3rd Sunday before Lent

The 1st Reading is taken from the letter of James Ch1 vs 1-11

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion:
Greetings.

2 My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but
joy, **3** because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; **4** and let endurance
have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

5 If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it
will be given you. **6** But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the
sea, driven and tossed by the wind; **7, 8** for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every
way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

9 Let the believer who is lowly boast in being raised up, **10** and the rich in being brought low,
because the rich will disappear like a flower in the field. **11** For the sun rises with its scorching heat
and withers the field; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. It is the same with the rich; in the
midst of a busy life, they will wither away.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

17 He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a
great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. **18** They had
come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean
spirits were cured. **19** And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him
and healed all of them.

20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said:
'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
21 'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.
'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.
22 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame
you[a] on account of the Son of Man. **23** Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward
is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.
24 'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.
25 'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.
'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.
26 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.