

Second Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, March 1

12:10 Marianne Kurtinitis from Kathleen Mason

Tuesday, March 2

12:10 Purgatorial Society

Wednesday, March 3, St Katharine Drexel, Virgin

12:10 Jeff Luther from Carol & Larry

Thursday, March 4, St. Casimir

12:10 Ann Macke from Eileen McMahon

Friday, March 5

12:10 Charlie Brosey from Mary Rust & Kids

Saturday, March 6

12:10 **BW** Rita Patrie from Carolyn Jones

7:00 **BW** George Thelen from Mary Kerr

Sunday, March 7, Third Sunday of Lent

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

10:30 **BW** Howard Mushaben from Kay & Bill Russ

12:00 **BW** Ann Macke from Nicholas, Kathy & Dana Macke Family

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.

To join us for Live Streaming of mass go to our website STROSECINCINNATI.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

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Joyce Rouse** whose funeral was this past week.

I want to tell you about the small restaurant that has opened on Riverside Dr. named "**Sinners & Saints Tavern.**" they tell me they are doing a Fish Fry starting Friday the 26th of February. They are also going to have Sunday brunches in the next month when the weather breaks. They are located at 2062 Riverside Dr., website is www.sinsaintsmoke.com, In this time when small restaurants are struggling I hope you will consider trying this new place.

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. Thank you!

The collection for **Central and Eastern Europe** was **\$528**.
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Lent†

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 12:10 mass concluding with
Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Every Wednesday in Lent beginning **February 24**

Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday **March 16th** at 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY SUNSHINE

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is beauty, admire it.

Life is a dream, realize it.

Life is a challenge, meet it.

Life is a duty, complete it.

Life is a game, play it.

Life is a promise, fulfill it.

Life is sorrow, overcome it.

Life is a song, sing it.

Life is a struggle, accept it.

Life is a tragedy, confront it.

Life is an adventure, dare it.

Life is luck, make it.

Life is life, fight for it."

Mother Teresa

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:

Brothers and sisters:
If God is for us, who can be against us?
He who did not spare his own Son
but handed him over for us all,
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?
It is God who acquits us, who will condemn?
Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—
who also is at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercedes for us.

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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 focus of today's gospel account emerges from the divine voice: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him" (Mark 9:7). His transfiguration follows the first of three predictions by Jesus of his death by crucifixion, which the disciples consistently resist. Peter's desire for three booths seems an attempt to substitute divine presence for the way of the cross. The same three disciples who witness Jesus's transformation fail to watch with him during his agony in the garden (Mark 14:32-42). Mark's readers and we ourselves are to hear the voice of a Jesus who says that the way to glory is only through the cross.

The narrative is also followed by one of the most dramatic stories in the gospel (Mark 9:14-29), the exorcism from a young boy of a destructive demon which the disciples of Jesus are powerless to combat. Raphael's magnificent panorama *The Transfiguration*, which greets visitors to the Vatican museums, captures the sequence perfectly. While Jesus and the heavenly companions are illumined in resplendent colors, the fruitless struggle of the disciples with the demon occupy the lower right-hand corner. The eye cannot help but behold the chaos of earthly evil when looking at heavenly glory.

Jesus's transfiguration is not, as some homilists state, a kind of mid-point encouragement to the disciples, since they will continue to misunderstand Jesus and will flee at his arrest; and Peter denies him. The deeper meaning of the narrative for Mark and for us during Lent is that even after moments of transcendence and transformation, we must come back to earth, continue to hear the voice of Jesus, and follow him on the way to the cross. Experience of transcendence is juxtaposed with the struggle against evil.

The readings today encourage deep faith and trust in God.

Closing Prayer

Most High God, while we may not yet see you face-to-face, still you give us mountaintop moments of faith to sustain us on the difficult journeys ahead. More so, you have given us your beloved Son, and command us to listen to him. Help us always to do so. Amen.



For Reflection:

- In the gospel, a voice from the cloud says, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." How do you take time in prayer not only to talk, but also to listen to Jesus?

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

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

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

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 118:30, 35, 15-17, 18-19
Rom 8:1b-34
Mark 9:2-10

Monday

Dan 9:4b-10
Ps 79:2, 9, 11 and 13
Luke 6:35-38

Tuesday

Isa 1:10, 16-30
Ps 50:8-9, 18-19, 20-21 and 23
Matt 23:1-12

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10
Ps 11:2, 3, 4 and 6
Luke 16:19-31

Friday

Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21
Matt 21:23-43, 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 103, 9, 10, 11
1 Cor 12:2-25
John 2:13-25 (or other readings)