

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Week: **BE MINDFUL along the way!**

Each of us knows our own limitations! In the heart of Christ there is only love.

### Gospel (John. 2, 13-25):

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore 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. Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.



### Pope Francis (Message for Lent 2015):

When the people of God are converted to his love, they find answers to the questions that history continually raises. One of the most urgent challenges which I would like to address in this Message is precisely the globalization of indifference. Indifference to our neighbour and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience. God is not indifferent to our world; he so loves it that he gave his Son for our salvation. In the Incarnation, in the earthly life, death, and resurrection of the Son of God, the gate between God and man, between heaven and earth, opens once for all. The Church is like the hand holding this gate open, thanks to her proclamation of God's word, her celebration of the sacraments and her witness of the faith which works through love (cf. Gal 5:6). But the world tends to withdraw into itself and shut that door through which God comes into the world and the world comes to him. Hence the hand, which is the Church, must never be surprised if it is rejected, crushed and wounded.

### Saint Raphaela Mary:

"I should be aware, in all my actions, that I am in this world as in a great temple and, as a priest of it, I must offer continual sacrifice in things that go against me, whatever they may be, and continual praise in those that satisfy me, and always everything for the glory of God, that is the purpose for which we are in this world. "

### We ask for the grace:

- ✓ To **discern** what is in our heart.
- ✓ What Christ do we preach? Do read the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of this Sunday, I Cor 1: 22-25, which together with the attitude of Jesus in the temple can help us to discern our attitude, our "gestures", our evangelization...

### PRAYER:

My heart, Lord, has many owners, and you are one of many.  
I also sell and bargain. I let myself be dominated by things and even by people,  
and I try to please one and all.  
You, who should be the first and only, I have had in second place.  
Forgive me and help me to know you and love you in all things,  
to know how to be a witness anywhere I am.