

## **ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH, PHILADALPHIA, PA**

**SUNDAY MARCH 3rd 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT, (PURPLE)**

**9:30AM Mass** for the intentions of our Parish Family

**DAILY MASS WILL BE DISCONTIUED UNTIL FR. CARMEN FEELS BETTER.**

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**LESSON:** Exodus 20:1-17 **LESSON:** 1st Corinthians 1:22-25 **GOSPEL:** St. John 2:13-25

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**MARK YOUR CALENDERS: MARCH 10th** Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church

**WELCOME TO:** Fr. David Gaydos who is filling-in for Fr. Carmen

**RESPONSES:** if you notice in the Mass booklet, the bold faced type. That is the part you are to respond to. This gives you the chance to participate in the Mass.

**FR. CARMEN:** Is a bit under the weather. I am taking it easy, not working too much. I will be back soon. I thank you for your prayers.

**SACRED VOCATIONS:** Please pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.

**BEING CLEANSED:** Today we see Jesus really upset. The money changers and sellers were using the temple area for business. While it was alright to have lambs there for sale to people who came to sacrifice, so they did not have to bring the lamb or birds with them. The money changers sold wooden coins for the offering basket, which the people would have to use. There were two problems. One they were doing their selling inside the temple, and the money changers were cheating the people in the coin exchange. The temple authorities knew

this but did not stop it because they got a cut from what was sold. Jesus drives them out telling them to “stop turning His Father’s house into a marketplace. This did not go over well with the authorities. This took place as Jesus had already established Himself as a teacher. The temple authorities want to know what right He had to do this? Jesus tells them to destroy the temple and He would rebuild it 3 days. The body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit, Who is in all of us. They would use this against Him at His trial on the night Jesus was arrested. His disciples did not understand this until the Resurrection. We are to use this time of Lent to clean out our temples. to rid ourselves of all that keeps us from Jesus, our own sin and corruption. This we ought to do, confessing our sins, weeding out the bad things in our temple. In doing this we will rise with Jesus on Easter Sunday with bright new temples.

**IN NEED OF PRAYER:** Joan Pianka.