



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle B-III Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 11; 1Corinthians 1: 22-25; John 2:13-25

Jesus Purifies the Temple

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words in scripture; zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty- six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" but he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

Reflection

In the Jewish temple, the people offered sacrifices of animals to God and they had to buy them there. **Why does Jesus kick merchants and money changers out of the temple?** (Jesus is enraged because He sees they only care about getting rich and have no devotion to God. Jesus' only desire is that God gets the honor He deserves.) **The Jews ask Jesus for a sign that He has authority to do this. What does Jesus answer?** ("Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.") **To what is Jesus referring?** (The sign will be when the temple of His body dies on the cross and rises on the 3rd day, proving He is God.) **Jesus knows what is in our heart. How can we clean our heart of distractions, hate, laziness, and all that does not give glory to God to adore Him as He deserves?** (We can put God 1st and give Him enough time in prayer daily; we can attentively participate in Mass; we can reconcile with enemies, be kind to everyone, help in our house and in school, be honest, be obedient to our parents, to our teaches, and to God's Commandments.)

Activity

On the next page, review the parts of the Church. Which hearts most please Jesus when they enter the Church to adore Him? On the other page find the words relating to the gospel.

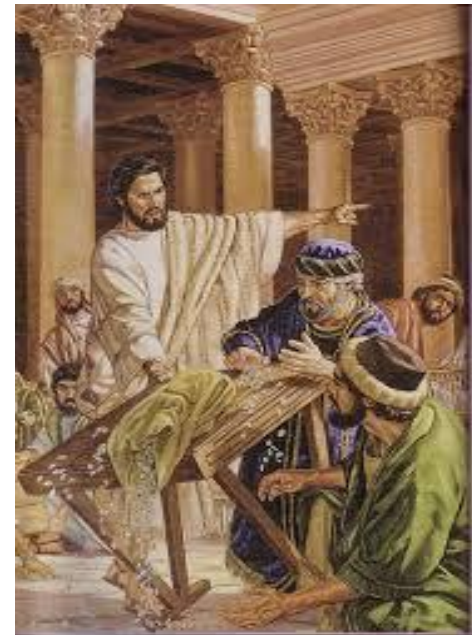
Prayer

Lord, you are the King of my heart. May all that I say and do today glorify you. I love you. Amen

Song: (He is the King of Kings, TheRealDonutMan),

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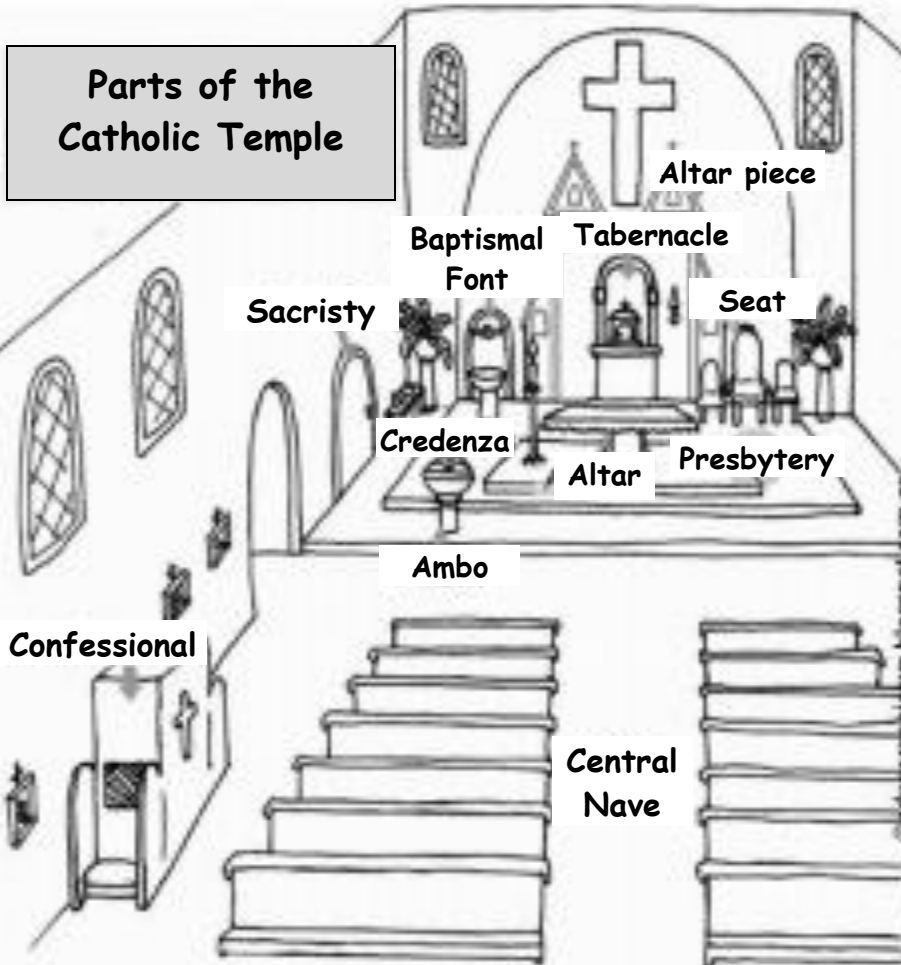
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Parts of the
Catholic Temple

THE CHURCH



***Jesus receives us in His
house, our house.
Which hearts most
please Jesus?***

With Love

With Anger

With Adoration

With Envy

Distracted





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