

November 9th 2025 Sunday Feast Dedication Lateran Basilica -Year C-John 2:13-22

²⁻¹³Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. ¹⁵He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, ¹⁶and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." ¹⁷His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his Body. ²²Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel. ➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.	➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition. ➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).
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In this Sunday's gospel we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica in Lateran Rome which allows us to remember the journey of the early people and God's constant and faithful care for them. At the same time, we are reminded today that each one of us is a "house of God" in the Risen Jesus, because the Holy Spirit dwells in each one of us. St. John Lateran Basilica in Rome is considered the mother church of all the Catholic churches in the Western world; This feast day reminds us of our Catholic heritage, the significant role the dedication of the Lateran Basilica played in that heritage and the courage of those first followers of Christ and the importance of uniting ourselves to the Holy See. As the pope is our universal pastor, the Lateran is our universal church. What image comes to mind when I think of the Church? Do I sense that I am part of the Church?

Prayer:

Lord thank you for all the wonderful people who built our churches which are symbols of a believing community.

Forgive us Lord for the times we do not care for or have respect for our churches as a mark of respect for our church communities who worship there.

Help us Lord to bring the love and compassion of Jesus to our global community as we celebrate the coming of Jesus to us in the Eucharist.

