

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY**  
**March 3, 2024**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**

**READING: Exodus 20:1-7**

1 Then God spoke all these words:

2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3 you shall have no other gods before me.

4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

**PSALM: Psalm 19**

**The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**

**Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.**

**There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;**

**yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.  
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**

**which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding  
canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.**

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

**The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
making wise the simple;**

**the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;**

**the fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.**

**More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

**Moreover by them is your servant warned;**

**in keeping them there is great reward.**

**But who can detect their errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.**

**Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
do not let them have dominion over me.  
Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.**

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

#### **GOSPEL: John 2:13-22**

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"

17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18 The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21 But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this;

and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.