



A reading from the Book of Joshua:

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

This Weekend's Hymns

All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.

Opening Hymn: #272

Communion: #222

Closing Hymn: #247

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 22, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 **BW** Earl & Ruth Wirth from Rose Ann & Brian
10:30 **DE** Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose
12:00 **DE** Purgatorial Society

Monday, August 23

12:10 David Nauss from Meg Nauss

Tuesday, August 24, St Bartholomew, Apostle

12:10 Rob Lange from Elaine Mushaben & Diane Otrembiak

Wednesday, August 25

12:10 Alois & Christa Wedekind from The Mohr Family

Thursday, August 26

12:10 Terry Bolton from Ray Kemble

Friday, August 27, St Monica

12:00 Adrian Boland from Mark & Deborah Wilson

Saturday, August 28, St Augustine, Bishop

12:10 **BW** Josph Ferguson from Don & Lary Lee Olinger

7:00 **BW** Pat Coyne from Charlie Quehl

Sunday, August 29, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30 **BW** Dennis Joseph Barron from Judy, Todd, Tim & Nan

12:00 **BW** Special Intention for Sharon Kemble from Ray Kemble



Here at St. Rose

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

BEACONS UPDATE: BE HEARD, STAY INFORMED, SIGN UP

Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will impact every parish in the archdiocese, including ours. To stay on top of the latest developments on Beacons of Light, sign up for the free monthly *Beacons Update* newsletter at www.CatholicAOC.org/Beacons.



LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

St. Rose Golf Outing will be August 29th, 2021
12:30pm@ California Golf Course
Get a foursome and Register now!!!

You have not resisted unto death in your struggle with sin. ~Heb 12:4
Reflection. *Martyrdom does not consist only in dying for one's faith. Martyrdom also consists in serving God with love and purity of heart every day of one's life. ~St Jerome*

Prayer. *Dear Lord, let me offer You all my daily struggles against sin and evil. Grant me the strength to resist even the shedding of blood if it should be required of me.*

From the Pastor's Desk

Live Streaming STROSECINNATI.ORG and click on [WATCH LIVE](#).

CCD

St Rose's CCD program is looking for a 6th grade teacher.

CCD starts **September 19th** Kdg.- 8th grades. Classes are every Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15. Registration will be on Sept. 19 at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Debbie Wesselman wesselmandmma@aol.com or 513-703-8229

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

In an effort to increase our internet security, we will no longer be using strosecin@aol.com as our church email address. Please remove this address from your contact list. Moving forward, please use the new church address: office@strosecincinnati.org. Thank you for your cooperation! email

HAITI

WE WILL BE HAVING A SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND AT THE DOORS AFTER MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAITI

THANK YOU!!

Sunday Sunshine

- ~ When you die, what part of the body dies last? The pupils...they dilate.
- ~ A friend of mine went bald years ago, but still carries around an old comb. He just can't part with it.
- ~ You know there's no official training for trash collectors? They just pick things up as they go along.
- ~ What do you call a woman who sets fire to all her bills? Bernadette.
- ~ Never criticize someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you'll be a mile away, and wearing their shoes.



Opening Prayer

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.

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 time of decision-making has come for those listening to Jesus's bread of life discourse. It is not only his opponents, but his followers, his own disciples, who are scandalized by his words. They complain that it is an intolerable teaching, too hard, too offensive to accept.

Then Jesus asks those who are still with him, "Do you also want to leave?" It is Simon Peter who answers: he is the Holy One of God who offers them the words of eternal life. Today's Lectionary portion finishes here, no doubt to conclude the bread of life discourse on a positive note, but we also need to hear the last two verses, to realize that even at the moment of this profession of profound faith (John 6:71-72), the church is haunted by the reality of betrayal that lurks in the background and is always a tragic possibility for any of Jesus's disciples. One night Peter will huddle in the dark corner of denial, and Judas will betray his master. To continue with Jesus is an ongoing struggle with the possibility of right or wrong decisions for or against him.

There are times when we, too, may have felt like walking away from the Eucharist: tired of words about it that seem empty of spirit and life, bored with poor celebrations of it, some of us leaving because change is too slow, others because it is too fast. But perhaps our greatest betrayal is our failure to realize that when we are not in communion with our sisters and brothers we fail to be in communion with the Body of Christ. Peter's response—"Master, to whom shall we go?"—faces us with the memory of the Servant Jesus who went to death, who gave his full human reality, his body and blood, for us, so that we might share in his eternal risen life.

Closing Prayer

Lord, being your disciple is joy and life. Being your disciple is challenging and difficult. Yet you are the Holy One of God; where else would we turn? All else, all others leave us empty and yearning for more. Strengthen our faith, grant us perseverance, increase our trust. Amen.



For Reflection:

• In the gospel, we hear of many disciples returning to their "former way of life" after being shocked by Jesus's words. Which of Jesus's teachings is most difficult for you to follow faithfully?

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 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?"

Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe."

Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."



As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Readings for the week:

21st Sunday in Ord. Time	Monday	Tuesday St. Bartholomew, Apostle	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	22nd Sunday in Ord. Time
Joh 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 30-31 Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 John 6:91-99	1 Thess 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 140:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Matt 23:13-22	Rev 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 John 1:45-51	1 Thess 2:9-19 Ps 130:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab Matt 23:27-32	1 Thess 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 Matt 24:42-51	1 Thess 4:1-8 Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Matt 25:1-13	1 Thess 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Matt 25:14-30	Daut 4:1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23