



Third SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)

Saint Jude's Shrine, March 23, 2025.

COMMENTARY Brothers and sisters, in this holy season of Lent, we are called to a sincere conversion, to change our way of thinking and acting, truly trusting in the Lord and following his ways. True liberation is the grace of the Spirit, but it will also depend on opening our hearts to the divine action within us. May this Eucharist be our support on the path of directing our hearts towards God. Let us raise, welcome **Father Maximiliano Delfino, scj** and begin our Eucharistic celebration.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

1. ENTRANCE SONG

1. Long before the mountains came to be
And the land and sea and stars of the night
Through the endless seasons of all time
You have always been
You will always be

**In every age, O God, you have been our refuge
In every age, O God, you have been our hope**

2. Destiny is cast, and at your silent word
We return to dust and scatter to the wind
A thousand years are like a single moment gone
As the light that fades
At the end of day

Refrain

3. Teach us to make use of the time we have
Teach us to be patient even as we wait
Teach us to embrace our every joy and pain
To sleep peacefully
And to rise up strong

**In every age, O God, you have been our refuge
In every age, O God
You have been our hope
You have been our refuge
You have been our hope**

2. GREETINGS

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And with your spirit.**

3. PENITENTIAL ACT

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

(Silence)

All: **I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts**

and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (And, striking breasts, say) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Lord have mercy (3x)

Christ have mercy (3x)

Lord have mercy (3x)

Celebrant: May almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. All: **Amen.**

4. LET US PRAY

Celebrant: O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. All: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

5. FIRST READING (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15)

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am." God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers," he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. But the LORD said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey." Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?" God replied, "I am who I am." Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I am sent me to you." God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites:

The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. "This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations."

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

6. RESP. PSALM (Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11)

R. (8a) The Lord is kind and merciful.

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.

² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

Response

³ He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills,

⁴ He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

Response

⁶ The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.

⁷ He has made known his ways to Moses,
and his deeds to the children of Israel.

Response

⁸ Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful. (2x)

7. SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12)

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert. These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did. Do not grumble as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

8. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Matthew 4:17)

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory

¹⁷ Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory

9. GOSPEL READING (LUKE 13:1-9)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel, † according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them — do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to You Lord, Jesus Christ.**

Homily

10. PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLE'S CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. All: Amen.

11. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, let us pray to the Father, who always shows us compassion and gives us what serves our salvation

Response: **Guide us, O Father, in our conversion.**

1. Lord, you who love your people so much, inspire your Church with your Spirit to care for the wounds of humanity.

Response: **Guide us, O Father, in our conversion.**

2. Lord, amid oppression, you heard the cry of your people and came to free them; grant to all peoples peace and the pursuit of good.

Response: **Guide us, O Father, in our conversion.**

3. Lord, you who showed us the path of conversion so that we may attain true freedom, move our hearts to sincere repentance for our sins.

Response: **Guide us, O Father, in our conversion.**

(Community intentions)

Celebrant: Almighty Father, in wisdom you have revealed your law; in mercy you give us grace to fulfill it. Hear the petitions of the people gathered in the name of your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *All: Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

12. OFFERING SONG

**Take our bread, we ask you,
Take our hearts, we love you,
Take our lives, oh Father,
We are yours, we are yours.**

1. Yours as we stand
At the table you set,
Yours as we eat the bread
Our hearts can't forget.
2. We are the signs
Of your life with us yet;
We are yours, we are yours
Refrain
3. Your holy people
Stand washed in your blood,
Spirit filled, yet hungry,
We await your food
4. Poor though we are,
We have brought
Ourselves to you;
We are yours, we are yours.
Refrain

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

*All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.***

13. PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS LET US PRAY

Celebrant: Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbor. Through Christ our Lord. *All: Amen.*

14. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*All: **And with your spirit.***

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

*All: **We lift them up to the Lord.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

*All: **It is right and just.***

Preface:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you have given your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts, that, freed from disordered affections, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that eternally endure. And so, with all the Angels and Saints, we praise you, as without end we acclaim: Holy, Holy,

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Lord God of host
Heaven and Earth,
Are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest (2x)

Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest (2x)

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body † and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT: FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT: FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

*All: **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.***

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with **Francis our Pope and Odilo our Bishop** and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, * with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Celebrant: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

15. COMMUNION RITE

Celebrant: At the Savior's command, formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord; we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from

all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, Who live and reign for ever and ever. All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: **And also, with you.**

16. LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: have mercy, have mercy on us. (2x)

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: Grant us, grant us peace.

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

17. COMMUNION SONG

*Return to God with all your heart,
the source of grace and mercy;
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God*

1. Now the time of grace has come, the day of salvation;
Come and learn now the way of our God.

Refrain (2x)

2. I will take your heart of stone and place a heart within you,
A heart of compassion and love.

Refrain (2x)

3. If you break the chains of oppression,
If you set the pris'ner free;
If you share your bread with the hungry,
Give protection to the lost;
Give a shelter to the homeless,
Clothe the naked in your midst,
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

Refrain (2x)

18. PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION LET US PRAY

Celebrant: As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

19. FINAL BLESSING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your Spirit.**

Celebrant: Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful, and in your kindness grant your servants this

grace: that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbor, they may fulfill the whole of your commands. Through Christ our Lord. All: **Amen**

Celebrant: May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son † and the Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you forever. All: **Amen**

Celebrant: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
All: **Thanks be to God**

20. FINAL SONG

1. God of mercy and compassion,/ Look with pity upon me,/ Father, let me call Thee Father/ 'Tis thy child returns to thee.

Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;/ Let me not implore in vain;/ All my sins, I now detest them,/ Never will I sin again.

2. By my sins I have deserved/Death and endless misery/
Hell with all its pains and torments/ And for all eternity.

Refrain

3. By my sins I have abandoned/ Right and claim to heav'n above./
Where the saints rejoice forever / In a boundless sea of love.

Refrain

4. See our Savior, bleeding, dying,/ On the cross of Calvary;/
To that cross my sins have nail'd him,/ Yet He bleeds and dies for me.

Refrain

21. REFLECTION

Singing Lent is, above all, singing the pain one feels for the sin of the world which, in every age, in so many ways, crucifies the children of God and thus prolongs the passion of Christ... It is a song of mourning. To the sound of these songs, the Christian remembers and lives the mystery of the forty days and forty nights of the purifying Flood of Moses' retreat on Mount Sinai, of Elijah's journey, of the forty years of the crossing of the people of God through the desert... and above all, of the forty days and nights of Jesus' retreat in the desert. This is how singing inspires and encourages us to take on the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ with greater vigor.



Join us every **4th Sunday of the month**
at 10 am at St. Jude's Shrine.
Our next Mass is on April 27.