

3rd Sunday of Lent
February 24, 2008
(Ex. 17:3-7)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42)

Theme: Keep on calling on God, He will satisfy your thirst.

Today we enter the third Sunday of Lent. In the first reading today from the book of Exodus, we see how the people of God almost lost their faith in God because of thirst for water on the way to the promised land. But with the faith and prayer of Moses, their leader, God satisfied their thirst for water by giving them water from the rock at Massah and Meribah.

The Israelites wanted to give in to slavery and turn back to Egypt because of this problem of lack of water in the desert. They have just forgotten how God delivered them and brought them out from their slavery in Egypt. They did not remember how God created a road through the Red Sea for them to pass through on dry land.

Just like the Israelites of old, we all are called to march towards the promised land which is heaven. Our life as Christians is a journey. As we embrace this call as Christians, every day we are filled with the thirst for one thing or another. It may be thirst for peace in the family; thirst for promotion in your area of work, thirst for success in your business, thirst for academic excellence for students, thirst for money to solve family problems, thirst for good health for those who are sick, thirst for life for those who are dying, thirst for God's forgiveness for those living in sin and thirst for freedom for those in bondage.

Sometimes in our lives when these problems come our way, some of us tend to behave like these Israelites, we tend to withdraw from God or try to seek for the solution elsewhere. Just like Moses, let us never lose faith but keep on calling on God to show us the way out.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, from the gospel today, re-assures us that He is the source for everlasting water. With Christ on our side, all our thirst will be satisfied, for Jesus is the solution to our problems. In all moments and in whatever situations we may find ourselves, let us always hold on to Christ, for He alone has the water that will satisfy all our needs on this earthly journey.