

The Third Sunday of Lent

Year B

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Readings: 1)Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 2)1 Corinthians 1:22-25 3)John 2:13-25

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is: Jesus performed many signs, but it was in his death and resurrection that God's glory was fully revealed and made manifest.

When Jesus drives the money changers and animal vendors from the Temple, the Jews demand a sign to prove his authority. They do not have the faith to see what is in front of them. Later, when Jesus dies and is risen, his disciples remember his words, and they understand and believe. Do we have the faith to see what is revealed right in front of us, in this Eucharist?

In the first reading, God presents the Ten Commandments to Moses. In the Letter to the Corinthians, Paul declares Christ as the power and wisdom of God for Jew and Gentile, alike. Today's Gospel displays Jesus' zeal for his Father's house, as he drives the money changers and animal sellers out of the Temple.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

**Trusting in the power and wisdom of God,
we offer our petitions in confidence.**

**For Church leaders may they exemplify Christian simplicity.
We Pray to the Lord.**

**For the leaders of nations,
may they promote policies that respect the dignity of all people.
We Pray to the Lord.**

**For all those who are sick in body, mind or spirit.
We Pray to the Lord.**

**For all the faithful departed;
may they experience eternal peace in heaven.
We Pray to the Lord.**

**For all of us here,
may we learn from Christ to do the Father's will in love.
We Pray to the Lord.**

**For our own personal intentions, (long pause).
We Pray to the Lord.**

PRIEST:

**God of mercy,
hear our prayers and answer them in your wisdom.
We pray through Jesus Christ, your son.**