

REFLECTION for the Third Sunday in Lent.

In today's Gospel, we recall the incident that is called 'the Cleansing of the Temple.' It is the only time in all of the Gospels that Jesus acts violently. His being the Son of God and His being the model for all Christians should cause us to reflect intently on possible reasons for His behaviour. Surely it was a teaching moment. Let us examine some of these reasons.

The first reading gives us one possible reason. The Ten Commandments were central to the faith of the Jews. They were housed in the Temple at Jerusalem- in the veiled Holy of Holies. The money-changers and merchants were using the courtyards of this holy place for selling and for profit and so were desecrating the holiest site of their faith- the Lord's dwelling place. They were making a mockery of the Law and the Prophets. Jesus was making a stand in support of Sacred Tradition and encouraging us to do likewise when circumstances dictate.

The last part of the Gospel offers us another possible reason. Jesus was proclaiming His divinity. Jesus was using the abuse of the physical Temple building to make the point that He will create a new spiritual Temple. Oh, God can still be found in a church building but God will no longer be limited. God, in the person of the Holy Spirit, will take up a dwelling place in the hearts and souls of each and every believer. In effect, we become the Temple now.

After His death and resurrection, the faithful will come to know Jesus and His message of love for it will be written on their hearts. Indeed Jesus and His two great Commandments of Love are the essence and fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.

Another possible reason is that Jesus was just reacting to abuse as any human should react. He was being fully human as we are fully human. So, by His actions, He was showing us that we too must not be silent or apathetic when we see abuse. The Christian thing to do is to confront the abusers and correct them and point out what they are doing is against the Law of God and will not be tolerated. Minimally we should report the perpetrator.

We should all realize that there is righteous anger and it is not sinful; indeed it is the way of Christ. Anger and violence are usually sins. But, as Jesus demonstrates in this Gospel story, right is right and wrong is wrong; to ignore or tolerate wrong is not what Jesus would do.

So as we reflect of this Gospel we thank Jesus for being fully human, for showing us how to act when we see wrong, and for making us the new Holy of Holies and the new Temple of God.

Fr. Don

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Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:
Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Masses this Week:
Monday-Friday
7pm.

Holy Hour of Adoration:
Third Sunday of each Month
2:00 p.m.

Reconciliation
Mon & Wed after Mass

Marriages:
Six month notice is required.
A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:
Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

March 8, 2015
The Third Sunday Of Lent

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Collection	\$1,559.00
Building Fund	160.00
Mass Stipends	190.00
Votive Candles	61.45
Catholic Missions	20.00
Bingo [acknowledgements posted on bulletin board]	829.50

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

It will take place in our Church this Friday, March 13 and this Saturday, March 14, 2015. ***Please mark the dates*** and commit to spend the 24 hours for the Lord.

The theme is: *God rich in mercy.*

Our schedule:

Mass at 7pm on Friday followed by Exposition and Adoration until Benediction at 9pm.

Saturday morning Mass at 10am followed by the Rosary.

4:30pm Weekend Mass.

NOTE: Time for private confession is available Friday evening and Saturday morning.

MASS OF CHRISM

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm at Holy Redeemer Cathedral. Three of our young people from the Confirmation class have volunteered to receive the Holy Oils for the parish. It would be nice if we had an adult to accompany them.

TAX RECEIPTS

These are now available at the back. They have more detailed information than before; this is because we are using the new Diocesan accounting program. Some have questioned their validity. We have been assured by the Diocese that these forms are acceptable by Revenue Canada

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

March 9	Gerald McHugh
March 10	Joan Barriault
March 11	Wynn-Ann Wadden
March 12	Joan Barriault
March 13	Gertrude Hawkins
March 14	Joan Barriault
March 15	Parish Community

PLEASE NOTE :

ALL MASSES at 7pm from Mon to Fri.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

They are having a St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Concert on Friday, March 20. Stuffed chicken breast dinner and dessert sold as eat-ins or takeout. Eat-in dinner with entertainment is \$15 beginning at 5:30 and takeout dinner is \$12 at 4:30. Entertainment at 7:00 including The Griffin's. If you wish a ticket, please sign the paper in the back of the church with name, phone # and # of tickets. Come out and celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

CONFIRMATION 2015

Classes have begun and ten young people are registered. They will fulfill part of their

service component by carrying the Candles and Cross at the opening and closing of our Saturday Masses.

DEVELOPMENT and PEACE

Print material that explains the work of this organization is available at the back. This is the Canadian Catholic charity which provides aid, mostly financial, to the under-privileged countries in the world. SHARE LENT is their major fund-raising project. Soon we will hand out envelopes for the special collection that will take place on the March 21-22 weekend. Please be generous.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Meets every Thursday evening at the Cathedral at 7:30. Talk on March 12, "On Fire or only Lukewarm: How to Cultivate our Relationship with Jesus." All are welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

They will meet at the Parish House on Monday, March 9 following evening Mass. Please make an effort to attend.

WAY OF THE CROSS

St. Stephens Church in Stephenville will present their annual dramatic presentation of the Way of the Cross. This will take place on Friday, March 27th at 7:30pm. You are invited; admission is free, but a freewill offering will be accepted as you exit.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

It will begin on Friday March 27 at 7pm at Holy Redeemer Cathedral in Corner Brook. The sessions continue through until Saturday afternoon. Any couple considering marriage in the near future should register for this course now.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

This event is scheduled to take place in St. John's on April 24 and 25. It is sponsored by the Archdiocese. The goal of this Summit is to INSPIRE, FORM, and CONNECT, people who feel the call to spread the good news of the Gospel.

If you may be interested please contact Wayne or Amelia Dicks.

ST.PATRICK'S DAY VARIETY CONCERT

Friday March 13 at 7:30 pm in the Rotary Arts Center at City Hall. Admission is \$10. Tickets are limited to 90 and a bar service will be provided. WEAR GREEN.

Men's Group Meeting was well attended.

The new chair person is Bill Griffin with Bill Brake as the co-chair. The new treasurer is Gerard Brake and Mike Leonard is the secretary.

Thanks to all who attended, the group is now revitalized. Good job men!!