

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him. Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing. The eyes of God are on those who fear him; he understands man's every deed. No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin.

Sirach 15:15-20

This Weekend's Hymns
All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.
Opening: #345
Communion: #317
Closing: #269

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Sunday, February 12 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 KS Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose
 10:30 DE Victor Craft from Marilouise and Terrence Wall
 12:00 DE Rob Alfieri from Elaine Herzog

Monday, February 13

12:10 Frank Fisher from Mary Fisher

Tuesday, February 14

12:10 Paul Gosiger from Molly and Jeff Seamon

Wednesday, February 15

12:10 Patrick Wolohan from The Tara Kilcoyne Family

Thursday, February 16

12:10 Frank Fisher from Mary Fisher

Friday, February 17

12:10 George and Clara Rosen from The Mohr Family

Saturday, February 18

12:10 BW Tom Costello from The Family
 7:00 AP Kathleen Clark from Chris Ryan and Family

Sunday, February 19 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 BW Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose
 10:30 ER Michael Ryan from Chris
 12:00 ER John Gormly from Families of Paul Hendricks & Sharon Montgomery

HERE AT ST. ROSE

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WEDDING COORDINATORS NEEDED

If you can help, please call the office or see Fr. Barry. We will train.

The following children were welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism here at St. Rose Church on February 5: **Grant Reinhard Fredricks** and **Kelly Hoban Keating**

2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

Information about the CMA will be arriving in the mail over the next week. We invite you to prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's CMA. Thank you for your support. These ministries include:

St. Rita School for the Deaf, Our Retired Archdiocesan Priests, Campus, Hospital, and Prison Ministries, Our Seminary and Vocations work at the Athenaeum of Ohio, New Evangelization Programing and Catholic Charities & Social Services

NATIONAL MEN'S CONFERENCE

The National Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Cintas Center on Xavier's campus. Join us as we hear from inspiring presenters, including keynote speaker **Jonathan Roumie** of *The Chosen*, grow in fellowship, and build our relationship with Jesus Christ centered on the Eucharist. Mass will be concelebrated by **Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr** and **Bishop Earl K. Fernandes**. To purchase tickets or for more information visit: nationalmensconference.com

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES AND MASSES 2023

Couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2023 can request a certificate signed by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr by visiting <https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources>. Anniversary certificates will be mailed once a month from January 2023 through March 2023. For requests from March 1, 2023 through June 15, 2023, anniversary certificates will be mailed to parishes in late June, 2023.

Married couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2023 are invited to attend the following Golden Anniversary Mass:

Sunday, August 6 at 11:00 a.m. at Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati (Celebrant: Very Rev. Jan K. Schmidt)

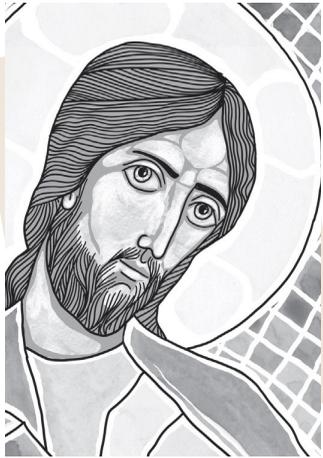
Couples should register to attend one of the Masses by completing the online anniversary certificate request form by visiting <https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources>. Please contact the Marriage & Family Evangelization Office at cne@catholicaoc.org with any questions.

LENTEN REMINDERS—FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday, February 22 and Good Friday, April 7, are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays 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, 1252).

ITALY TRIP 2023

Father Barry is taking a final group trip to Italy for 12 days starting September 26th. If you are interested, call the office.



Opening Prayer

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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

As he says, Jesus does not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets but to carry forward to its fulfillment the movement of transcending, interiorizing, stripping away empty externals and legalistic minutiae that had distorted God's revelation.

So Jesus focuses not so much on the evils of murder, adultery, or lying, but on the way these take root in the human heart. In other words, he proposes a radical reinterpretation of the teaching. We can look askance at the end point of the continuum of evil and yet not recognize the subtle and dangerous first point when we begin to orient our lives in that direction. Anger, hostility, and insults do not belong in the Christian community, for these are the seedbed of the sin of murder that destroys God's sacred gift of life to another human being. We have seen the drastic outcomes of a religiously insulting cartoon, ethnic prejudice, the first verbal or physical blows of domestic violence.

In his autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom*, Nelson Mandela writes about the wardens who guarded him and the other prisoners and their essential humanity. He believed that hostility toward them was self-defeating, and that everyone, even our enemies, can change. On February 11, 1990, the day that Mandela was to be released from prison after twenty-seven and a half years, the crowd that had gathered outside and the millions throughout the world who were watching on TV became anxious as the time for his release was well past. Would he not walk free after all? But he did, and the reason for the long delay was because he was saying an emotional goodbye and thank-you to his guards. In his freedom speech that night, Mandela reminded the world that we can all imprison ourselves behind the bars of prejudice and narrow-mindedness.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. Give us the desire to work with humility and openness as we follow your gospel and the way of discipleship. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

• How could letting go of internal sins such as anger and lust enable you to live more wholeheartedly as a disciple of Jesus?

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 Prayers."

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Gospel

Matthew 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37 (shorter form) or Matthew 5:17-37 (longer form)

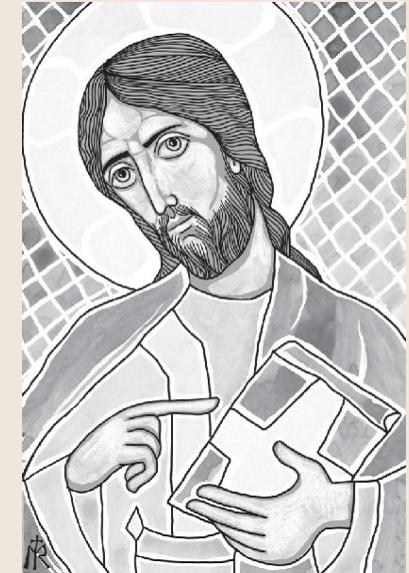
Jesus said to his disciples:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.

But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.

"You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.



"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.

But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

Readings for the week:

6th Sunday in Ord. Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	7th Sunday in Ord. Time
Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Cor 2:6-10 Matt 5:17-37 or Matt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37	Gen 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 Mark 8:11-13	Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 Mark 8:14-21	Gen 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Mark 8:22-26	Gen 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 Mark 8:27-33	Gen 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15 Mark 8:34-9:1	Heb 11:1-7 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 Mark 9:2-13	Lev 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 3:16-23 Matt 5:38-48