

# Water...



In today's first reading, the Israelites in the desert are thirsty and ask Moses for water. So God tells him to strike a big rock with his staff and water comes out. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that He can give her living water so that she will never be thirsty.

Water is a symbol of life. In the first story the people in the desert would have died if they didn't get water. Now Jesus gives us His life, which is grace. We receive it especially in Holy Communion. This is the living water that He is talking about. Our souls need His grace to stay alive.



When you have a drink of water, think about how your body needs water to stay alive, and how your soul needs God's grace. Saying a prayer is kind of like giving your soul a little drink!



Answer to puzzle on front: will never thirst  
 Answer to puzzle inside: because, hearts, Spirit, given, still, time,  
 difficulty, might, courage, God, "Christ died"

# The Kids' Bulletin

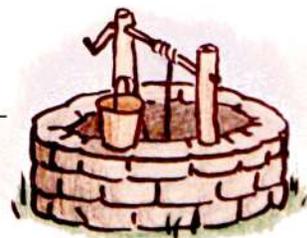
Third Sunday of Lent  
 March 8th, 2026

WATER PUZZLE

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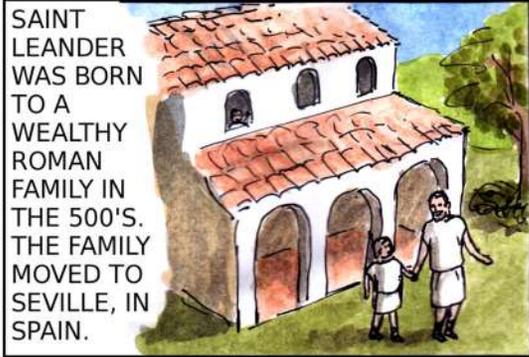
Jesus says that if we drink His living water, we

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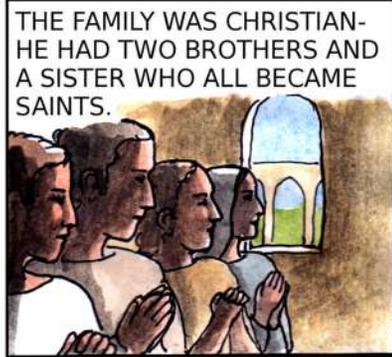


# Saint Leander of Seville

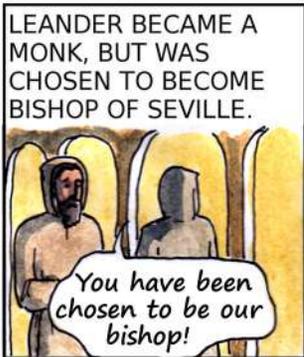
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SAINT LEANDER WAS BORN TO A WEALTHY ROMAN FAMILY IN THE 500'S. THE FAMILY MOVED TO SEVILLE, IN SPAIN.



THE FAMILY WAS CHRISTIAN- HE HAD TWO BROTHERS AND A SISTER WHO ALL BECAME SAINTS.



LEANDER BECAME A MONK, BUT WAS CHOSEN TO BECOME BISHOP OF SEVILLE.

You have been chosen to be our bishop!



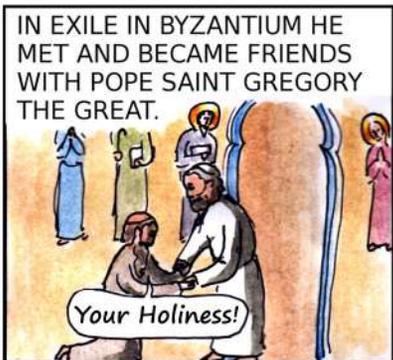
So you see, Jesus isn't really God.

AT THAT TIME MANY PEOPLE AND LEADERS BELIEVED IN THE ARIAN HERESY.



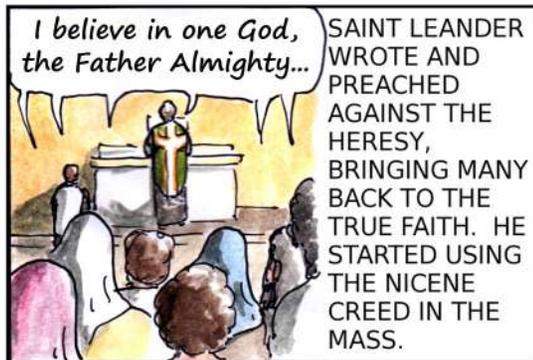
LEANDER HELPED CONVERT THE KING'S SON, BUT WAS SENT INTO EXILE.

Send that bishop away!



IN EXILE IN BYZANTIUM HE MET AND BECAME FRIENDS WITH POPE SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT.

Your Holiness!



I believe in one God, the Father Almighty...

SAINT LEANDER WROTE AND PREACHED AGAINST THE HERESY, BRINGING MANY BACK TO THE TRUE FAITH. HE STARTED USING THE NICENE CREED IN THE MASS.

SAINT LEANDER DIED AROUND THE YEAR 600. WHEN HE DIED HIS BROTHER BECAME THE NEW BISHOP. BECAUSE THE LEADERS HATED THE TRUTH, BISHOP LEANDER HAD RISKED HIS LIFE TO TRY TO CONVERT PEOPLE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT WE SHOULD ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FAITH.

## Fill-in-the-Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the words in the box. Use the marked letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

And hope does not disappoint,  
 1.  the love of God has  
 been poured into our 2.   
 through the Holy 3.  who  
 has been 4.  to us. For  
 Christ, while we were 5.   
 helpless, died at the appointed  
 6.  for the ungodly. Indeed,  
 only with 7.   
 does one die for a just person, though  
 perhaps for a good person one  
 8.  even find  
 9.  to die. But  
 10.  proves his love for us in that...  
 ...WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FOR US.  
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COURAGE	DIFFICULTY	HEARTS
GOD	TIME	GIVEN
SPIRIT	MIGHT	STILL
		BECAUSE