



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### 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

### Monday, March 15

12:10 Terry Bolton from Ray and Sharon

### Tuesday, March 16

12:10 John Bose from Linda Bose & Family

### Wednesday, March 17, St Patrick, Bishop

12:10 Bob Goldsberry from Louise Goldsberry

### Thursday, March 18, St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop

12:10 Bill Clark from Sheila Hein

### Friday, March 19, St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10 Purgatorial Society

### Saturday, March 20

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

7:00 **BW** Jeff Luther from Carol & Larry

### Sunday, March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

10:30 **BW** George Thelen from Mary Kerr

12:00 **BW** Gene Jemail from Mel Kuempel

## 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

**Sarah Thamann and Eric Smith** were united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony this weekend here at St. Rose Church.

**Margaret Hoffman Fey, Michael Christopher Wesselman II and Luigi Samuel Ionna** are being 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!

### 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.**

**FAR BE IT FROM ME TO GLORY IN ANYTHING BUT THE CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.** ~Gal 6:14

**REFLECTION:** Devout souls cling wholeheartedly to the cross with Christ. They thus acquire the most abundant fruits of the redemption for themselves and for others. ~Pope Pius XI

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, You endured crucifixion for the salvation of the world. Grant that I may love and share Your Cross on earth so that I may join You in glory in heaven.

### SUNDAY SUNSHINE

\*\*A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth..'"

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

Brothers and sisters:  
You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

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## Living Liturgy™



### Opening Prayer

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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

Today we hear one of the best-loved verses in the whole Bible, a verse that proclaims God "so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." These words are spoken in the context of the night visit of Nicodemus to Jesus. Nicodemus, a Pharisee and Jewish leader and teacher, avoids the daylight that might reveal him as associating with a man who is unpopular with his own religious institution. To be unafraid or unashamed of professing our friendship with Jesus by the way we live every day always brings hard demands. The German theologian Eugen Drewermann gives us a memorable image of ourselves when, in the words of the gospel, we "prefer darkness to light," to that light which is Jesus, given for the salvation of the world that God loves so much: "It can happen that we become like bats, like night-flying creatures who are so accustomed to the dark that our whole biorhythm is attuned to these shadowy periods, as if our eyes would be hurt and our whole lives would be turned inside out if we were dragged out of our caves and the hidden and fearful forms of our existence were exposed to the quiet regions of light and the brightness of day" (*Dying We Live: Meditations for Lent and Easter*).

But we often prefer the false safety of darkness to the light of Christ that exposes, for example, our selfish, racist, sexist, or violent selves. We all have our own caves that we need to name. Lent is designed to drag us out of their darkness into the Easter light of Christ through prayer, fasting, and the "almsgiving" of the gift of ourselves as well as the offer of material assistance to our sisters and brothers in many kinds of need.

### Closing Prayer

God, you gave us your only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. As you were lifted up, so too you raise us up, we who believe, to eternal life. May our lives, in turn, show gratitude. Amen.



#### For Reflection:

• In today's gospel, Jesus tells Nicodemus, "The light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." Where do you perceive light encountering darkness in your community at this moment?

#### 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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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 14, 2021

### Gospel

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.



For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

### Readings for the week:

4th Sunday of Lent	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	5th Sunday of Lent
2 Chr 35:14-16, 19-23	Isa 62:17-21	Ezek 47:1-9, 12	Isa 49:8-15	Ezek 32:7-14	St. Joseph	Jer 11:18-20	Jer 31:31-34
Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6	Ps 302 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b	Ps 462-3, 5-6, 8-9	Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18	Ps 108:19-20, 21-22, 23	2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16	Ps 72:3, 9bc-10, 11-12	Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15
John 3:14-21 (or other readings)	John 4:43-54	John 5:1-35	John 5:17-30	John 5:31-47	Ps 80:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29	John 7:40-53	Hab 3:7-9
					Rom 4:23, 36-38, 22		John 12:20-33 (or other readings)
					Matt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a		