



**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
2020**

Sunday, February 23, 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 8:30 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose
 10:30 BW Eleanor Gelzins from Charles and Kathy Kelsch
 12:00 BW Jeanne Picciano from Mary Butler
Monday, February 24
 12:10 (Spec Int) Jean Robert DeCavel from The Marron Family
Tuesday, February 25
 12:10 Carol Wessel from Barbara Juengling
Wednesday, February 26, Ash Wednesday
 7:30 Mary Lou Fede from Diane & Keith Brown
 12:10 Sylvia Brosey from Mary Rust
Thursday, February 27
 12:10 Frank Fobiano from Carol & Larry
Friday, February 28
 12:10 Fay and Joe Nicodemus from Kathleen Nicholson
Saturday, February 29
 12:10 Mary Bacciocco from Cindy Bacciocco
 7:00 BW Tony Kelly from John Connor
Sunday, March 1, First Sunday of Lent
 8:30 BW Gino Martini from The Perrino's
 10:30 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose
 12:00 BW Tom Finn from Phil and Cathy Gleeson

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He 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, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a market-place.

John

From the Pastor's Desk

THIS WEEKEND we will have our annual collection for **Pregnancy Center East**. Since 1982, Pregnancy Center East has been assisting families in Greater Cincinnati. Ushers will be at the doors of church following Mass to collect donations. Thank you for your generosity.

The Little Black Books for Lent are available in the baskets in the back of church.

Lent 2020	Ash Wednesday Mass • 7:30 and 12:10 February 26th
	Lenten Penance Service • Monday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m.
	The Way of the Cross and Benediction Wednesdays in Lent at 7:00 p.m. <i>Beginning Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m.</i>

Rev. Barry Windholtz
Pastor

This Weekend's Hymns

All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.

Opening Hymn: #342

Communion: #309

Closing Hymn: #308

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Ash Wednesday Masses and distribution of ashes will be Wednesday, February 26th at 7:30am & 12:10pm. The collection will be for Central and Eastern Europe.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE Ash Wednesday, February 26th and Good Friday, April 10, 2020 are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast—that is, limited to a single full meal. With regard to Good Friday, the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled:

Let the Pascal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind. (Constitution on the Liturgy, No. 110)

The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday. (Canons 97 and 1252)

With regard to the obligatory days listed above, there are frequent questions about the degree of seriousness of the matter. The teaching of the Holy Father may be simply paraphrased: the obligation to do penance is a serious one, as is the obligation to observe, wholly or substantially, the penitential days specified by the Church. No one should be scrupulous in this regard. Failure to observe an individual day of penance is not considered serious.

People should seek to do *more* rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion.

FLOOD-FYI This past weekend I had gotten a few e-mails and calls about wether St. Rose is flooded and is having mass. Flood stage in Cincinnati of the Ohio River is 52'. Our parking lot does not begin to flood partially until 56' and totally at 58'.

~Fr. Barry

Lectors/Lay Distributors for February 29th and March 1

7:00 M. Luehrmann, F. McCune, W. Russ, L. Solimine, Tom Schneider

8:30 Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Michael Trotta, Lenny Diaspro, Bob Oehler

10:30 Roland Becker, Rich Creighton, Bob Sheil, J. Sonnefeld, Jerry McCabe

12:00 Pat Burke, Matt Schwietering, Shawn Gillete



Opening Prayer

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you.

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

Today's gospel reading from Matthew picks up where we left off last week, in the midst of the Sermon on the Mount. In the teachings from last week, Jesus goes to the heart of Mosaic Law, sometimes issuing commands that go beyond the mere letter of the law, such as prohibiting anger (rather than murder) and lust (rather than adultery). In this week's gospel, Jesus goes beyond the "law of retaliation" (eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth). The law of retaliation represented a development in its time (centuries prior to Jesus) by limiting retaliation to one for one rather than five for one. Yet, even this is superseded by Jesus' injunction to "offer no resistance to one who is evil." The way of discipleship goes beyond strict justice, beyond "legitimate" retaliation, and represents a significant development.

Something similar is at work in the next injunction Jesus issues, which is to pray for one's persecutors rather than hate them. All too often feelings of exclusion and division can rise up in the face of persecution, which is certainly understandable. Striking back in the face of persecution is a natural human response. But the way of Jesus calls his disciples to the lofty goal of praying for those persecutors. Few people have lived up to this ideal, but those who have are known for it, including Martin Luther King Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, and the Dalai Lama. If we treat with kindness only those who treat us with kindness, we are merely living the values of the world. Jesus demands that we are "perfect," meaning pure in our devotion to God. Then we will be known as his disciples.

Closing Prayer

Son of God, light of the world and the way of life, you faced enemies in your time as we do in ours. Grant us patience in times of persecution and challenge, knowing that our call is to pray for those who would do us harm. May we look to you as an example of how to face adversity in our day, for you reign in heaven above. Amen.



For Reflection

• Have you had an experience in your life where you practiced Jesus' commandment, "love your enemies"? What was the outcome?

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 Prayers."

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Gospel

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil.

When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well.

If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic,

hand over your cloak as well.

Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles.

Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.

But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father,



for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.

For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have?

Do not the tax collectors do the same?

And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that?

Do not the pagans do the same?

So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Readings for the week:

7th Sunday in Ord. Time	Monday	Tuesday	Ash Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	1st Sunday of Lent
Lev 19:1-2, 17-18	Jas 3:13-18	Jas 4:1-10	Jas 2:12-18	Deut 30:15-20	Isa 58:1-9a	Isa 58:9b-14	Gen 27:9; 31:7
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13	Ps 105: 9, 10, 15	Ps 52:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23	Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17	Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6	Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19	Ps 88:1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
1 Cor 3:16-23	Mark 9:14-29	Mark 9:30-37	and 17	Luke 9:22-25	Matt 9:14-15	Luke 5:27-32	Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
Matt 5:38-48			2 Cor 5:20-6:2				Matt 4:1-11
			Matt 6:1-6, 16-18				