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Mark

Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 2018

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 25

8:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **DE** Ron Koettters from the Family

12:00 **DE** Gus Juengling from Diane Rohs

Monday, February 26

12:10 Alvin Ober from Howard and Elaine

Tuesday, February 27

12:10 Gus Juengling from Patty and Barry Savage

Wednesday, February 28

12:10 Poor Souls in Purgatory from the Sieber Family

7:00 Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Thursday, March 1

12:10 George Bens from Marty Bens

Friday, March 2

12:10 Les and Mary Meldon

Saturday, March 3

Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

12:10 Joseph and Barbara Trauth from Joan

BW7:00 Gus Juengling from Liar Ries

Sunday, March 4

Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **TH** Diane Zuk from the Zuk Family

12:00 **TH** James Michael Gangloff from the Family

2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from St. Rose Church who has supported the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. For more information and to pledge online, please visit CatholicAppeal.info. Thank you!

From the Pastor's Desk

*In the charity of your prayers please pray for the souls of **Barry Ramsdell**, **Michael Ryan** and **Joyce Dacey** whose funerals were this past week here at St. Rose Church.*

We will have **Adoration and Stations of the Cross** followed by Benediction next Wednesday, February 28th. Adoration will begin following the 12:10pm mass and will continue until the Stations of the Cross, which begin at 7:00pm. It is very important to have people in the church continuously during this time. If you would like to volunteer to remain in the church for one-hour increments, please see the sign up sheet in the back of church. We need at least two volunteers in the church at all times.

Looking ahead at St. Rose

Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2018

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, February 28, March 7, March 14, March 21 & March 28
7:00 PM.

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper Thursday, March 29th at 7PM

Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 30th at 12:00 PM

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 31st at 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12 PM

The Light is On For You
Encounter the Peace of Christ During the Season of Lent

Do you know someone who stopped coming to Mass or is experiencing doubt in their lives? Invite them to participate in The Light Is On For You on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 from 7:00pm-9:00pm at St. Rose and other churches in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. For more information, go to www.EncounterPeace.org.



Opening Prayer

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Mountains have long been a place for human beings to seek the transcendent. Mountains were considered the realm of the gods from antiquity. We recall the ancient Greeks and Mount Olympus, the home of Zeus. In the Old Testament we know of Mount Sinai and Moses' encounter with God there. In today's gospel we hear of another encounter with the divine on a mountain, the place of the transcendent. This encounter takes place not in front of the crowds, the disciples, or even the Twelve. For this special event, Jesus takes Peter and the sons of Zebedee.

The language of this encounter is steeped in symbolism, beginning with the mountain itself, but including the white garments, the cloud, the voice from heaven, and the figures alongside Jesus. Rather than rest in the moment, and simply take in the wonderment of it all, Peter breaks into the scene with an idea to make three places of worship, commemorating this event. His response is so often typical of our own. He wants to preserve the occasion, mark it in some way. But no sooner had he voiced this proposal than God himself, the voice from heaven, speaks in a way reminiscent of Jesus' baptism. At Jesus' baptism the voice from heaven was heard by Jesus alone: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11). Now the three disciples, not present at Jesus' baptism, hear the voice too. And with that, the episode ends. The three disciples are left alone with Jesus to come down from the mountain, struggling to understand what this experience and Jesus' own admonition meant. When considering this mountaintop experience, we can relate it to our own lives when we have an experience of the transcendent.

Closing Prayer

Father, hear the prayers we make before you. May your Spirit of compassion and peace "transfigure" us and our world into the image of Jesus, the risen Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

• What has been a mountaintop experience for me? And did I struggle to understand its meaning?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the opening prayer (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect");
2. One person read aloud the gospel;
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer;
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection";
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

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Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses,

and they were conversing with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!

Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them;

from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.



As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

Readings for the week

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Ps 118:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19
Rom 8:31b-34
Mark 9:2-10

Monday

Dan 9:4b-10
Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday

Isa 1:10, 16-20
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
Matt 21:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20
Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16
Matt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Luke 16:19-31

Friday

Gen 37:34, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21
Matt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mic 7:14-15, 18-20
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exod 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
1 Cor 1:22-25
John 2:13-25 (or other readings)