



**03 March 2024**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - B**



**INTRODUCTION:**

On this third Sunday of Lent, the liturgy invites us to reflect and recognize ourselves as the living, moving, conscious Temple of God, both individually as well as a community, forming the one body of Jesus Christ. The season of Lent is then a divine opportunity to allow Jesus to cleanse us through the means of prayer, fasting, abstinence and charity and build us up. One sure means of allowing Jesus to accomplish this cleansing is to follow the commandments of the Lord God.

**READINGS:**

**First Reading:** Ex 20: 1-17  
**Psalm:** Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 11  
**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 1: 22-25  
**Gospel:** Jn 2: 13-25

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**CELEBRANT:**

As one Temple of God, let us surrender ourselves to the mercy of the Abba father, who listens to our prayers which we make in faith.

**RESPONSE: Merciful Father, hear our prayer.**

For the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests and Religious, that under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they may continually persevere to lead the Church as one, holy Temple of God. **R/**

For the leaders of governments, that they may always seek peace, harmony and holistic welfare of all the people in their care. **R/**

For each one of us, that this season of Lent, we may rebuild the foundations of our life on the commandments of the Lord. **R/**

For all women, as we celebrate the International Women's Day this week, that we may always cherish and uphold their dignity and honour in all walks of life. **R/**

For our personal intentions and needs which we now place before the Lord in silence. (Pause). **R/**

**CELEBRANT:**

Abba Father, we thank you for your mercy and listening to the prayers we make in faith, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.