

The Corporal Works of Mercy

Give Drink to the Thirsty

Food for Thought

“Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give shall never thirst; but the water that I will give will become a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

– *The Gospel of John 4:14*

Daily Life

- Conserve water, being mindful of our water use, and how it impacts others.
- Carry extra water with you to offer to others who might need it.
- Pray that everyone finds clean water, food and safe shelter.
- Learn about organizations working to provide clean water to communities around the world (Some examples are: Water.org, <https://water.org>, and The Water Project, <https://thewaterproject.org>). Find out about them and share with family and friends!

Questions to Contemplate

Read Mercy in the City by Kerry Weber

In what ways might we thirst?

Have you ever lacked access to clean water? Have you ever taken having clean water for granted? Can you imagine what it would be like to not have safe access to clean water?

- (Chapter 4): Ask yourself the same question that Kerry asked: How are you making Lent work for you?
- (Chapter 5): The beginning of Kerry’s Lenten journey leaves her feeling unsure of herself. Have you ever embarked on a deliberate effort to improve yourself and open your heart to God? How did you feel at the outset?
- (Chapter 7): Kerry witnesses the church “crowd” becoming a “community.” What is the difference between a crowd and a community? How does our parish resemble one or the other?

For Further Consideration

YouTube video of Kerry Weber discussing this Corporal Work of Mercy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFjurl71VCM>

Thirst: Our Desire for God, God’s Desire for Us by Jose Tolentino Mendonca, published by Paulist Press (2019)

I Thirst: 40 days with Mother Teresa by Joseph Langford, published by Augustine Institute (2019)

What it means to “Give Drink to the Thirsty” in the year of Mercy by Genevieve Perkins, found at <https://catholic-link.org/give-drink-thirsty>