



A READING FROM THE SECOND
BOOK OF KINGS:

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small walled room, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there. 'One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can I do for you then?' he asked. Gehazi replied, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year', he said, 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, June 28, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose
10:30 Roger Bertoia from The Geraci Family
12:00 Bill Earls from The Family

Monday, June 29, St. Peter & Paul, Apostles

12:10 Edward Dohrmann from Renie, Ted & Chris

Tuesday, June 30

12:10 Betty O'Toole from Frank & Stephanie

Wednesday, July 1

12:10 Purgatorial Society

Thursday, July 2

12:10 Ed & Sarah Gant from Bill & Jane Stacey

Friday, July 3, St. Thomas, Apostle

12:10 John Boylan from Monica Lindberg

Saturday, July 4

12:10 Raymond Schneider from June Mazzaferri

7:00 Marianne Myers from Carol & Larry

Sunday, July 6, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 Donald Cremering from Carol Nieberding

12:00 Larry Yung from The 12pm Ushers

From the Pastor's Desk

PUBLIC MASSES WITH RESTRICTIONS WILL
BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

**PLEASE REGISTER FOR SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY
MASSES at Strosecincinnati.org**

**ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE INSIDE THE
CHURCH. Thank you for your understanding, patience
and cooperation.**

**THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL WHO RESIDE IN THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CONTINUE TO BE
DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION
OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS.**

Donovan John Paul Thiel was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism here at St. Rose Church.

Nathaniel Bowman and **Laura Freking** were united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony this weekend here at St. Rose Church.

Give me an accounting of your stewardship.

~Lk 16:2

Reflection. *Don't you have by your side booklets on which you enter your account each day?*

In the same way, you must make an accounting every day for your conscience.

~St John Chrysostom

Prayer. *God of forgiveness, help me to make a daily examination of conscience. Teach me how to pinpoint faults, ask Your forgiveness for them, and resolve to do better in the future.*

Dear Friends,

I hope and pray that all my parishioners are well and staying positive. In my opinion the local and national media have been doing their best to drum up fear and anguish over the virus. It is important to stay safe by washing your hands, wearing a mask in a crowd, sanitizing, and social distancing. I am still requiring people to wear masks at St. Rose and social distance as best as we can. That is why we are still taking reservations for mass, to limit the crowd. I am still waiting on a camera that we ordered so we can live stream our mass.

I also want to thank all of our benefactors who have remembered St. Rose with their donations. People are very generous and I am very grateful. I am praying for you all and hope that you are praying for me. Pray that a vaccine can be developed soon and this crazy time will come to an end. God Bless Fr. Barry

Sunday Funnies

~I see a big baby boom coming our way in 9 months. They will be called the C-19 Babies and the #1 baby names will be "Charmin and Scott"

~Another Saturday night in the house and I just realized, even the trash goes out more than me.

~Remember all those times when you wished the weekend would last forever. Well, Wish Granted. Happy Now?

~If you believe all this will end and we will get back to normal once we reopen everything... Raise your hand. Now slap yourself with it.



Opening Prayer

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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 seemingly paradoxical saying "Youth is wasted on the young" is attributed to George Bernard Shaw. The comedian George Carlin asked the paradoxical question "If you try to fail and you succeed, which have you done?" The Christian life is marked by paradox, the greatest of which is the God-human Jesus. But many more paradoxes abound: death leads to life, to give is to receive, and emptying oneself is the means to fulfillment.

The gospel reading today reflects some of these fundamental Christian paradoxes as well: "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." This kind of teaching is fairly common among religious wisdom figures, and we shouldn't be surprised to hear it on the lips of Jesus.

Prior to this aphorism, Jesus claims that anyone who loves father or mother more than Jesus is not worthy of him. This may sound off-putting to modern ears. The point of course is that Jesus ought to be the center and focus of one's life. Not even family relations should come first.

Those worthy of Jesus are the ones who take up their cross and follow him. This does not mean to seek out suffering and place oneself in harm's way merely for the sake of it. It certainly does not give license for Christians to act in obnoxious ways so they can consider the consequences of that behavior "suffering for Christ." Rather, taking up one's cross refers to managing any and all of the difficulties and challenges that come with following Jesus. The image of the cross calls to mind violent and public execution at the hands of the state. Moreover, it foreshadows Jesus' own end on a cross. His followers should not shy away from such duties that flow naturally from being a Christian. As Jesus did, to gain life we must give it away. This is the ultimate paradox.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, you took up your cross and in so doing set an example for us. When the burdens and cares we all experience seem too much, give us the grace to walk in your footsteps. May your resoluteness in the face of danger and hostility give us strength to face the challenges before us. In your name we pray. Amen.



For Reflection:

• Jesus tells the apostles, "[Whoever does not take up his cross / and follow after me is not worthy of me." What does the cross look like that you are called to carry?

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 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles:

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.

Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward,

and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water

to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

Readings for the week:

13th Sunday in Ord. Time
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a
Ps 82:28, 16:37, 18:19
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11
Matt 10:37-42

Monday Sts. Peter and Paul
Acts 12:1-11
Ps 142:3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
2 Tim 4:5-8, 17-18
Matt 16:13-19

Tuesday
Amos 3:1-8, 4:11-12
Ps 50:6-8a, 8b-7, 8
Matt 8:23-27

Wednesday
Amos 5:14-15, 21-24
Ps 50:7, 8a, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17
Matt 8:28-34

Thursday
Amos 7:10-17
Ps 108, 9, 10, 11
Matt 9:1-8

Friday St. Thomas, Apostle
Eph 2:19-22
Ps 117:1bc, 2
John 20:24-29

Saturday
Amos 9:11-15
Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14
Matt 9:14-17
or any readings for Independence Day

14th Sunday in Ord. Time
Zech 9:9-10
Ps 142:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14
Rom 8:5, 11-13
Matt 11:25-30