

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### 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

### Monday, March 22

12:10 Mary Rizzo from The Rizzo & Mackey Family

### Tuesday, March 23

12:10 Rose Quehl from Kay & Bill Russ

### Wednesday, March 24

12:10 Howard Mushaben from Kay & Bill Russ

### Thursday, March 25, Annunciation of the Lord

12:10 John & Mary Rizzo from The Rizzo & Mackey Family

### Friday, March 26

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

### Saturday, March 27

12:10 **BW** Paul Gerstner from Carol & Larry

7:00 **BW** Thomas Butler from Ruth Miles

### Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday of the Pasion of the Lord

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

10:30 **BW** Gene Jemail from The Rolfes Family

12:00 **BW** George Osterfeld from All of your Children

## 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

**Jidenna Joseph Ndukwe** is being welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

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

### 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.

### Pregnancy Center East

"For the first time, Pregnancy Center East's *Banquet For Life* will be virtual. Join us **on Monday, April 26 at 7:00 pm**. Enjoy a lively, inspiring evening from the comfort of your home with keynote speakers, the Benham Brothers. You'll also meet a client, Lindsay, who shares her story of tragedy and triumph. To get more information, visit [SupportPCE.com](http://SupportPCE.com) or contact Karen at [kdorger1@gmail.com](mailto:kdorger1@gmail.com) or (513) 236-8006, or Anne at [7keefes@gmail.com](mailto:7keefes@gmail.com) or (513) 207-1631."

**MY SOUL HOLDS FAST FOR YOU; YOUR RIGHT HAND SUPPORTS ME.**

~Ps 63:9

**REFLECTION:** Love of God inflames us with a desire to contemplate his beauty. This contemplation is in turn the cause of greater love for God on your part.

~St. Thomas Aquinas

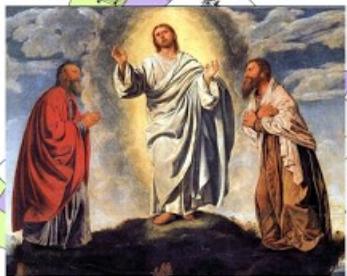
**PRAYER:** God of goodness, teach me to love You with all my heart, mind and soul. Grant that I may ardently desire to contemplate You and grow in Your love.

### SUNDAY SUNSHINE

~ "Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

~There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.  
"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.



### A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

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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

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### 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	Ps 462-3, 5-6, 8-9	Ps 145:8-9	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)	5-6, 11-12a and 13b John 4:43-54	John 5:1-16	13cd-14, 17-18 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 John 12:20-33 (or other readings)
					Rev 4:13, 16-18, 22		
					Matt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a		