In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus approaches the woman at the well with no hesitation. Throughout their conversation, Jesus shows the woman that he truly knows her, that she is not a stranger. How can you open yourself up to God this Lent so that you can know him, like he knows you?

Prayer of Giving

Loving and gracious God, I have given gold, But there is only so much gold. I have given blood, But I have only so much blood to give. I have given my time, But days have only so many hours. I have given my strength, But even that has its limits. So I give my love. Because love is gold, and love is blood. And love is time, and love is strength. But love is also so much more. Because love is God. And God is love. And only you, God, have no limits. Amen —A prayer from Catholic Relief Services

March 19 Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The spouse of Mary the mother of Jesus and the legal father of Jesus according to Jewish law, Joseph is a model of humility and obedience to God’s will. He followed God’s instructions, given by angels in dreams, and took the pregnant Mary into his home as his wife, protected her and Jesus at the child’s birth in Bethlehem through the family’s sojourn in Egypt, and provided for them as a carpenter in Nazareth. He is the patron saint of carpenters, the dying, and workers.

“St Joseph persevered in this mission with fidelity and love. The Church, therefore, offers him to us as an exceptional model of service to Christ and to his mysterious plan of salvation. And she calls upon him as the special patron and protector of the whole family of believers. In a special way, Joseph is presented to us on his feast day as the saint under whose powerful protection divine Providence has wished to place the persons and ministry of all who are called to be “fathers” and “guardians” among the Christian people.” (St. John Paul II, Homily, March 19, 2001)