Daily Homily 3 Week of Lent, Thursday 16 March 2023 USCCB Daily Readings

This Gospel is comical to some degree. It's one of those moments where if you don't laugh, you would just grow frustrated.

None of it makes sense. The reaction of the people doesn't make sense. Jesus, however, navigates through the waters of confusion, scattering, and ignorance.

Jesus just dove out demon... he cured a man who was mute. The reaction should be ecstatic joy!

The reaction, instead is ... He's in league with the Devil. Others... give us, yet, another sign.

Good grief, what more does one need – a demon has been expelled, a man can speak!

Jesus through his words, simply casts aside what could be frustrating, angering, and a cause for a loss of patience.

We are almost halfway through Lent. Have you lost patience with Lent yet? Are you frustrated yet? Are you keeping up with Lenten promises and Lenten plans?

If not, deal with it with good humor. Go to Jesus and let Him help you navigate through the frustration, the lack of patience with it all, and let Him take you to that place where you're not scattered but rather where you stand, together, with Him.