The Third Sunday of Lent

This Weeks Edition: Embracing the Law that Leads to Life

Sing a Psalm

Make up your own tune for today’s psalm.
“Lord you have the words of eternal life”
Sing it to yourself and think about what it means. This is a form of prayer!

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Gospel: John 2:13-22

Not long before the Jewish festival of Passover, Jesus went to Jerusalem. There he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves in the temple. He also saw moneychangers sitting at their tables. So he took some rope and made a whip. Then he chased everyone out of the temple, together with their sheep and cattle. He turned over the tables of the moneychangers and scattered their coins.

Jesus said to the people who had been selling doves, “Get those doves out of here! Don’t make my Father’s house a marketplace.”

The disciples then remembered that the Scriptures say, “My love for your house burns in me like a fire.”

The Jewish leaders asked Jesus, “What miracle will you work to show us why you have done this?”

“Destroy this temple,” Jesus answered, “and in three days I will build it again!”

The leaders replied, “It took forty-six years to build this temple. What makes you think you can rebuild it in three days?”

But Jesus was talking about his body as a temple. And when he was raised from death, his disciples remembered what he had told them. Then they believed the Scriptures and the words of Jesus.

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Gospel Reflection

I wonder why Jesus called the temple his Father’s house.

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I wonder if people always show respect for Churches as the house of God.

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I wonder how Jesus’ body is like the temple

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In today’s first reading we hear, “The Law was given through Moses”. We call this the **Ten Commandments**. Here are some examples of commandments. Which commandments do you think are like the ones that Moses received from God? Circle them.

- You should not wear sandals in the Winter
- Don’t swim right after you’ve eaten
- Put God first
- Worship only God
- Don’t cheat
- Don’t steal
- Only use the name of God for good things
- Don’t be jealous of others
- Brush your teeth two times a day
- Don’t waste your food
- Listen to your parents
- Keep Sunday holy
- Look both ways before crossing the street
- Don’t hurt anyone
- Never step on the cracks in the sidewalk
- Tell the truth
- Don’t swim right after you’ve eaten
The Sorrowful Mysteries

When we pray the Rosary during the season of Lent, we reflect on the sorrowful mysteries.

They are:
The agony in the garden (Luke 22:43-44)
The scourging at the pillar (Mark 15:15)
The crowning of thorns (Matthew 27:28-29)
The carrying of the cross (John 19:17)
The crucifixion (John 19:28,30)

These stories are very sad and scary but they tell us about HOW MUCH Jesus loves us. It also tell us that when we are having hard and scary times in our lives, that we can pray to Jesus about them and he knows what that feels like.

Pray the sorrowful mysteries with your family some time this week and think about how much Jesus loves you.