



## Ask, Father James:

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### Jesus Said to her: “Give Me to Drink” (John 4:7)

Jesus makes a stop at a Samaritan town after a long journey on foot, and he comes to a well in the heat of the day, there he meets this woman drawing water from the well and he says to her, “give me to drink” (John 4:7). Jesus asks for a drink! Jesus was thirsting for her faith. The woman hesitates, and Jesus said to her: “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, “give me a drink”, you would have asked him, and he would have given you “living water” (John 4:10). In other words, Jesus tells her what she should rather be seeking, living water. Living water has a deeper spiritual meaning. The spirituality of Lent is “thirsting for Jesus as our living water.” By “living water” the church understands that which flowed with blood from the side of Jesus from on top of the cross. This is why wine, and water is mixed at the sacrifice of Holy Communion and all the faithful who are baptized into him with the waters of baptism are invited to receive. These two mysteries are celebrated with great solemnity during the Triduum (Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday – easter vigil).

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