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Family Connect Newsletter  
Week of Feb. 25—March 2  
Preparing for March 3,  
The Third Sunday of Lent

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Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11  
1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
John 2:13-25

## Parent Connect

Thoughts on John 2:13-25

Jesus was speaking of his body when he said the temple would be destroyed and raised in three days, but his listeners obviously thought he meant their sacred temple.

The temple was in Jerusalem and was the center of the Jewish faith and worship. Within its walls all major festivals were celebrated. The original temple is said to have been built by Solomon. Over the centuries it was damaged, and was destroyed by the Romans in 68 or 70 A.D. (The Western Wall or "Wailing Wall" still exists today.)

Jesus and his disciples were in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. During this solemn feast, the city of Jerusalem was crowded with hundreds of pilgrims who came to celebrate there. Many Jewish rituals included sacrificing animals. What better place for merchants to gather to sell these sacrificial animals than in the temple, the very center of activity. Think of a stadium where an athletic event or concert is taking place. Picture all the vendors who set up their booths in the area trying to lure visitors into buying souvenirs.

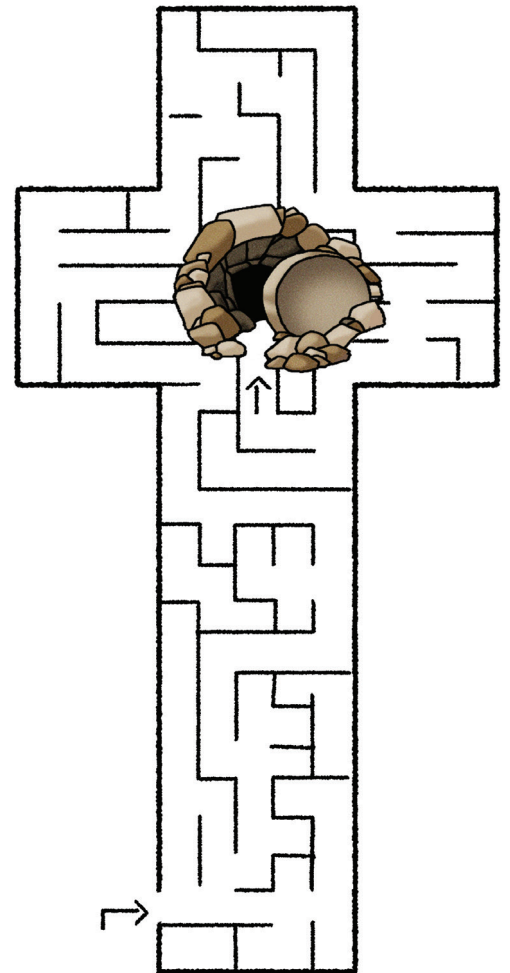
In Sunday's Gospel passage we encounter an angry Jesus. With his handmade whip he got the attention of all present as he drove out the crooks. What can we learn from his anger?

All of us get angry at times, and it's not the anger that gets us into trouble, but how we handle it and what we do with it. Jesus' anger drove him to take action, to initiate change, just as our discomfort with something that is wrong should do for us. There was no real damage done, only a very big mess. Jesus made his point and left everyone (including us) with something to think about.



## Lenten Path

Journey through the cross of Jesus to the empty tomb. What are you doing in your life to prepare for Easter?



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Sunday, March 3

**St. Katharine Drexel**

1858-1955

Katharine was born into a very wealthy Philadelphia family. Although they lived a comfortable life, the children were taught compassion for the poor by working in the community and giving money to the less fortunate.

While visiting Europe with her family, Katharine met Pope Leo XIII. She asked the pope to send missionary workers to

the Native Americans. Leo may have recognized the special qualities Katharine had, so he suggested she do the work herself.

In response to this request, she founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. The order began by working with the Pueblo Indians, but soon branched out to African Americans and the poor living in cities throughout the United States. She even donated 12 million dollars of her own money to fund the work of her order.

Katharine was a regular person who did extraordinary things with her life.

## Let's Talk Around the Table!

- Why is it sometimes difficult for ALL of us to obey rules, laws and people?
- Why do people who live and work together need some rules and regulations?
- Children may think they are the only ones who have rules, that adults can do what they want to. Point out that we all have rules we must obey.
- Who/what do adults have to obey?



## Pray Today!

Jesus, I know you love me. Please help me to love you more and more each week during Lent.