



A reading from the Letter of St James

Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This Weekend's Hymns

All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.

- Opening Hymn: #223**
- Communion: #274**
- Closing Hymn: #325**

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, August 30

- 12:10 Oscar & Marie Mohr from The Mohr Family

Tuesday, August 31

- 12:10 Rick Adams from Ray Kemble

Wednesday, September 1

- 12:10 Marianne Kurtinitis from Kathleen Mason

Thursday, September 2

- 12:10 Jim Kuszewski from Mary

Friday, September 3, St Gregory the Great, Pope

- 12:00 Diane Zuk from The Zuk Family

Saturday, September 4

- 12:10 **BW** Jim Condo from Bill & Ralene Zimmerman

- 7:00 **BW** George Thelen from Chris Ryan

Sunday, September 5, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 **BW** Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose
- 10:30 **DE** Charlie O'Leary from Barbara Juengling
- 12:00 **DE** Jim & Betty O'Toole from Frank & Stephanie O'Toole

From the Pastor's Desk

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Here at St. Rose

Lisa Renner and Stephen Bascom were united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony this weekend.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the souls of **Jim Rudolph, Rita Zinco and William Stoy** whose funerals were this past week.

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!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We are thrilled to announce the return of our annual Christmas Concerts this year on Thursday, December 16th at 7:30 PM; Friday, December 17th at 7:30 PM; and Sunday, December 19th at 3:00 PM. Because we were sadly not able to do so in 2020, this year we will be honoring Fr. Barry's 20-year anniversary as pastor of St. Rose with the world premiere of *Ring Out, Ye Bells!* by internationally acclaimed composer Dominick DiOrio, who composed the work in Fr. Barry's honor. Tickets will be released early to parishioners in the coming month or so. In the meantime, mark your calendars!



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.



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Turn Away from your wicked ways and from your wicked deeds.

~Zec 1:4

Reflection. *Let us brace ourselves with strong energy against the incitements of evil habits.*

By so doing, we can often turn those evil habits to the account of virtue.

~St Gregory the Great

Prayer. *Almighty God, let me be ever mindful that You can draw good out of evil. Help me to fight against my evil tendencies and turn them into occasions for strengthening virtues.*

Sunday Sunshine

Due to isolation, I finished three books yesterday. And that is a lot of coloring.

On average, a Panda feeds about 12 hours a day. This is the same for an adult at home under quarantine. That is why we call it a Pandemic.

If con is the opposite of pro, is congress the opposite of progress?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?



Opening Prayer

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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 life context of the early Markan church was being drastically altered by the numbers of Gentiles who were entering into the Christian community. Tension inevitably arose between these new converts and the Christians whose faith had been nourished in the rich soil of Judaism. Many of the latter felt that the traditions they held dear, and that were reconcilable with following Jesus, had been carelessly trampled down or uprooted by the Gentile Christians to whom such traditions meant little or nothing.

On the other hand, the Gentile Christians felt coerced by what, to them, were meaningless laws and rituals. To reconcile both groups in baptismal freedom and love was an ongoing challenge for community leaders. The "tradition of the elders," rightly understood, were not an attempt to bury the commands of God under suffocating trivia, but rather to aerate the whole of Jewish life with mindfulness of the people's identity and responsibilities as God's people. For the sake of the non-Jewish readers, Mark enumerates some of the traditional rituals of washing that are observed.

Jesus responds to the Pharisees' challenge about the behavior of his disciples with a quotation from the prophet Isaiah, addressing them as "hypocrites." Out of the strong Jewish prophetic tradition of self-criticism, Isaiah spoke of religious practices that were on the lips but not in the heart as a superficial and external "playacting" at true religion. The Pharisees have fallen into the same religious trap of absolutizing their own human traditions of outward observance, not the commands of God. What should be washed is not so much pots and pans and hands, but their own hearts. External rituals have value only insofar as they encourage or express the dedication of our hearts. Before we eat as a eucharistic community, are our hearts clean?

Closing Prayer

God of the living, you yourself are relationship, and call us into relationship with you. When we get caught up in religious laws and rules, remind us that you too are love and light. Fill us with these, open our ears, help us to hear you and understand. Amen.

For Reflection:

• In the gospel, Jesus quotes the prophet Isaiah who condemned hypocrites who honor God with their lips, "but their hearts are far from [God]." What spiritual practices keep your heart close to God?

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 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. —For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds.— So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.

"From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

Readings for the week:

Table with 7 columns: 22nd Sunday in Ord. Time, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and 23rd Sunday in Ord. Time. Each column lists the corresponding Bible readings.