

## First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 21, First Sunday of Lent

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

10:30 **BW** Alan Haines from Carolyn Jones

12:00 **BW** Thomas Butler from Joe & JoAnne Dolwig

Monday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

12:10 Sophia Cimino from Tom & Francie Hiltz

Tuesday, February 23, St. Polycarp, Bishop

12:10 Chris Blatz from Carol & Larry

Wednesday, February 24

12:10 Gertrude Fobiano from Carol & Larry

Thursday, February 25

12:10 Ann Macke from Nicholas, Kathy & Dana Macke Family

Friday, February 26

12:10 Rose Quehl from Kay & Bill Russ

Saturday, February 27

12:10 **BW** Howard Mushaben from Kay & Bill Russ

7:00 **BW** Kandy Reffett from Patricia Wigger

Sunday, February 28, Second Sunday of Lent

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

10:30 **BW** Thomas Butler from Ruth Miles

12:00 **BW** Jeanne Picciano from Mary Beutler

## 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](http://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.**

To join us for Live Streaming of mass go to our website [STROSECINNATI.ORG](http://STROSECINNATI.ORG) and click on [WATCH LIVE](#). I want to thank everyone who continues to support us with their generous contributions. God Bless, Fr. Barry

### PRAYER AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen. -Pedro de la Cruz

## Here at St. Rose

**Olivia George Ganim** will be welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

**CONFIRMATION** To be fully initiated in the church, you should have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you or someone you know has never been confirmed now would be a good time to receive it. I invite any adult to participate in our Confirmation here at St. Rose on April 15, 2021 at 7:00pm. If you are interested to join us please call Fr. Barry.

### 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided, or bring your completed pledge card to Mass. This year, our goal is \$35,000. For more information, please visit [CatholicAppeal.info](http://CatholicAppeal.info). Thank you!

Our Annual Collection for **Pregnancy Center East** is being held the weekend of February 27 & 28. This collection helps the Center promote life and protect the unborn. They provide many services to pregnant woman so they choose life over abortion. I invite and encourage you to be generous in our second collection on that weekend.

**Is God calling you to something new?** Come and see how lay Catholic studies through the Mount St. Mary's School of Theology can help you grow in faith, knowledge and skills. We offer Graduate and Non Degreed Options at the main campus in Cincinnati. Earn a MA in Pastoral Ministry, Theology, Biblical Studies, or Catholic Studies, a Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Ministry, or a non-degreed Certificate in Pastoral Ministry. Classes for credit or audit are available daytimes, evenings or weekends, allowing students flexibility in maintaining career and family responsibilities while preparing for new opportunities. Call 513-231-1200 for general information, and 513-233-6127 to schedule a virtual interview for the Pastoral Ministry options.

### Lent†

#### Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Wednesdays in Lent beginning **February 24** at 7:00 PM

**Lenten Penance Service** • Tuesday **March 16th** at 7:00 P.M.

### SUNDAY SUNSHINE

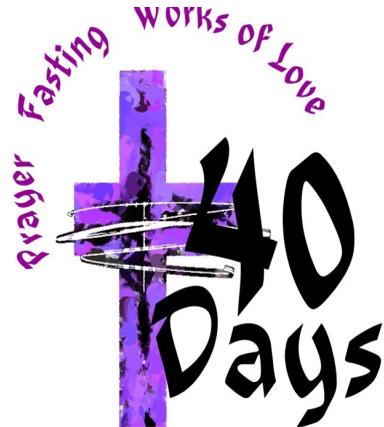
~ Life without Music would B flat.

~ I stayed up all night to see where the sun went; then it dawned on me.

~ I put my Grandma on speed dial; I call that Instagram.

~ It was a terrible summer for Humpty Dumpty, but he had a great Fall.

~ The professor discovered that his theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.



A reading from the First Letter of St. Peter

Beloved:

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

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## Living Liturgy™



### Opening Prayer

Grant, almighty God,  
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,  
that we may grow in understanding  
of the riches hidden in Christ  
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.  
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 English artist Stanley Spencer (1891–1959) painted a “wilderness series” about the life of Christ. In one of these paintings he depicts Jesus sitting on the desert sands with a “wild beast.” But the beast is not a roaring lion or a skulking tiger. In his cupped hands he holds a small but deadly scorpion. Spencer may be suggesting that the really dangerous beasts are those small ones that can slither insidiously into our lives; the persistent sins and small infidelities that, almost unnoticed, can inject a paralyzing venom into our discipleship.

Jesus comes out from his wilderness experience strengthened for praise and pain and mission. The arrest of John the Baptist is the first storm that breaks over Mark’s gospel, but over it rises a Galilean rainbow of hope as Jesus proclaims his first words: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” On Ash Wednesday, the last words of that proclamation were an alternative that was pronounced as we were signed as baptized disciples of the Tempted One.

The desert sand is not under our feet but in our hearts. Its grit is the daily irritations and indefinable loneliness we often feel. We need these Lenten weeks of heightened awareness of the importance of uncluttered spiritual and physical space where we can come to grips with our pain, where we can discover the beauty of God and our sisters and brothers under the surface sands of our busy lives, and where we can allow our ears to be “dug out” (Ps 40:6) by closer listening to the Word of God in our Sunday liturgy. We may then become much wiser about the spiritual baggage that we, as wilderness travelers, need to keep or discard in the trek toward Easter.

### Closing Prayer

True Voice of Compassion, you always proclaim Good News. Even in times of trial, amidst struggles and division, keep us mindful that *the kingdom of God is at hand*: a kingdom of mercy, love, and redemption. We make this prayer through redemption itself, your son, Christ, our Lord. Amen.



### For Reflection:

• After Jesus’s baptism, the Spirit drives “Jesus out into the desert.” Where do you find solitude and quiet to be with God?

### 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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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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### Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,  
and he remained in the desert for forty  
days, tempted by Satan.  
He was among wild beasts,  
and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested,  
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the  
gospel of God:  
“This is the time of fulfillment.  
The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

### Readings for the week

1st Sunday of Lent	Monday Chair of St. Peter	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	2nd Sunday of Lent
Gen 9:8-15 Ps 29:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15	1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 29:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Matt 18:15-19	Isa 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Matt 6:7-15	Jonah 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Luke 11:29-32	Esth 3:1-6, 14-15, 23-25 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2de-3, 7c-8 Matt 7:7-12	Ezek 18:21-28 Ps 139:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Matt 8:20-26	Daut 28:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Matt 8:43-48	Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 119:30, 35, 16-17, 18-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mark 9:2-10