



A reading from the book of Deuteronomy:

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

**This Weekend's Hymns**

*All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.*

**Opening Hymn: #300**  
**Communion: #204**  
**Closing Hymn: #349**

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# Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 31, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**NO MASSES SUNDAY THE 31ST DUE TO FLYING PIG MARATHON**

**Monday, November 1, All Saints Day**

12:10 Charlie O'Leary from Barbara Juengling

**Tuesday, November 2, All Soul's Day**

12:10 Deceased Members of St. Rose

**Wednesday, November 3**

12:10 Thomas Davis from Judy Powers & Family

**Thursday, November 4, St Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

12:10 Jim McMahon from The Family

**Friday, November 5**

12:00 Diane Zuk from The Zuk Family

**Saturday, November 6**

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

7:00 **BW** Special Intention for Sharon Kemble from Ray Kemble

**Sunday, November 7, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

10:30 **BW** Matt Bryan from Mel & Family

12:00 **BW** Jim & Betty O'Toole from Frank & Stephanie O'Toole

## From the Pastor's Desk

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

## Here at St. Rose

**Leah Eileen Williams, Harrison Andrew Gerhard and Giovanna Kay Anselmi** were welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism.

**Rachel Roman and Mitchell Hodge** were united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony this weekend.

## Beacons of Light



The Beacons of Light pastoral planning process is geared toward unifying each Family of Parishes by 2027. **There is no expectation that every facet of parish life will immediately conform to the pastoral planning parameters on July 1, 2022.** For example, while there may need to be an eventual reduction in the number of Masses offered for the Sunday obligation in a given Family, this decision should not be taken hastily, and certainly not before July 1, 2022. Making tangible progress toward the goals – including a Mass schedule in conformity with the planning parameters – is what's important, with each decision/adjustment made only after proper consultation, data-gathering and prayerful prudential discernment.

**NOVEMBER 1ST—ALL SAINTS DAY IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR. THERE WILL ONLY BE THE 12:10PM MASS**

We collected \$5,541 on **World Mission Sunday**  
THANK YOU for your generosity and kindness.

THE HOPE EMERGENCY CHRISTMAS DRIVE WILL BE EVERY WEEKEND IN NOVEMBER

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE WILL BE UPON US BEFORE TO LONG!!

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## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Our Christmas Concerts this year will be on Thursday, December 16th at 7:30 PM; Friday, December, 17th at 7:30 PM; and Sunday, December 19th at 3:00 PM. Tickets will be available for parishioners only starting Monday, November 1st on the parish website at [www.strosecincinnati.org/tickets](http://www.strosecincinnati.org/tickets). On Monday, November 15th, tickets will be made available to the public, so we encourage parishioners to reserve their tickets as soon as possible. Individuals may reserve up to four tickets to one concert. All guests will be required to wear face masks. Guests 18 and older will be required to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test result and a photo ID. The full policy will be available on the website. If you have any questions, please email music director Trevor Kroeger at [music@strosecincinnati.org](mailto:music@strosecincinnati.org).

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*I have been most zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. ~1 Ki 19:14*

*Reflection. Truly zealous persons are also those who love, but they stand on a higher plane of love. The more they are inflamed by love, the more urgently zeal drives them on. ~St. Anthony Claret*

*Prayer. Lord God of Hosts, grant me a holy zeal for You based on a love that is true. May everything I do contribute to Your greater glory and bring others to You.*

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## Sunday Sunshine

- ~ The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
- ~ I thought I saw an eye-doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
- ~ No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- ~ Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- ~ Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- ~ When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
- ~ A backward poet writes inverse.



### Opening Prayer

Almighty and merciful God,  
by whose gift your faithful offer you  
right and praiseworthy service,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may hasten without stumbling  
to receive the things you have promised.  
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

In the verses immediately before today's gospel we learn that Jesus is in the Temple (cf. Mark 11:27), confronted by the heckling and casuistry of the leaders of the religious establishment. There is not much love around as they question his authority. One scribe, however, stands attentively on the margins. His question—"Which is the first of all the commandments?"—is not intended to provoke argument but is a sincere quest for truth, and dialogue, not debate, is the result. Jesus answers the scribe by quoting the verses of Deuteronomy about love of God that we have heard in the first reading, but then he adds to this Leviticus 19:18: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Following Jesus's words there is a moment of rare intimacy, of agreement between him and the scribe, between the old law and the new. Then the scribe comments that the love of God and neighbor should take precedence over any sacrificial cult or ritual empty of such love. Jesus affirms his insight as one that brings him close to the reigning presence of God.

This meeting of Jesus and the scribe becomes an enactment of the great commandment of love. They treat each other as neighbors, transcending party politics and religious differences, crossing the dividing line between "you" and "us." In the sea of hostility that Mark describes in this chapter of his gospel, the mutual affirmation of Jesus and the scribe is like an island of reconciliation. It surely has much to say to us, as individuals or communities, about the course we should set in daily relationships or in ecumenical and interfaith dialogue. With Mark, we should know only too well that Judaism has no monopoly on such distortions of faith.

### Closing Prayer

Divine Unity, you teach us that love of neighbor is love of you. Through devoted prayer to you and earnest service to those around us, draw us in ever closer to holiness, keep us *not far from the kingdom of God*, you who reign forever and ever. Amen.



### For Reflection:

• In the gospel, Jesus quotes the first commandment as loving "the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." Who in your life exemplifies this all-encompassing fidelity 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 12:28b-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him,

"Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "The first is this:

*Hear, O Israel!*

*The Lord our God is Lord alone!*

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*

The second is this:

*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

There is no other commandment greater than these."

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher.

You are right in saying,

'He is One and there is no other than he.'



And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

### Readings for the week:

| 31st Sunday in Ord. Time | Monday All Saints  | Tuesday All Souls                | Wednesday           | Thursday              | Friday                | Saturday               | 32nd Sunday in Ord. Time  |
|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Deut 6:2-6               | Rev 7:2-4, 9-14    | Wis 5:1-9                        | Rom 12:8-10         | Rom 14:7-12           | Rom 15:14-21          | Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27  | 1 Kgs 17:10-16            |
| Ps 122:3, 3-4, 47, 51    | Ps 243-2, 3-4, 5-6 | Ps 231:3a, 3b-4, 5, 6            | Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 | Ps 27:1bode, 4, 13-14 | Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 | Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 | Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10       |
| Hab 7:23-28              | Matt 5:1-12a       | Rom 8:5-11 or 6:3-9              | Luke 14:25-33       | Luke 15:1-10          | Luke 16:1-8           | Luke 16:9-15           | Hab 9:24-28               |
| Mark 12:28b-34           |                    | John 6:27-40 (or other readings) |                     |                       |                       |                        | Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44 |