

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

HAPPY LENT! Joy of Repentance  
Prop – Bottle of Gatorade

I am sure that most of the children here today play some sports.  
How many of you have ever drunk Gatorade?

There are many sports drinks now, but Gatorade was the first one.

Why is it called Gatorade?

University of Florida football – heat stroke – special drink – Gator Aide

*“Satisfies your thirst better than water”*

*“Get going and keep going, with Gatorade” GREAT STUFF*

BUT one thing I noticed -

They ever claimed that if you drink Gatorade, you’ll never be thirsty again.

NOW THAT would be something.

Jesus says he has that very thing.

Jesus says to the woman “Whoever drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water I will give him will never thirst” – Jesus wasn’t talking about our thirst for water from a well

He was talking about our thirst for God.

Each of us has a thirst for God – a natural thirst only God can satisfy

Today’s readings are all about being thirsty:

Exodus story – people are grumbling – after all they’d seen – ready to stone Moses!

Full of disbelief – anger – condemnation – what’s God do with them?

God’s compassion overwhelms their sin and God gives them water.

In Gospel we have the woman at the well –

When she came to the well she didn’t expect to meet the Messiah.

In fact, she didn’t want to meet anyone – who comes to lug water at mid-day?

She’d lived a shady life – she’d already lived with 5 different men

(& surprise, 5 hubbies didn’t bring happiness) – Now she’s the talk of the town

So she didn’t want to meet others in the cool morning hrs to get the day’s water

So she came in the heat of the day – and she meets Jesus

- WHERE DO WE ENCOUNTER JESUS

How is your Lent Going? Its about half over.

▪ Have you encountered Jesus yet?

**NB – She is not doing anything extraordinary thing**

Day to day task of drawing water, on a day like any other day

OFTEN – we meet Jesus in the ordinary day to day things of life, so be ready!

What happens when she meets Jesus?

Just like Exodus – she brings a sinful past

Just like Exodus – love & compassion of Jesus overwhelms that sin & converts her heart

She runs and tells the other people in town (When you experience JC you gotta tell somebody).

Jesus stays 2 days

Just like Exodus – love & compassion overwhelm the people in the town – and they believe

- How is your Lent Going?

▪ Have you encountered Jesus yet?

▪ Take a deep breath and examine your life

▪ Bring what you find to Jesus and I guarantee that

▪ Just like Exodus – love & compassion of God is waiting for you.