

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Today we hear about Jesus cleansing the Temple

- Notice – **he made a whip** of cords – PLANNED – PREMEDITATED
- He saw the money changers, sat down, and made a whip, got ready – then
  - Money everywhere
  - Doves freed
  - Lambs, goats, sheep, oxen running loose
  - They knock over other tables – Absolute CHAOS
  - Disciples trying to hold him back, and they duck to avoid the whip, RAGE
  
- Sr. Rea McDonald teaches Spiritual Direction, written several books
  - Dealing with emotions
  - Jesus experienced everything we do, JOY, SADNESS, ENVY, ANGER
  - This reading is ANGER, RAGE – **Rea's post-rage Jesus**
  
- A good exercise for us IN DESPAIR, IN FEAR, IN SADNESS  
**identify with Jesus** – *How did he (do we) deal with the situation?*
  
- We are at War – **beyond should we, WE ARE** – *how do we deal with the situation?*
  
- As a person – when did Jesus encounter this & how did he respond?
  - He lived in an occupied country, filled with soldiers.
  - He healed their sons & daughters and preached the Good News.
  
- I gotta ask:
  - Can enduring peace ever be achieved without conversion? Good News.
  - Should we be protesting in the streets or working for conversion?
  - Should we be praying for peace, or praying for conversion?
  - **Can enduring peace ever be achieved without conversion?**