

## LIVING WITH CHRIST THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 4:	The Resurrection of the Lord (C) - white
Monday 5:	Easter Octave - white
Tuesday 6:	Easter Octave - white
Wednesday 7:	Easter Octave - white
Thursday 8:	Easter Octave - white
Friday 9:	Easter Octave - white
Saturday 10 :	Easter Octave - white
Sunday 11:	Second Sunday of Easter (of Divine Mercy) (C) - white



# Water for Life

## 1. Is Our Abundant Supply Threatened?

### AN EXCELLENT LOGO

The logo for the United Nations International Decade of Action: *Water for Life* (2005 – 2015) is a blue fountain composed of two hands that form a cup and rise above a wave traced by two thick and wavy lines. At the centre, a jet of water springs forth and disperses in two opposite directions symbolizing that water is the source of life. The words, *Water for Life* (2005-2015) appear under this fountain. This logo is reproduced in the six official languages of the United Nations: English, Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, French and Russian.

### THE LONG WAY TO OUR FAUCETS

The water that pours from our faucets comes from many kilometers away. It is collected from subterranean sources and our rivers and lakes. It then undergoes a complex purifying process and is finally held in reservoirs before being transported to our cities. Most of us are aware of this process but we will briefly review it to focus on the importance of water in our lives.

Whenever we turn on a tap to quench our thirst, whenever we fill up a bathtub, or turn on the shower, do we ever think about the long way that water has come to ensure our well-being? Our country has so many lakes, streams and rivers that this abundance easily lets us take water for granted. We may even believe that we'll never run out of water. Nothing is farther from reality. Water is threatened by the carelessness of wealthy countries and because of its precarious state, we cannot afford to waste this precious resource. So many people in the world lack potable water. So many people die because of unsanitary water. So many wells are dry in the world yet ours seem to overflow.

We thank you Lord, the Fountain of Life, for the good fortune to live in our abundant country and we will act to ensure that those less fortunate will have the necessary access.

### PRAYER

*Lord, these two hands are raised to you, the Fountain of Life.*

*Let your water pour down, your pure and life-giving water*

*On those who are journeying through life's deserts.*

*Amen!*

*Ghislaine Salvail, s.j.s.h.*

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