

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
 God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
 that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
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GOSPEL

Jn 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

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MORNING TEA

10th March after Sunday Mass

Please come and join us!



BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Loyola Press

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.



Parish Bulletin

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B

2/3 March 2024

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.



'I AM THE LORD, YOUR GOD.'

The Ten Commandments are as valid today as when they were first given by God to Moses on Mt Sinai. They teach us how to live in right relationship with God and with one another. If we seek to live by the Commandments we will avoid the trap of materialism, of being more concerned with buying, selling, and making money, than with loving God and our neighbour.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today-our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
 'You shall have no gods except me.
 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.
 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.
 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.
 'You shall not kill.
 'You shall not commit adultery.
 'You shall not steal.
 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 18:8-11

Response: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple **R**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R**
4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord

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Sunday 9:30 am
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Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

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Tues to Fri 8:45am
Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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Rosters—9/10 Mar 2024 4th Sunday of Lent	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Fil Ciancio
9:30am	Alan Tyson Sandy Mazzarolo Sheila Hoogland
Children's Liturgy	Tania Loro Montin Angela Mealey
Count team	Andrew Gaal Gail Gaal Sandra Librandi Shane Foley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	24/25 Feb 2024
Planned Giving	\$471.00
Open Plate	\$815.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$1286.00

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$606.00



Third Sunday of Lent
2 & 3 March

Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leia and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.
For the Repose of the Soul:
Death Anniversary:
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.
Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex
Let us pray together that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive. .



PARISH NOTICES

Lent Season

Stations of the Cross for this Friday 8th March
After Morning Mass & At Night 7:00pm
Stay tuned for the schedules of coming Fridays.

Volunteers for Holy Week / Easter Masses

If you are available and wish to participate in a specific role, kindly fill up the roster sheet at the entrance of the church. Your support is appreciated.

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Information and websites (if available) are provided by the Archdiocese Office. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events Office on 8210 8220 or via email events@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

Easter Good Friday at The Monastery – Volunteers Needed

Every year, many people from around Adelaide come to The Monastery to walk with Christ on his last journey. If you would like to offer your time on Good Friday to lead small groups in prayer around the Sacred Garden or assist with parking on our oval, please contact our office on 833 8700 or email officeadmin@themonastery.net.au

Public Rosary – Praying the Rosary for Peace

First Saturday of every month. You are invited to join Our Lady (Saturday March 2) and pray the Rosary outdoors, together united, to pray for peace in Mary MacKillop Plaza (Adjacent to St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) at 8.40am (after the 8am Mass). All welcome. For more information please contact: Mr Patrick Greenrod – Legion of Mary – 0414 769 635

Sunday Night Choir – 1st Sunday of the Month (starting March 3)

The Sunday Night Choir is a new initiative for 2024, sponsored by the Archdiocese. There are no strings attached to performing, no Masses to rehearse for, it is simply an evening to gather, sing, get to know one another in all of our diversity and feel like we are home. If you are over 18 and enjoy singing or have done so in the past, come and see what this Sunday Night Choir is all about. Rehearsals are the first Sunday of every month, starting on March 3 at 7pm in the St Francis Xavier Cathedral Hall (free car parking available).

Fringe Festival 2024 - Pipe Organ Recitals

Cathedral of St Francis Xavier
March 6, 1pm: Graham Bell
March 17, 1pm: Young Organists



HOLY WEEK 2024

Palm Sunday 24th March
9:30am
Thursday 28th March
7:30pm Mass of the Last Supper
Private adoration until 10:00pm
Friday 29th March
11:00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 30th March
6:30pm Easter Vigil
Sunday 31st March
9:30am Mass of the Resurrection
Confessions
Tuesday 26th March
8:30am & 9:45am
Wednesday 27th March
8:30am & 9:45am

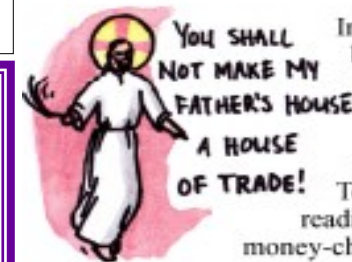
The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent
March 3rd, 2024



Here are the Ten Commandments that God gave to Moses for His people. The only problem is that they are in the wrong order! Can you put the right numbers in the spaces?

Sacred Places



In the old times, people would bring animals to offer as sacrifices to God. By the time that Our Lord was born, there were people who were selling animals right in the area of the Temple. In today's Gospel reading Jesus drives the animals and money-changers out of the sacred space.

At one time the men who sold the animals for sacrifices were probably really helping the people who came to the Temple from far away. But now they were just trying to make money, and they were taking up space that was supposed to be used for people to worship God.



We also have sacred spaces like the Temple. Every Catholic church is a special place made for worshipping God in the Mass. We should always behave respectfully in church, and remember that Jesus is really there in the tabernacle. We can show our respect by walking quietly, not talking inside the Church unless it is necessary, and by paying attention when Mass is going on. Maybe you can be a good example to your friends of how to act in church!



Answers to front page, top to bottom: Left: 4, 9, 3, 5, 10, Right: 7, 6, 1, 8, 2.