3rd Sunday of Lent

My Sunday Mass Page

Sunday, 28 February 2027 · John 2:13–25

Name _____

1 Today's Gospel

Jesus Clears the Temple: Making Room for God

It was nearly **Passover**, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the **Temple** He found people selling oxen, sheep and doves, and money changers sitting at their tables. Jesus made a whip out of cords and drove them all out. He scattered the coins, turned over the tables and said, "Take these things out of here, and stop turning My Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered the words of Scripture: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

When some people demanded a sign, Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." They were amazed: the Temple had taken forty-six years to build! But Jesus was speaking about the temple of His **body**. After He **rose** from the dead, His disciples remembered what He had said, and they believed.

Jesus' anger came from love for His Father, whose house was meant for prayer. Now Jesus Himself is the place where we meet God, and through Baptism we become temples of the **Holy Spirit**. Lent is a time to let Jesus clear out whatever crowds Him out of our hearts.

Big idea! Jesus loves His Father's house, and He wants to make **your heart a temple** too, cleared of clutter and **full of room for God**.

Listen at Mass: In the Psalm we sing *"Lord, you have the message of eternal life."* In the first reading, listen for the **Ten Commandments**!

Go deeper: Look up 1 Corinthians 6:19, where St Paul says your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. The Catechism says Jesus drove out the merchants because of His jealous love for His Father (CCC 584).

2 Think It Through

Answer in a sentence or two.

1. What did Jesus find in the Temple, and what did He do?

2. Which temple was Jesus really talking about?

3. What sometimes crowds God out of your heart or your day?

3 My Prayer

Ask Jesus to clear out one thing that gets in the way of loving Him.

Dear Lord Jesus,

4 Heart Clear-Out

Draw or write what you want Jesus to clear out of your heart, and what you want to make room for.

Ideas: too much screen time · grumbling · unkind words · prayer · helping at home · time with family

Clear out…	Make room for…

"Stop turning My Father's house into a market." **John 2:16**