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Third Sunday of Lent – March 7, 2021 Year B



Jesus made quite a scene. He directly engaged those who were turning the Temple into a marketplace. Those selling animals for sacrifice were doing so as a way of trying to make a profit off of the sacred practices of the Jewish faith. They were not there to serve the will of God; rather, they were there to serve themselves. And this brought forth the holy wrath of our Lord.

It's important to point out that Jesus' wrath was not the result of Him losing His temper. It was not the result of His out-of-control emotions pouring forth in extreme anger. No, Jesus was fully in control of Himself and exer-

cised His wrath as a result of a powerful passion of love. In this case, His perfect love was manifested through the passion of anger.

Anger is normally understood as a sin, and it is sinful when it's the result of one losing control. But it's important to note that the passion of anger, in and of itself, is not sinful. A passion is a powerful drive which manifests itself in various ways. The key question to ask is "What is driving that passion?"

In Jesus' case, it was hatred for sin and love for the sinner that drove Him to this holy wrath. By turning over the tables and driving people out of the Temple with a whip, Jesus made it clear that He loved His Father, whose house they were in, and He loved the people enough to passionately rebuke the sin that they were committing. The ultimate goal of His action was their conversion (*mycatholic.life*)

Il brano di Vangelo oggi è piuttosto lungo e ci rivela parecchi aspetti della personalità di Gesù, forse in una maniera meno abituale. Noi siamo più abituati a ripetere le parole stesse del Signore: "Imparate da me che sono mite di cuore" e qui invece vediamo che può essere anche molto violento. il suo non è un amore molle, è un amore forte che in certe occasioni si esprime in modo davvero violento: "Entrato nel tempio, si mise a scacciare quelli che vendevano e comperavano nel tempio; rovesciò i tavoli dei cambiavalute e le sedie dei venditori di colombe...". E l'amore verso il Padre suo e verso di noi che lo fa agire. Egli vuol purificare la casa del Padre, che deve essere "casa di preghiera per tutte le genti" e non "una spelonca di ladri"; egli sa che anche per gli uomini niente è più prezioso della casa di Dio, il luogo dove possono incontrarlo. (LaChiesa.it)

Joke of the week

The story is told of a priest who was coming back to his parish house one evening in the dark only to be accosted by a robber who pulled a gun at him and demanded, "Your money or your life!" As the priest reached his hand into his coat pocket the robber saw his Roman collar and said, "So you are a priest? Then you can go." The priest was rather surprised at this unexpected show of piety and so tried to reciprocate by offering the robber his packet of cigarettes, to which the robber replied, "No, Father, I don't smoke during Lent." (<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, Judiel Teodoro, John Markis, Kathy Romanow, Leanne Branchflower, Carmela Bovezza, Giovanna Gamberale, Elda Taranto, Maurizio Pierazzi, Vanessa Borg, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Krys Herrmann

Recently deceased: Iris Pacchini, David Morrison, Giovanni Natale, Myrtle Burke., Kate Boyd, Domenico Bisignano, Rocco Feraina, Edward Slavich, Edna Gonzales, Plácido Reytomas, Dr. David Ford,

We pray for all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Nino Di Guglielmo, Fe Cabarrubias Turner, Maria Klaric, Eustachio Quattrocelli, Giannina Quattrocelli, Maria Camboni

St. Matthews Sacraments

For public school children wishing to receive the sacraments, preparation for Reconciliation will begin at the end of the month for reception in May. Students should be in Grade 3 or above. Please contact Anna Proud 0402741258

Mass times

Weekday:
 Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am
 Novena mass: Wednesday 7.00 pm
 Stations of the Cross: Friday: 7.00 pm

Weekend:
 Saturday Vigil mass: 6.00 pm
 Sunday: 9.00 am ; 10.30 (Italian mass)

Rosters for weekend masses Mar 13/14:

Lectors:
 Saturday 6.00 pm : J. George
 Sunday 9.00 am : C. Ieuele

Special ministers:
 Saturday 6.00 pm : J. Caparelli
 Sunday 9.00 am: M. Torchia

Bus drivers:
 Saturday 6.00 pm : J. Caparelli
 Sunday 10.30 am: J. Butera

The temple

Jesus clearly cleansed the temple because those selling pigeons, sheep, and oxen were doing so as a business rather than as a spiritual service. God's law demanded that His people bring animal offerings at the temple during Passover. Because many Jews came from long distances for this event, it became common for Jews to bring money and then buy animals when in Jerusalem. Sellers then began profiting from the system. This misuse of the temple system of worship was what angered Jesus. (*CompellingTruth.org*)

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