

JESÚS, GIVE ME A DRINK...

We have reached the third Sunday of Lent, almost halfway through this liturgical season; therefore, it is important to strengthen our resolve to continue walking with Jesus toward Easter.

On this day, the Word of God invites us to reflect on the importance of God's initiative to encounter humanity, seeking at all times to establish a dialogue.

Throughout the history of salvation, God has desired to communicate through his prophets, through signs, but in these last days he has desired to communicate with us through his Son, Jesus Christ, who has left us a legacy of teachings and invites us to reach our fullness.

Today, through the Gospel of John, we discover the dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman; a dialogue in which Jesus reveals to this woman that he is the source of living water, and that if she drinks from this source, she will never thirst again.

The world today, humanity, is thirsty, but often doesn't realize it; and tries to quench this thirst on paths that are not the true ones, because they are outside of God. This thirst of the human being expresses the emptiness of the heart, the meaninglessness of life, the reliance on false idols, which leave them dry, inwardly.

But we can also speak of God's thirst, a thirst different from that of humankind; He thirsts to encounter us, to love us, and at the same time to be loved.

That is why Jesus invites us to turn our gaze toward Him, to recognize Him as the source of living water.

This Lenten season is once again an opportunity to deepen our dialogue with God, drawing near to Him with trust and hope, surrendering our emptiness to Him and presenting our thirst for eternity.

This season also provides us with the ideal space to draw near to Jesus and drink from the depths of His heart, from the spring of love.

Today, as a family, in faith, we gather in the house of God to remember the life and work of San Juan de Dios, a simple man who sought, by many paths, to find that living water. Having found it, he dedicated his time, his life, his generous devotion to the most needy, those who lacked health of soul, but also of body.

Let us draw near to him, asking for his prayers, so that, by healing our wounds, we may be witnesses of the living water, who is Christ, the water of salvation.

Let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of all Saints, to obtain this blessing for us... AMEN