



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

2020

**Sunday, March 8, *Second Sunday of Lent***

8:30 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose

10:30 BW Barry Savage from Julia Jackson

12:00 BW Mary Bacciocco from Cindy Bacciocco

**Monday, March 9, *St. Francis of Rome***

12:10 David Evans from Linda Kohlhepp

**Tuesday, March 10,**

12:10 Mary V. Dillon from Carol and Larry

**Wednesday, March 11**

12:10 Sally Ann Kuglen from Joan Riegert

**Thursday, March 12**

12:10 Carol Wessel from Barbara Juengling

**Friday, March 13**

12:10 Susan Dawson from Fr. Barry

**Saturday, March 14**

12:10 Purgatorial Society

7:00 BW Dr. Sydney Fernanades

**Sunday, March 15, *Third Sunday of Lent***

8:30 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose

10:30 BW Oscar & Marie Mohr from the Mohr Family

12:00 BW James Coogan from Bob, Judy and Family

### ***From the Pastor's Desk***

**Catherine Angela Crossland** was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism February 29th here at St. Rose Church.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Linda Evans** whose funeral was this past week here at St. Rose Church.

**Peter Bachman** and **Murphy O'Neill** were united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony March 7th here at St. Rose Church.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES** Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75) in 2020 may request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr. Parishes may also make this request for couples. More details can be found here or by calling 513.263.6692.

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU** - Tuesday, March 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Rediscover the peace of Christ found uniquely in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Visit [www.EncounterPeace.org](http://www.EncounterPeace.org) for more information. No matter how long it has been since your last Confession, no matter how great your sins may be, it's okay. Please join us . . . the light is on for you!

**PROJECT RACHEL** - a ministry of the Archdiocese that serves anyone who has experienced the loss of a child due to abortion. Persons can engage in this ministry for healing through one-on-one conversation with a peer, consultation with a priest (including in Spanish), support groups and retreats for mothers who lost a child, or a day of reflection for anyone (father, grandparent, friend, etc.). Go to [www.catholiccincinnati.org/project-rachel](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/project-rachel) or call the Project Rachel Help Line at 513.784.0531 for information. All conversations and email are confidential. Upcoming retreat: March 13-15, 2020.

**Cincinnati Catholic Men's Conference: ATTENTION men, fathers and sons!** *The Cincinnati Catholic Men's Conference is Saturday, April 25th, 2020 at St. Susanna Catholic Church. . . Get your ticket today for A Faith-filled half-day where men from all over the tri-state will enjoy Catholic inspiration and spiritual growth. Speakers include Super Bowl Champ, Elvis Grbac ; National Priests for Life Founder, Fr. Frank Pavone and Ruah Woods Founder/JTM CEO, Tony Maas. Get complete information on the conference and purchase tickets at [www.CincinnatiMensConference.com](http://www.CincinnatiMensConference.com).*

**QUESTIONS REGARDING YOGA** - A number of parishes and schools have inquired recently about the practice of Yoga. It should be noted that the Vatican document "Jesus Christ the Bearer of the Water of Life" (2003) groups Yoga with "New Age" practices: "Some of the traditions which flow into New Age are: ancient Egyptian occult practices, Cabbalism, early Christian Gnosticism, Sufism, the lore of the Druids, Celtic Christianity, mediaeval alchemy, Renaissance hermeticism, Zen Buddhism, Yoga and so on." (2.1) Although most people begin Yoga for reasons of physical health, they often continue it for reasons of spirituality. The spirituality of Yoga is incompatible with Christianity and therefore it should not be practiced at Catholic parishes, schools, or other Catholic institutions. Catholics looking for an alternative to Yoga may look into programs such as Pietra Fitness.

#### **Healing Mass**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish  
Saturday, March 21st, 2020 at 3:00pm  
and will be a regular Sunday Mass for the 4th Sunday of Lent

#### **Lectors/Lay Distributors for March 14th and March 15th**

7:00 Rich Crawford, M. Luehrmann, F. McCune, W. Russ, L. Solimine  
8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Tim Smullen, Lenny Diaspro  
10:30 Roland Becker, Rich Creighton, J. Sonnefeld, Jerry McCabe, Greg McGrath  
12:00 Matt Schwietering, Shawn Gillete

Lent



2020

**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.

*Beginning Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m.*

**Rev. Barry Windholtz**

*Pastor*

#### **This Weekend's Hymns**

*All hymns can be found in  
the Seasonal Missalette.*

Opening Hymn: #219

Communion: #212

Closing Hymn: #213

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### 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

The church gives us Matthew's story of the transfiguration on this Second Sunday of Lent. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets. These two majestic figures in Israelite history each received a revelation from God on Mount Horeb (Sinai). Together they stand as pillars of Judaism, which Jesus himself fulfills.

Peter, as spokesperson for the group, expresses a desire to build three tents, but before Peter can finish, the divine presence is made manifest in the cloud and the heavenly voice. The disciples hear the words that accompanied Jesus at his own baptism: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Only now, the imperative phrase "listen to him" is added. The disciples react with fear, falling prostrate and worshiping. Only by the touch of Jesus are they raised up again, to find that they are alone with him. The vision is no more.

This remarkable event surely emboldened the disciples in their faith, while it also seized them with fear. This mountaintop experience meant even more after the resurrection when the words of Jesus became clear.

The gospel today reminds us of our ultimate end, which is to be with Jesus in the heavenly realm. With such knowledge, cares of the world may wash away. Even a desire to commemorate such an event, as Peter desired to build three tents, is as nothing when compared to the experience itself. We have a foreshadowing of eternal glory. Let us continue to follow Jesus down the mountain, learning from him the entire way, knowing that the ultimate resurrection requires undergoing death itself.

### Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, you fulfilled the Law and the Prophets. You were transfigured from death into new life and now you live and reign in heaven above. We believe you are God's beloved Son and we strive to listen to you. Grant us ears to hear your voice in the midst of our world. In your name we pray. Amen.

### For Reflection:

• On the mountaintop the disciples hear a voice from the cloud proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; / Listen to him." In prayer, how do you spend time listening to God?

### Suggestions for group and individual uses

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 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.

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

If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said,

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

### Readings for the week:

2nd Sunday of Lent	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	3rd Sunday of Lent
Gen 12:1-4a	Dan 9:4b-10	Isa 1:10, 16-20	Jer 18:18-20	Jer 17:5-10	Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a	Mic 7:14-15, 18-20	Ezod 17:9-7
Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22	Ps 78:8, 9, 11 and 13	Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23	Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16	Ps 11:2, 3, 4 and 6	Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21	Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12	Ps 98:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
2 Tim 1:8b-10	Luke 6:26-38	Matt 23:1-12	Matt 20:17-28	Luke 16:19-31	Matt 21:33-43, 45-46	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	John 4:5-42 or 45-15, 18b-26, 38a, 40-42