

# Lent



## March 7 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, we have a scene that may make us uncomfortable. Jesus knew that some of the temple practices were rife with social injustices. What made matters worse were that it was done in the name of religion. Jesus' heart ached to think that any Gentile seeking the presence of God would feel unwelcome in the house of God. If Jesus were to enter this church/parish, would he find an exclusiveness, a coldness, or a place where the "seeking" stranger finds welcome, solace and peace? Lent gives us the opportunity to examine our attitudes and make the necessary change so that every person feels welcome in this house of God. The pandemic restrictions need not hinder becoming a strong evangelizing parish.