



# OUR HOLY REDEEMER SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES

THURSDAY, 17 JANUARY

THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY

### BAPTISM PARENT MEETING THURSDAY, 17 JANUARY

### BAPTISM MASS

SATURDAY, 26  
JANUARY  
3:00 P.M.

IN THE CHURCH

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Oh! my dear...what pleasure will man's heart take in seeing the face of the Divinity, a face so much desired, yea a face the only desire of our souls? Our hearts have a thirst which cannot be quenched by the pleasures of this mortal life... Be, be ever, my soul, without any rest or tranquility on this earth, till thou shalt have met with the fresh waters of the immortal life and the most holy Divinity, which alone can satisfy thy thirst and quiet thy desire.

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop  
Treatise On the Love of God  
Feast Day: 24 January



### A WOMAN OF SAMARIA CAME TO DRAW WATER.

Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. "The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How can You, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to

her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water." "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Gospel of St. John, IV:7-10, 13-15

## MISSIONARY DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

### SAINT ITA, VIRGIN

FEAST DAY: 15 JANUARY

Saint Ita lived during the early to mid-Sixth century, born to a noble family of royal descent. It was apparent from early on that she desired a contemplative life serving and loving Our Lord. For when a suitor appeared to ask her hand in marriage, she prayed for three days for God to step and assist her in being allowed by her father to enter the religious life. She did, in fact, get her father to consent to her entering a convent.



It is also apparent early on that her own self-imposed training from a very young age to think and contemplate on nothing but God, that she was given to experiencing and others being witness to many miracles. For instance, she had the habit of not eating for three or four days. When an angel appeared to advise her not to neglect her health, she objected. It was then that she was told that in the future God would provide for her needs, and so from then on, she survived on food provided by God from Heaven.

For her work, she did run a school for small boys. But it was her piety and holiness that drew many to her; she was sought out by saintly countrymen for her gifts of prophesy and healing. It is estimated that she died approximately around A.D. 570. She holds a very dear place in the hearts of the Irish, and is the patron saint for County Limerick, the place where she lived out her religious life. She is as beloved as Saint Brigid of Ireland.