

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent 2017 A Cycle**

### **The Story of the Woman at the Well**

**Let us start at the end of the story with a question:**

**What kind of change happened to this woman?**

**She is transformed from a person who had five husbands and was shunned by the other women in the town to being a woman who would have the gall to go into the town and share the good news that someone had revealed to her that he knew everything about her and still wanted an encounter with her.**

**We see a woman witnessing about a man**

- who changed her life;**
- who told her everything she had done in her life**
- but still wanted to encounter her,**
- fill her with life-quenching water of the Spirit,**
- and brought her healing and reconciliation.**

**Isn't that what we want to happen to us this Lenten Season of our lives.**

**How can we overcome our challenges, depression, isolation and frustrations and sinfulness to be people joyfully witnessing to someone who renews our spirit.**

**Maybe by looking in a different direction we can get an insight into her transformation.**

**Pass out and look at picture: *Stary, Stary Night* by Van Gogh**



- **Small town in France**
- **Stars lighting up the sky**
- **Moon, the brightest image in the picture**
- **Back of card: Since I met HIM, I can see!**

**Notice the picture. Indirect light: from moon and other stars; we cannot see the actual source of the light.**

**She has been in contact with the source of light.**

**The bright light is a reflection of the light from the sun.**

**The Question for today: How can we be like this transformed woman?  
How can we be people alive with the Spirit of God?**

**Jesus can be the light in the midst of our darkness. How do we come to encounter the living God so that he can be light in our spiritual wasteland.**

- **Prayer**
- **Discipline**
- **Sharing good news.**

**Pictures in the back of church: ways we can encounter the living God.**

- **Prayer:**
  - **family at prayer;**
  - **prayer as a faith community; baptisms, first communions, confirmations**
  - **sacrament of reconciliation**
- **Sharing the Good news:**
  - **Emmaus faith sharing;**
  - **Generations of Faith;**
  - **preparation for the sacraments;**
  - **Bible study**

- **Sharing good deeds through action:**
  - **Summer camps in neighborhood,**
  - **Work camp, St. Vincent de Paul and food depot,**
  - **work for justice through peace walks in Detroit,**
  - **mission to Haiti.**

**We begin the process of transformation every time we open our lives to the glory of God shining before us. And as we do, like the woman at the well we begin to share the Glory of God with others.**

**Story of the men getting together at Kerby's.**