

# A reflection on “The woman at the well”

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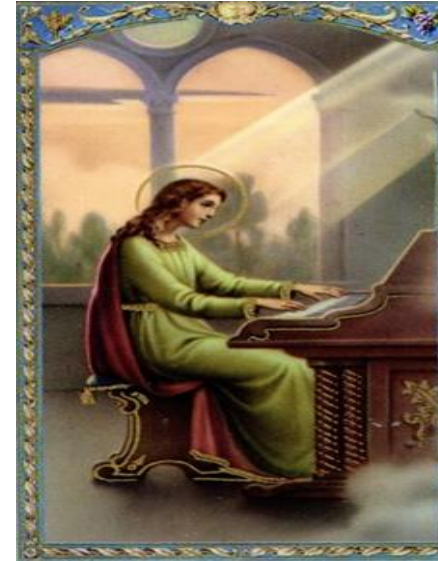
*The Gospel of St. John is called the Gospel of signs and the account of the woman at the well is one of the Gospel accounts from St. John. This Gospel passage is unique as it tells us about Jesus’ experience with a Samaritan woman. It is said that the Jews and the Samaritans could and would not get along with each other.*



There are a lot of things that we can learn from this passage of the Gospel of St. John. In the first place, we must note that this incident took place at a time when Jesus was tired. The Samaritan woman would go to the well to fetch water at this time. As mentioned before, the Jews and the Samaritans would just never get along and so the Samaritan woman was taken by surprise when Jesus, who was a Jew, asked her for a drink of water.

One thing that I would like to highlight is that God uses the lowly of society for His purpose. We should note that the Samaritan woman was a woman of ill –repute in the sense that she was looked upon as a woman of loose character. Knowing well about her life, Jesus makes use of such a situation to evangelize. At first, she is reluctant and tries to change the topic. But then when she comes to know that He is the Messiah, she is filled with awe and amazement, so much so that she can’t wait to share this wonderful experience with others.

Thus, we see how the stone which was rejected has now become the cornerstone. In fact, surprising as it may seem, it has been observed that when God wants anyone to work for Him, He always appoints the lowly, the neglected and the ostracized and brings them on top. Thus, the words of the Psalmist have been proved yet once again, *“He puts down the proud and exalts the lowly.”*



**March 12th, 2023  
Third Sunday in Lent**

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**Fr. David’s Parish Office Hours:**  
Kennett: Monday and Wednesday 10-4, Portageville: Thursday and Friday 10-4  
Fr. David is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during Adoration or by appointment.

## Holy Mass Schedule

Monday and Wednesday: Adoration at 5PM: Mass at 6PM  
Sunday Masses: 10:30AM Mass in English; 10:05AM Rosary;  
1PM Mass in Spanish

## Please pray for /Oramos para:

+Lynette Anderson, +Pedro Orocio, The Melendez Family, James Hargett,  
+Sandy DeLisle, +Bill Anderson, Polly McAtee, Bob and Sharon Hines, Vera Gleuck,  
and Kathy Larsen. Special prayer for Bishop Rice, Fr. David, and our homebound.

## Mass Intentions

March 12 Health & Wellbeing of Diane Henrich & Family  
March 13 +Bill & Mary Gurley  
March 15 +Tony & Freda Saracini  
March 19 +Greg Bradley

**Collections for March 5th: \$1743.00**

Colectas para el 5 de marzo: \$1743.00

*Father David will be on vacation this week. There will be **NO ADORATION or MASS** on Monday (3/13) and Wednesday (3/15).*

El Padre David estará de vacaciones esta semana. **NO HABRÁ ADORACIÓN ni MISA** el lunes (3/13) y miércoles (3/15).

**ALL INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR DOORS TO THE CHURCH BUILDING/OUTER FACILITIES ARE BEING RE-KEYED. PLEASE SEE FATHER DAVID ABOUT A NEW KEY IF YOU NEED REGULAR ACCESS TO ANY OF THESE DOORS.**

**TODAS LAS PUERTAS INTERIORES Y EXTERIORES DEL EDIFICIO DE LA IGLESIA / INSTALACIONES EXTERIORES ESTÁN SIENDO RE-INTRODUCIDAS. CONSULTE AL PADRE DAVID SOBRE UNA NUEVA LLAVE SI NECESITA ACCESO REGULAR A CUALQUIERA DE ESTAS PUERTAS**

**Stations of the Cross** will be held every Friday of Lent. 6 PM in English, and 7 PM in Spanish. Please join in this contemplation of the Passion of Christ.

Las Estaciones de la Cruz se llevarán a cabo todos los viernes de Cuaresma. 6 PM en inglés y 7 PM en español. Por favor, únase a esta contemplación de la Pasión de Cristo

Father David will offer extra time for Confessions during the Lenten Season.

El Padre David ofrecerá tiempo extra para confesiones durante la temporada de Cuaresma

<u>St. Cecilia</u>		<u>St. Eustachius</u>	
3/12/23	11:30AM – 12:30PM	3/9/23	5:45 – 6:30 PM
3/12/23	2:00 – 3:00 PM	3/11/23	6:00 – 7:00 PM
3/26/23	11:30AM – 12:30 PM	3/23/23	5:45 – 6:30 PM
3/26/23	2:00 – 3:00 PM	3/25/23	6:00 -- 7:00 PM

He is always available to hear confessions during Adoration on Mondays & Wednesdays.

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Siempre está disponible para escuchar confesiones durante la Adoración los lunes y miércoles.

***Why is purple the liturgical color of Lent?***

Violet or purple is used during Advent and Lent as a sign of penance, sacrifice, and preparation. At the midpoint of both of these seasons—Gaudete Sunday (the third Sunday of Advent) and Laetare Sunday (the fourth Sunday of Lent)—rose vestments are traditionally worn as a sign of joy: we rejoice at the midpoint because we are half-way through the preparation and anticipate the coming joy of Christmas or Easter.

***¿Por qué el púrpura es el color litúrgico de la Cuaresma?***

El violeta o púrpura se usa durante el Adviento y la Cuaresma como signo de penitencia, sacrificio y preparación. En el punto medio de estas dos estaciones, el domingo de Gaudete (el tercer domingo de Adviento) y el domingo de Laetare (el cuarto domingo de Cuaresma), las vestimentas de rosa se usan tradicionalmente como un signo de alegría: nos regocijamos en el punto medio porque estamos a mitad de camino de la preparación y anticipamos la alegría venidera de Navidad o Pascua.

*The next Family Movie Night will be Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> after the evening mass. Everyone is invited to attend.*

*La próxima Noche de Cine Familiar será el miércoles 22 de marzo después de la misa vespertina. Todos están invitados a asistir.*

Camp-RENEW-All fliers are posted on the bulletin board. The deadline for camper application is April 11, 2023

Campamento-RENOVACIÓN-Todos los volantes se publican en el tablón de anuncios. La fecha límite para la solicitud de autocaravanas es el 11 de abril.