

Brothers and sisters:
Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.
And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly....

Romans

This Weekend's Hymns

All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.

Opening Hymn: #210
vv.1-3

Closing Hymn: #273

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Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 20

8:30 **BW** Mary Hemmer

10:30 **DE** Jim Rudolph from The 10:30 Ushers

12:00 **DE** Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

Monday, March 21

12:10 Tom Myers from Patti Hannahan

Tuesday, March 22

12:10 Howard Mushaben from Elaine and Family

Wednesday, March 23

12:10 Nancy Bove from Evelyn Roehrig

Thursday, March 24

12:10 Tom Myers from Mary Lou and John Reshoft

Friday, March 25

12:10 Marilyn Kelsch from Charlie and Kathy

Saturday, March 26

12:10 **BW** Debbie Hogan from Meg Hogan

7:00 **BW** Nellie Dillon from Carol and Larry

Sunday, March 27

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

10:30 **BW** Jack Gulden from Judy Thelen

12:00 **BW** Steve Bruser from Brian and Rose Ann

From the Pastor's Desk

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Pilgrimage with Fr. Barry

Fr. Barry is putting together a group trip for the fall that starts in Strasbourg and ends in Paris. The dates are September 26 to October 5. If you are interested in going and want an itinerary please call the office (513)871-1162

Here at St. Rose

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the repose of the soul of Tom Fair whose funeral was this past week here at St. Rose Church.

Job Opportunity

St. Rose Church is looking for a part time secretary on Tuesdays through Fridays from 10:00-2:00. Applicant needs to be proficient at computers and willing to learn Archdiocesan Software. Please call office or Fr. Barry at 513-871-1162.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE Ash Wednesday, March 2nd and Good Friday, April 15, 2022 are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast—that is, limited to a single full meal. With regard to Good Friday, the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled:

Let the Pascal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind. (Constitution on the Liturgy, No. 110)

The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday. (Canons 97 and 1252)

People should seek to do *more* rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion.

Lent†

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 12:10 mass concluding with

Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 7pm

Every Wednesday in Lent beginning **March 9th**

Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday **April 5th** at 7:00 P.M.

PLEASE SIGN UP IN BACK OF CHURCH FOR THE WEDNESDAY ADORATIONS

COLLINS AVENUE COMING DOWN FROM WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT WILL BE CLOSED STARTING MARCH 21ST FOR 150 DAYS (5 MONTHS)

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The St. Rose Music Society will present *Handel & Haydn: The Sacred Masterworks* on Sunday, May 15th at 3:00 PM. This 75-minute concert will feature two exhilarating 18-century Catholic masterworks for chorus and orchestra: Handel's virtuosic tour-de-force *Dixit Dominus* and Haydn's *Missa in Angustiis* (Mass for Troubled Times). Admission is free, but tickets are required. To reserve tickets, visit www.strosecincinnati.org/tickets or call the parish office at (513) 871-1162.



Opening Prayer

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

In the judgment of the orchard owner in today's gospel reading, time has run

out for the tree that had not borne fruit for three years, and it needs to be cut down. It is all "take" from the soil that must also nourish the other trees, and not "give." But the gardener begs his master to be patient and allow him another year of extra effort, of digging round and fertilizing the tree to see if it will bear some fruit. If it still does not, then it can be cut down. By choosing this reading for Lent, the church suggests that the loving patience of our God is giving us another chance to do some seasonal gardening on ourselves: to loosen the soil around our personal and communal earthbound roots with the tools of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; to fertilize our lives with the rich Lenten liturgy of Word and sacrament; and to strengthen, not weaken, one another by mutual care and kindness.

The tree is a fig, a sturdy tree. Unlike some of our indoor plants, fig trees do not droop and die overnight. It takes a long drought, continuous and insidious gnawing at the roots, or protracted neglect to make a fig tree barren. And what about us? What has gradually dried up and withered our Christian lives? Are there small infidelities gnawing away at the roots of our baptismal commitment? Are we failing to cultivate or prune our discipleship so that the sap of the Christ-life may continue to rise within us? Like the Galileans and the victims of the Siloam collapse, we can never be sure how many "next years" lie ahead of us. "Today," this Lent, is the important time of conversion.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. Do not give up on us, but give our hearts the opportunity to bloom and grow. In your generous love help us remain faithful to your Gospel and the way of life to which we are called. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

• Where have you seen a fruitless fig tree bloom in your life? What was your process for cultivating fruit?

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

Luke 13:1-9

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans?"

By no means!

But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!

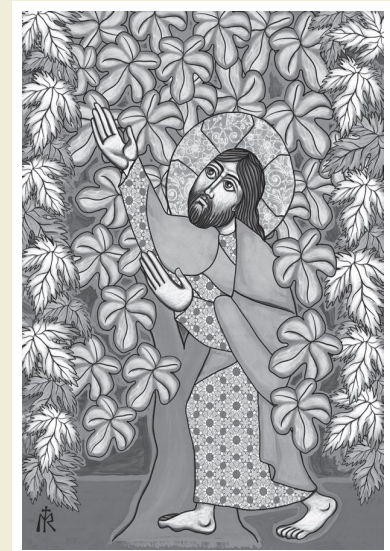
Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem?

By no means!

But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

And he told them this parable:

"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener,



'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.

So cut it down.

Why should it exhaust the soil?"

He said to him in reply,

'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it;

it may bear fruit in the future.

If not you can cut it down.'"

Readings for the week:

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exod 3:1-8a, 13-15
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9 (or other readings)

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab
Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dan 3:25, 34-43
Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9
Matt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Deut 4:1, 5-9
Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Matt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Luke 11:14-23

Friday Annunciation

Isa 7:10-14; 8:10
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11
Heb 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 20-21ab
Luke 18:9-14

4th Sunday of Lent

Josh 5:9a, 10-12
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 20-21ab
2 Cor 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (or other readings)