy Spirit until we are transformed in the eternal life of Heaven.



MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 15-21

SUN 15	7:00AM	+Fr. Conrado Mendoza
	7:00AM	Deceased Members of the Clavero & Noveda Family
	7:00AM	Thanksgiving Donna & Leon Archiaga
	8:30AM	Thanksgiving Baez Morales Family
	8:30AM	Thanksgiving Opie Balais
	8:30AM	+Valeria Hinaut
	10:00AM	+Manuel Francisco
	10:00AM	+Norberto Coronel
	10:00AM	+Simplicio Sinsay
	11:30AM	Feliz Cumpleaños Rosario V. Sevilla
	11:30AM	+Guadalupe Gomez
	11:30AM	Por la Salud de Francisco Rios
	11:30AM	+Silvano Tapia
	1:00PM	For the Intentions of Our Parishioners
	1:00PM	+Carolina David
	1:00PM	+Victor Manuel Castro
	5:00PM	+ Leonor Almodovar
MON 16	5:00PM	+Teofila Pegollo
	5:00PM	Deceased members Reyes Family
	7:30AM	Happy Birthday Joshua Day
	7:30AM	+Michael P. Vaughn
	7:30AM	+Virginia Aragoza
TUE 17	5:30PM	+Nemecia Herrera
	5:30PM	+Ernesto Barbadillo
	5:30PM	+Loreto Ildefonso
	7:30AM	+Benjamin Barbin
	7:30AM	+Ernesto Ibarra
WED 18	7:30AM	+Ariel Camantigue
	5:30PM	+Teofila Pegollo
	5:30PM	+Angelina Bautista
	5:30PM	+Rolando Ramos
	7:30AM	Thanksgiving Joaquin & Lita Velasquez
THU 19	7:30AM	+Angelina Young
	7:30AM	Good Health Jorge Trujillo
	5:30PM	+Juan Marasigan
	5:30PM	+Virginia Aragoza
	5:30PM	+Javier & Graciela Cardona
FRI 20	7:30AM	Happy Birthday Jose Sanchez
	7:30AM	Intentions Mr. & Mrs. Pastor Loyola
	7:30AM	In Honor of St. Joseph
	5:30PM	Thanksgiving Elsie Elbo
	5:30PM	Happy Birthday Delita Nichols
SAT 21	5:30PM	Happy Birthday Leonida Mas
	7:30AM	Thanksgiving Anastacio & Eugenia Villanueva
	7:30AM	All Souls in purgatory
	5:30PM	Happy 73rd Birthday Josefina Arellano
	5:30PM	Good Health Patricia Villa
SAT 21	5:30PM	+Virginia Aragoza
	8:00AM	Promotion of Life
	8:00AM	+Generoso Ritua
	5:00PM	+Felimon Delacruz
	5:00PM	+Anita Penaflor
SAT 21	5:00PM	+Maximina Bombay



Our Parishioners in Poor Health:

Lily Miranda, Jeff Grantham, Celestina Cruz, Fernando Valdivieso, Aileen Montillano, Deacon Mick Dennison, Linda Grapilon, Rafael Sison, Irene & Henry Armenta, Carlos Fernandez, Luis Miguel Sandoval, Celia Pacheco, Gustavo Ortiz, Carlos Ejan, Livinia Borja Cruz, Carmen Weber, Norma Fernandez, Frank Villegas, Karen Rusin, Thomas Rusin, Emilio Oliver, Tony Vera, Eduardo Amador, Ana Morales, Roman Marquez (Buzzy), Jake Miguel Tarin, William Laffoon, Owen Pasco, Dora Garcia, Maria Andrea Rodriguez Mandez, Marie Mctaggart, Paula Hogen, Jose V. Arellano, Ian Arellano, Alejandro Calma, Rosita Santos, Flordeliza Delarea, Rita Jimenez, Albert Rodriguez, Joan Rico, Alfredo Andres, Angela Cecilia Hungate, Lorna Villarin, Shizue Dolan, Frank Dolan, Jesus Valencia, Viriana Rodriguez, Jennifer Slater, Mila Reyes, Mario Araujo, David Allison, Jose Saenz, Rosalyn Ejan, Paul Odermatt, Andres Diaz Ramirez, Ines Toribio, Dulce Musngi, Irma Tuason, Hilarion Onia, Percy Macawile, Leonora Cruz, Malia Bensaid, Erica Nieblas, Gus Rico, James Bartley Jr, Renato & Lourdes Manansala, Christine Blas, Maxine Rojem, Adelina Simpson, Raul Gonzalez, Laura Marquez, Reyna Morales, Pablo A. Rojas, Chelce Rose Sinajon, Gwen Kosmicki, Alfred Leyster, David Burton, JoAnn LaGasse, Vesta Curot, Romy & Carol Galloway.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

If you would like to register or are changing information on your registration record, please complete this form and place it in the collection basket or drop off at the Parish Office.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

New Parishioner: _____ Moving: _____

Update Info: _____

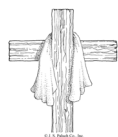
Send Contribution Envelopes: _____





St. Bridget Nuns will host the Bake Sale, TO-DAY at the West Patio. Bond with fellow parishioners over a cup of coffee, delicious baked goods and other delicious foods. **The Rosary Makers** will host the Bake sale next Sunday, March 22nd.

Saint Charles Caritas is now 19 years old. TO-DAY the nuns will be at the exit doors. 100% of your donations will be used to buy basic food and basic necessities for 5 charities in TJ and 2 in San Diego plus special projects to "Feed the Children" in Paliparan, Cavite, Philippines run by the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement. We need shampoos and bars of soap for this project. For 19 years, we thank you for your generosity and love of the poor. God's blessings to you all!



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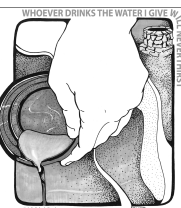
Every Friday, during Lent, in the Church.
4:00PM in Spanish and 6:00PM in English.

The Youth Ministry is hosting their Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, March 21. 8am-2pm in the Northeast end of parking lot. We are currently accepting any donations from parishioners to sell that weekend. We will gladly accept toys, small appliances, and house wares. (No donations of clothing items or shoes, please). Contact Marci at 619.575.2240 ext 103 for more information. Thank you for your support for the Youth of St. Charles!

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.

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Collection Report for March 8, 2020

Plate & Envelope Offertory	\$ 16,656.00
Online Donations	\$ 2,823.00
Building Fund	\$ 923.00
TOTAL	\$ 20,402.00

May God bless you more for your sacrificial gift and ever generous support of St. Charles Parish.



CATECHETICAL MINISTRY CENTER

located at the 2nd floor of the Parish Hall)
Office Hours: Mondays-Fridays
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

For questions or inquiries, please call 619-575-2240, or visit the website at www.saintcharles.org

2020 Lenten Penance Service

Monday	Mar. 16	St. Michael	7:00PM
Wednesday	Mar. 18	St. Anthony	7:00PM
Friday	Mar. 20	O.L Mt. Carmel	7:00PM
24 Hours	Mar. 20 & 21	Sacred Heart	7:00PM
Tuesday	Mar. 24	St. Rose of Lima	12:00 & 7:00PM
Thursday	Apr. 6	St. Mary	7:00PM

Marriage Enrichment:

Worldwide Marriage Encounter celebrates the love you have for your spouse and helps you to build, expand, and deepen that relationship. Sign up for the upcoming March 20-22nd Weekend at Courtyard Marriott in Rancho Bernardo. Food and lodging are provided. There is a \$125 fee and a voluntary donation requested at the end of the weekend. For many couples "Their Weekend" is one of the most significant experiences of their marriages. Sign up today at www.wme-sandiego.org

ANNUAL LENTEN COLLECTION:

Next weekend has been designated for the **2020 Annual Lenten Collection**. Special envelopes will be available for the collection, which supports the works of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa and the Church in Latin America. Please prepare to respond generously to this worthwhile collection.

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

Brothers & Sisters, St. Charles Parish is pleased to participate in the 2020 "Gratitude in Action" Annual Catholic Appeal. This appeal supports charitable needs throughout the Diocese of San Diego. Your gifts make possible the work that impacts so many in our diocese: those who attend Catholic school, formation of new priests and care for our retired priests, evangelization and accompaniment of Young Adults, and the consoling presence of Christ for those imprisoned. Please make your intention to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

You can make your contribution online at giving.sdcatholic.org, or by picking up a combo brochure/response card here at the parish.



Reflexión del Evangelio: nuestras propias elecciones

¿Alguna vez te has preguntado cómo sería pasar tiempo a solas con Jesús mientras estuvo aquí en la tierra? Los Evangelios nos permiten hacer exactamente eso: presenciar momentos muy humanos, donde podemos vislumbrar cómo pudo haber sido pasar ese tiempo con Jesús. Una de las cosas que rápidamente se aclara es esta: a menudo, la primera vez que pasas con Jesús puede ser rara e incómoda. Cuando Jesús aparece en el pozo, la mujer tiene una actitud negativa y lo ignora. Jesús trata de involucrarla, pero ella es muy distante y se resiste. Entonces Jesús le ofrece una especie de agua milagrosa que saciará la sed que tiene en lo más profundo de su alma. Está intrigada, pero aún escéptica. Ella no está lista para creer, por lo que cuestiona su capacidad para proporcionar este tipo de agua. Está tratando de aplicar el pensamiento humano a una realidad espiritual, de una manera material que le sea más fácil de entender. ¡Su escepticismo continúa, porque no entiende que el tipo de agua del que habla Jesús no necesita un balde! Finalmente, Jesús comienza a contarle sobre su propia vida. Lo cual, por supuesto, es incómodo porque él está identificando el verdadero obstáculo entre ella y el agua viva: sus propias malas elecciones y su propio pecado. Incómodo como es, esto captura su imaginación. Jesús solo podría conocer estas verdades secretas sobre ella si hubiera algo más en Él de lo que ella pensó originalmente. Ella reconoce que Jesús debe haber sido enviado por Dios, llamándolo profeta. Todo el encuentro la inspira a ir con sus amigos, su familia, al pueblo e invitarlos a conocer a Jesús por su propia cuenta. Y a medida que la gente lo encuentra, comienzan a referirse a él como el Mesías.

Esta lectura nos muestra un viaje completo, un viaje que a menudo vemos en nosotros mismos cuando comenzamos a tratar de orar. La mujer en el pozo comienza ignorando a Dios, luego es distante con Dios y luego escéptica. Lentamente comienza a creer y, por supuesto, eventualmente abre su corazón a los caminos y los planes de Dios. Sabemos cómo puede ser esta conversación incómoda. A menudo, hemos tratado de ignorar a Dios, y estamos cerrados a la idea de que él quiere hablar con nosotros. Luego, al igual que la mujer, tratamos de poner barreras entre nosotros y Él, inventando varias excusas de por qué Dios no puede alcanzarnos de la manera en que él dice que puede. Si perseveramos más allá de este escepticismo y estos primeros momentos incómodos de silencio, ¿siempre seremos recompensados con buenos sentimientos y abundante paz? No necesariamente. A veces es en esos momentos de confianza es que Dios saca a la luz lo que nos asusta, y se interpone entre nosotros y Él: nuestras propias elecciones y nuestro pecado.

Pero si seguimos adelante, si no nos rendimos, si vamos al aula de silencio todos los días por nuestro tiempo con Dios, él comenzará a capturar nuestra imaginación. El nos inspirará. El nos animará. Creceremos en nuestra fe. Y ese crecimiento dará frutos increíbles no solo en nuestras propias vidas, sino también en las vidas de los demás. Beberemos de la taza del agua viva.

Oración Diaria por los Sacerdotes

O Jesús, Te ruego por tus fieles sacerdotes. Por tus tibios e infieles sacerdotes; Por tus sacerdotes que están con nosotros o en tierra de misiones. Por los sacerdotes que son tentados; Por los sacerdotes abandonados y en soledad; Por tus sacerdotes jóvenes; Por tus sacerdotes moribundos; Y por quienes sufren en el Purgatorio. Ante todo, pongo en tus manos a los sacerdotes que más quiero: El sacerdote que me bautizó; El sacerdote que me absuelve de mis pecados; Los sacerdotes que celebran la Misa a que asisto y me da en Comunión tu Cuerpo y Sangre; Los sacerdotes que me instruyen; Por quienes estoy en deuda, en especial (por el Padre _____). O Jesús, consévalos siempre junto a tu corazón y bendícelos siempre hasta la eternidad. Amén.

Sta. Therese de Lisieux

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

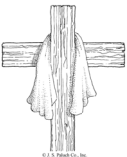
Lunes: 2 Re 5:1-15b; Sal 42 (41):2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lc 4:24-30
Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35
Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147 (146):12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19
Jueves: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27,
29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
o Lc 2:41-51a
Viernes: Os 14:2-10; Sal 81 (80):6c-11ab, 14, 17;
Mc 12:28-34
Sábado: Os 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lc 18:9-14
Domingo: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6;
Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Nuestra Misión

San Carlos es una Iglesia enfocada en Cristo, diversa, centrada en la familia, sirviendo a la comunidad católica de Imperial Beach y South Bay. Creemos en la presencia verdadera de Jesucristo en la Eucaristía y Su Gracia salvadora recibida en los Sacramentos. Creemos en la Santa Iglesia Católica instituida por Jesús, en la santidad de la vida, el valor de la familia, y de la educación católica de toda la vida para todas las edades. Vivimos para profundizar nuestro amor a Dios, esparcir Su Evangelio y traer a otros a Cristo. Estamos comprometidos a una vida de oración, de sacrificio, y al servicio a aquellos más necesitados. Con amor, humildad, y alegre obediencia, nos esforzamos para ser transformados y para ser guiados por el Espíritu Santo hasta que seamos transformados en la vida eterna en el Cielo.

**Cristo murió por nosotros,
cuando aún éramos pecadores.**
— *Romanos 5:8*

Las Hermanas de Santa Brígida tendrá venta de pastelitos y comida este Domingo en el Patio Occidental. **El Grupo de Rosary Makers** tendrá la venta el próximo Domingo 22 de Marzo.



ESTACIONES DEL VIA CRISIS

Son todos los viernes de Cuaresma a las 4:00PM en español en la Iglesia.

Hoy es fin de Semana de Caritas. Caritas cumple 19 años. Por favor vea a las Hermanas y voluntarios a la salida de la Iglesia. El 100% de sus donaciones se utilizarán para las organizaciones benéficas que estamos ayudando. Muchas gracias y bendiciones por toda su generosidad.



Apelación Católica Anual 2020

Hermanos y Hermanas, la Parroquia de San Carlos se complace en participar en la Apelación Católica Anual 2020 "Gratitud en Acción". Esta apelación respalda las necesidades de caridad en toda la Diócesis de San Diego. Sus dones hacen posible el trabajo que impacta a tantos en nuestra diócesis: los que asisten a la escuela católica, la formación de nuevos sacerdotes y de los que cuidan a nuestros sacerdotes retirados, la evangelización, el acompañamiento de jóvenes adultos, y la presencia consoladora de Cristo para los encarcelados. Por favor haga su intención a la Campaña Católica Anual.

Puede hacer su contribución en línea en giving.sdcatholic.org, o recogiendo un folleto combinado / tarjeta de respuesta aquí en la parroquia.

Reporte de la Colecta del 8 de Marzo, 2020

Ofertorio de Canasta y Sobres	\$ 16,656.00
Donaciones en línea	\$ 2,823.00
<u>Fondo de Construcción</u>	\$ 923.00
TOTAL	\$ 20,402.00

Que Dios los bendiga por sus generosas ofrendas y su eterna generosidad para la Parroquia de San Carlos.



CENTRO DE MINISTERIO CATECETICO

(ubicado en el 2do piso de
el salón parroquial)

Horario de oficina: lunes a viernes de 9:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

Para preguntas o consultas, llame al 619-575-2240, o visite el sitio web en www.saintcharles.org

2020 Servicio Penitencial de Cuaresma

Lunes	Mar. 16	San Miguel	7:00PM
Miércoles	Mar. 18	San Antonio	7:00PM
Viernes	Mar. 20	Nsta. Sra. Mt. Carmelo	7:00PM
25 horas	Mar. 20 & 21	Sagrado Corazón	7:00PM
Martes	Mar. 24	San Rosa de Lima	12:00 & 7:00PM
Jueves	Abr. 6	Sta. María	7:00PM

COLECTA ANUAL DE CUARESMA:

El próximo fin de semana ha sido designado para la "Colecta Anual de Cuaresma de 2020." Habrá sobres especiales para esta colecta que apoya el trabajo de Catholic Relief Services y ayuda a la Iglesia en África, y ayuda a la Iglesia en América Latina. Por favor prepárese para responder generosamente a esta colecta.



SED

Cada vez que se lee el relato del Evangelio de hoy, no puedo dejar de pensar en los muchos comerciales televisivos que muestran atletas sudorosos llevando una bebida a los labios mientras que el sol calcinante los golpea. Nuestra cultura tiene ideas definidas sobre cómo apagar la sed. Hoy, esas ideas son puestas cabeza abajo. Al inicio, la samaritana opera al nivel del comercial de televisión. Le pide agua viva a Jesús para no tener que seguir viniendo al pozo. Es entonces que Jesús le habla sobre la verdadera sed y cómo él, solo él, puede calmar esa sed. La Cuaresma nos llama a encontrar esos lugares muy dentro de nosotros donde estamos sedientos. En nuestra sed, al igual que los israelitas, clamamos a Dios pidiéndole fuentes de agua viva. Allí en el fondo sabemos que solo el Señor puede satisfacer esa sed.

