

## The Third Sunday of Lent.

**Theme:** Zeal for God's house

**Chant:** Love is the fire that consume  
Zeal is the flame that sets love alight

### Scripture:

"Zeal for your house will devour me." (John 2:17).

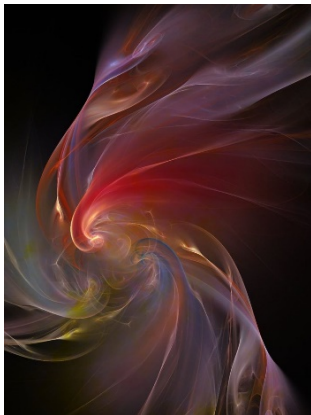


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### Reflection:

**Reflection:** The Gospel recounts how Jesus purifies the Temple. He drives out the money changers and everything that defiled the temple. Jesus' zeal for his mission caused him to take radical action to restore God's kingdom of love, peace and justice.

Zeal for God's mission was close to the heart of Euphrasie. She said, *"the Sisters will be animated by a truly humble, generous zeal, which is the particular and distinctive of our Institute. This Zeal should be the dominant force of their whole life; it should fill them with a hunger and thirst for justice and nourish their prayer, their aspirations and their spirit of sacrifice."* (an extract from the original constitutions)



*"We do not know the day when the spark in us will burst into greater fire. We cannot force the flame before its time. We can only do our part and entrust the kindling to our God and the people God brings into our lives. We do know that a spark of God lies within each of us. The more this spark grows the more it will influence our vision of life and our participation in the human family. We will be more alive to joy and sorrow. We will have a passion for life that radiates into the lives of others. We will accept people as they are and become more compassionate. As the fire of God dances in us we will become ever more generous with our forgiveness and more daring in our action for a justice that will heal our world."* (May I have the Dance, Joyce Rupp)

Lent is a time to renew the best in us as we continue to participate in the Divine Missions.

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### **Prayer**

O God, you shepherded us with tender care and you draw us to yourself in a convent of love. Help us to heed the words of Jesus to follow the call of your Spirit.

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