

March 7, 2021, 2021
Third Sunday of Lent
Exodus 20: 1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1: 22-25
John 2: 13-25

There Is One God

There is one God only. A jealous God!

Can that be right? God is jealous?

One often thinks of jealousy as something negative. It seems to go hand in hand with being selfish or resentful. However, in this case it is something positive. That God is jealous toward us can be good for us. God does not mean to be selfish or resentful in this case. Actually, he jealously pours out his love on us. He is watchful and guarding when it comes to our wellbeing.

Is it not nice to know your best friend is jealous of you, caring and watching out for you? It is not very good if the jealousy is the kind that is possessive in a stifling way. Such is not a good relationship as it may prevent growth of both people in the relationship. But when the jealousy is of the type that God has for his loved ones it can promote growth. The guarded space of the friendship may be what is needed to become all that one may be, and it might protect from negative and evil influences from the outside.

God wants us to know he is the source of all goodness that comes to us. God is the source of blessings and mercy that is passed down through generations. Therefore, it is important that we focus on him. The Lord is the one true God. There are no other gods. There is only one source of all that exists and all the blessings and mercy that are passed down throughout the generations. Therefore, it is important we focus only on the one true God. As we repeat in today's Psalm refrain, "Lord you have the words of everlasting life."

God is always calling creation to its original wholeness and harmony. The starting place for this to happen is in keeping holy the Lord's Day. Such provides us with the guarded space to realize and appreciate the goodness of creation.

In today's Gospel, Jesus displays his passion for what must be the true offering to God in the place of worship.

The fact that the money changers and sellers of livestock are present at the Temple is not unusual or meant as an insult to religious worship. They were needed. As people traveled from far places that had other currencies, they needed to change their money to the one used at the Temple. And why did they need money? They needed the money to purchase the livestock to sacrifice to God in the Temple. The money changers and sellers of livestock provided a necessary service. There was no wrong to it. So, what was Jesus' point?

Reflecting on this scene it strikes me Jesus is speaking to what the true offering must be. He also points out what the object of the offering is. We must offer ourselves to the Father as Jesus offers himself. He dies once for all. He sets the example. Jesus' zeal is for serving the Father. This action in the Temple

makes this clear. Jesus' whole ministry pointed to the Father. The Father is the source of all the goodness.

Imitate, therefore, the zeal of Jesus and worship the one true God. There is only one.

<u>Stewardship</u>	
Attendance last week:	246
Tithes Collected:	\$5,860.00
Online Giving:	\$730.00
Total:	\$6,590.00
Thank you!	

This weeks' second collection is for the Church in Latin America

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
2Chron36:14-16,19-23; Eph2:4-10; Jn3:14-21

Tithes (Donations) for Easter

Please plan for making an extraordinary tithe for Easter! It is much needed to support the mission of the parish. We want to be here to welcome all who seek wholeness in the Lord.

LITURGY FOR MARCH 7, 2021
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT-B

• **SONG #1: GRACIOUS GOD (J. Manibusan)**

GRACIOUS GOD, MERCY IS YOUR NAME. REDEEMING LOVE, YOU GIVE YOUR LIFE AWAY.

GRACIOUS GOD, WE BLESS YOUR HOLY NAME.

RECEIVING LOVE, WE GIVE OUR LIVES AWAY.

1. Lead us, Lord, into the desert; lead us through the wilderness. Through this journey we will follow, for we long to see your face.
2. In this time of sacred struggle, in this time of sacrifice, we rejoice, for we remember that you lead us into life.
3. Lord, we hunger for your presence; Lord, we're thirsting for your grace. When consuming all but you, Lord, all we gain is emptiness.
4. Teach us, Lord; who is our neighbor? Is it friend, or enemy? When we welcome or condemn them, it is you, O let us see.

• **PSALM 19: (D. Pérez-Cuan)**

LORD, YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF EVERLASTING LIFE.

• **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

PRaise TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF ENDLESS GLORY:

God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

SONG #2: TURN TO ME (J. Foley)

**TURN TO ME, O TURN AND BE SAVED,
SAYS THE LORD,
FOR I AM GOD;
THERE IS NO OTHER, NONE BESIDE ME.
I CALL YOUR NAME.**

1. I am God, who comforts you; who are you to be afraid of flesh that fades, is made like grass of the field, soon to wither.
2. Listen to me, my people; give ear to me, my nation: a law will go forth from me, and my justice for a light to the people.
3. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth down below. The heavens will vanish like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a garment.

• **SONG #3: REMEMBER ME (G. Gustafson/M.Nystrom)**

1. On the night You were betrayed You took the bread; after giving thanks, You broke it and said, "**This is my body, broken for you, and as you eat it, remember Me; This is my body, broken for you, and as you eat it, remember Me.**"
2. On the night You were betrayed You held the cup; After giving thanks, You lifted it up. "**This is my blood, poured out for you, and as you drink it, remember Me; This is my blood, poured out for you, and as you drink it, remember Me.**"
3. So we thank You for the wine and for the bread; For we see the life You gave and the blood You shed. And we remember Your wondrous love, You gave Your body, You shed Your blood; and we remember Your wondrous love, You gave Your body, You shed Your blood.

SONG #4: BREATHE (M. Barnett)

1. This is the air I breathe. This is the air I breathe. Your holy presence living in me.
2. This is my daily bread. This is my daily bread. Your very word spoken to me.

**AND I, I'M DESPERATE FOR YOU.
AND I, I'M LOST WITHOUT YOU.**

• **SONG # 5: 40 DAYS (M. Maher)**

**'CAUSE IN THE DESERT OF TEMPTATION
LIES THE STORM OF TRUE CONVERSION,
WHERE SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER
DROWN AND REFRESH YOU.
AND AS THE JORDAN POURS OUT CHANGE,
YOUR TRUE SELF IS ALL THAT REMAINS,
WHERE SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER
BIND AND BREAK YOU,
BIND AND BREAK YOU.**

1. Forty days to wander, forty days to die to self. Forty days to grow stronger as faith breaks open the gates of hell. The jubilee is over, but grace is far from gone in the hearts of the faithful, broken on the wheels of love.

2. Forty days to discover his passion calls us to new life. The jubilee is over, but mercy's far from gone in the arms of the father as the wayward child comes home.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 6

- 4:00 p.m. † James Riedy by Friends
- † Jean Ingraham by Linda & Peggy

Sunday, March 7

- 9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
- 10:45 a.m. † Candida Martin by children/grandchildren
- † Fernando Armenti by Angiolino Armenti

Monday, March 8

- 8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, March 9

- 8:00 a.m. † Julius Delisio by Friends

Wednesday, March 10

- 8:00 a.m. Past & Present Members & Benefactors of SVDP Society

Thursday, March 11

- 8:00 a.m. † Emily McIntyre by Joyce

Friday, March 12

- 8:00 a.m. † Andrew Murphy by Doris Emmett

Saturday, March 13

- 4:00 p.m. For Vocations by Parish
- † Jean Ingraham by Linda & Peggy

Sunday, March 14

- 9:00 a.m. † D.C. Stanfa by Chris & Jim Jordan
- 10:45 a.m. † Tilly Brommer by Anita