

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 7, Third Sunday of Lent

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

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

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

Monday, March 8, St. John of God

12:10 Blanche Gerstner from Carol & Larry

Tuesday, March 9, St. Francis of Rome

12:10 Stan Stanley from The Ryan Family

Wednesday, March 10

12:10 Thomas R. Davis from Judy Powers and Family

Thursday, March 11

12:10 Thomas Butler from Ruth Miles

Friday, March 12

12:10 Diane Zuk from The Zuk Family

Saturday, March 13

12:10 **BW** George Thelen from Mary Kerr

7:00 **BW** Chriss Blatz from Carol & Larry

Sunday, March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

10:30 **BW** George & Clara Rosen from the Mohr Family

12:00 **BW** George Thelen from Chris Ryan

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 **James Barbara** whose funeral was this past week.

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 **Pregnancy Center East** was **\$2,300**.
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** at 7:00 P.M.

Lenten Penance Service

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

Father Mike Schmitz invites BOTH MEN & WOMEN to join him for the Cincinnati Men's Conference on March 13th at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish! Wait a minute!?! Women are being invited to a Men's conference?! That's right! The first Catholic men's conference that was created in the United States, the Cincinnati Men's Conference, is extending a NATIONAL invite to ALL men and women everywhere to virtually attend March 13th from 8am to 12pm. Only a half day, the conference is FREE. Speakers include #1 ranked podcaster on iTunes Fr. Mike Schmitz, acclaimed Psychologist Dr. Ray Guarendi, businessman and philanthropist Tony Maas. Theme of the conference is "What do I do in the face of Adversity." Get details and register FREE at CincinnatiMensConference.com.

SUNDAY SUNSHINE

~ Waiter: "How do you like your steak, sir?"
Sir: "Like winning an argument with my wife."
Waiter: "Rare it is!"

~ Monk who claims he saw face of Jesus in his margarine tub. Said "I can't believe It's not Buddha."

~ Bread is like the sun. It rises in the yeast and it sets in the waist!!



A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

Brothers and sisters:
Jews demand signs and
Greeks look for wisdom,
but we proclaim Christ crucified,
a stumbling block to Jews and
foolishness to Gentiles,
but to those who are called,
Jews and Greeks alike,
Christ the power of God and
the wisdom of God.
For the foolishness of God is
wiser than human wisdom,
and the weakness of God is
stronger than human strength.

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Opening Prayer

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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

We find it easy to admire—even if we do not imitate—the compassionate Jesus, but an angry Jesus armed with a corded whip, driving traders and moneychangers out of the Jerusalem temple and overturning their tables, may shock us. This gospel does not actually use the word “angry,” but Jesus’s actions are played out against the backdrop of the “zeal” of Psalm 69:10, and the burning passion of the psalmist for God and the house of God, the temple, that Mark places in the mouth of Jesus. This is the zeal that will consume Jesus in the hot noon of Calvary.

The cause of Jesus’s anger is not so much the money exchange in the outer court of the temple. Something much more radical is happening: the reclamation of the holy place from marketplace to his Father’s house; from empty, atrophied ritual to living worship.

The contemporary church cannot consider itself beyond the reach of Jesus’s whip or overturning hands. When church leaders connive with unjust and tyrannical civil leaders, when fundraising takes precedence over faith raising, when we refuse to tolerate or even imagine alternatives to religious practices and institutions (even when some of these are obviously in their death throes), when protecting clerical reputations trumps protecting the most vulnerable among us, then ecclesial “cleansing” is needed by prophets driven by that Spirit of Jesus. For us who are living stones in the temple of Christ’s Body, Lent is also a time for cleansing the deep personal sanctuary of our hearts, for driving out of our lives whatever clutters our discipleship, blocks our ears to the Word of God and the prophets, and distracts us from trading justly and lovingly with the gifts God has given us.

Closing Prayer

Your dwelling is lovely, Lord of Hosts. May we not only desire to share eternity there with you, but may we embody zeal for your house here on earth. May we show reverence in your holy places, and wonder and awe in your presence. Amen.

For Reflection:

• In the gospel Jesus purifies the temple. How does your faith community maintain a sacred and holy space for the people of God to worship?

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

John 2:13-25

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 marketplace.”

His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me.* At this the Jews answered and said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?”

Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”

The Jews said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his body.



Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

Readings for the week:

3rd Sunday of Lent	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	4th Sunday of Lent
Exod 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17	2Kgs 8:1-15ab	Jon 3:1-10	Deut 4:1, 5-9	Jer 7:23-28	Hos 14:2-10	Hos 6:1-6	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
Ps 103, 9, 10, 11	Ps 42:2, 3	Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9	Ps 147:12-15, 15-16, 19-20	Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9	Ps 81:8c-9a, 8bc, 9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17	Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab	Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
1 Cor 1:22-25	Luke 4:24-30	Matt 18:21-35	Matt 5:17-19	Luke 11:14-23	Matt 12:28-34	Luke 18:9-14	Eph 2:4-10
John 2:13-25 (or other readings)							John 3:14-21 (or other readings)