

Third Sunday of Lent | Year B

March 3, 2024 (Ex 20:1-17 | 1 Cor 1:22-25 | John 2:13-25)

After bringing the Israelites out of Egypt, God delivered his commandments, saying, “You shall not have other gods besides me, you shall not carve idols for yourselves.” But human beings are prone to worshipping idols. Let us ask God to save us from our own idolatry.

1/ God alone has the words of everlasting life, for his law is perfect and refreshing to the soul. For God-fearing people whose faith is drawn to idolatry. Let us pray that Pope Francis, pastors, and deacons teach the faithful to fear God and turn away from idolatry. Let us pray.

2/ Paul tells the Corinthians that the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus were a stumbling block to those who are unable to believe. But such is salvation to those who believe. Let us pray that Paul’s message may continue to reach many people in our times. Let us pray.

3/ Seeing profanity in the Temple, Jesus took courage to drive out those who had made the place of worship into a marketplace. For those who insult God’s name or mock Christianity. We pray that Christians may have courage to defend our rights to worship God. Let us pray.

4/ Although Jesus was put to death, God raised him up and gave him the title “Son of God.” Let us pray in hope for our sisters and brothers who believed in Christ but have now departed from us. We pray that God raise them to eternal life. Today we remember [**at 4:30 Mass**] Ruth, Rudolph, Donnie and Gary Fackler, and Jean Herbert [**at 10:00 Mass**]. Let us pray.

God of all compassion and Father of goodness, to heal the wounds our sins and selfishness bring upon you bid us turn to fasting, prayer, and caring for others. Let your compassion fill us with hope, as we acknowledge our sinfulness. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

Announcements

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