



# Third Sunday Of Lent

## The New Decalogue

### Introduction

"My house is a house of prayer", so says the Lord. It is only we who can make of this church a true house of prayer. We come here each Sunday to pray, not just individually, but collectively, as members of a family should. Let us reflect for a moment on the attitude we bring here.

### First Reading (Exodus 20:1-17)

This reading deals with the ten commandments. They are a map of life for a people that has a special relationship with God.

### Second Reading (1 Cor 1:22-25)

To some the idea of a crucified Saviour makes no sense whatsoever. But to those who can grasp it, it is a sign of the wisdom of God.

### Gospel (John 2:13-25)

This deals with the incident in which Christ cleared the moneychangers and sellers of sacrificial animals out of the Temple.

### Prayer Of The Faithful

Let us pray to our heavenly Father that we may obey his commandments out of love and not out of fear.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

For the pope and the bishops: that they may teach God's people to walk in his commandments in a spirit of love and freedom. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

For all governments: that they may respect the laws of God in all their decisions. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.



## Liturgy Cycle B

For those who are walking in the darkness of error of sin: that they may discover the light of Christ's truth and love. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

That when we examine our lives we may use no yardstick other than the teachings of Christ our Good Shepherd. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

### Communion Reflection

This is the house of our heavenly Father.  
Here we draw close to him  
in whom we live and move and have our being.  
It is above all a house of prayer.

We can pray in many ways  
and at many different levels.

We pray first of all by being here.  
Then we pray with our lips.  
But most of all we pray with our heart.  
Unless our heart is behind what we say,  
than our words are no better  
than a gong booming or a cymbal clashing.

Here we also draw close to one another,  
Therefore we pray together as members of a family should.  
The quality of our prayer  
depends on the bond that exists between us.

If we are united in heart and mind  
our prayer will ascend to heaven  
like fragrant incense.  
But if we are not reconciled with one another  
our prayer will be like the singing of a choir  
in which some members are out of tune.

Lord Jesus, help us to make this house  
a true house of prayer.