

## **Meditation on Thursday, March 26, 2020**

Fr. Loecke's reflection for today (Thursday):

In the first reading today, taken from the Book of Exodus, we hear the story of the Golden Calf that the Israelites began to worship. God threatens to destroy the Israelites because of their actions. However, Moses interceded on their behalf and God relented from his plan and the Israelites are spared.

The molten calf of Moses' day has remained an ever-present issue for humanity. While it may not be an actual calf that we pay attention to in life, the reality is that God continues to be replaced by so many competing forces that draw our attention

The past week has resulted in some dramatic changes in the way we live and function. Maybe the sudden break in routine is given to us so that we might look at our priorities and examine where God fits into life. God is a jealous God who wants to be our number one love. We often turn to so many other things to fill a void that only God can fill. We know this, but sometimes we need to be shocked into this truth. Perhaps this pandemic is the shock that we all need to reevaluate our priorities. God does not want us to worship anything but Him.

For today, perhaps it would be good if we all looked within to see what consumes our time and energy. Where does God fit into that question?

Moses interceded on behalf of the Israelites. We ask for the maternal intercession of Mary, the Mother of God to help us in our need.