



**Sunday, February 26 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 8:30 BW Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose  
 10:30 BW Paul Gosiger from George and Betsie Molinsky  
 12:00 BW Ann and Joseph Macke from The Macke Family

**Monday, February 27**  
 12:10 William Farrell from Nancy Farrell

**Tuesday, February 28**  
 12:10 Estelle Lange from Elaine Mushaben and Family

**Wednesday, March 1**  
 12:10 John O'Neill from Kathleen and Kenneth Schoenfelder

**Thursday, March 2**  
 12:10 Nellie Dillon from Carol and Larry

**Friday, March 3**  
 12:10 Dan Noe from Mary Buetler

**Saturday, March 4**  
 12:10 BW Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose  
 7:00 ER Robert Linder from Judy Penker Thelen

**Sunday, March 5 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 8:30 BW Charlie Brosey from Mary Rust and Family  
 10:30 BW Mary Connaughton from The Connaughton Family  
 12:00 BW Joseph Macke from The Macke Family

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*"

Matthew 4:1-11

**This Weekend's Hymns**  
**All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.**  
**Opening: #182**  
**Closing: #190**

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**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Most of us have something we give up every year for Lent. My mother and father decided a few years ago to give up alcohol. Not that it is a problem for them, it is a luxury that they choose to do without, and instead of a martini together in the evening, they spend the time in prayer. Like them, what I give up is also something I take on. As a night owl I like to catch up on tv or a steaming service around 9 to 11 p.m. Often I get home around then from night meetings at the parishes and it's a way to mentally take a breather. During Lent I give up everything but my phone, and that is only in case of a hospital call, after 9 p.m. I try to fill that time in prayer or study to grow closer to God through a dedicated window of time.

Our Gospel reading today highlights fasting and abstinence, two hallmarks of Lent. To give up meat on Fridays, to abstain from something we enjoy in order to build up our will-power. Christ did this before He started his three years public ministry, and the devil tempted Him with three things most of us as human beings struggle with.

The first temptation was self-reliance, that we can provide for ourselves, our families, we have to make peace with the fact that we are not in control, the life we have is a gift, not earned. The next temptation was one we sometimes fall into, testing God, or allowing Him to be God in our lives when we need something. We act like that friend we all dread getting a phone call from because there is always an emergency that only we can help them with. Once the fire is extinguished, we never see them or hear from them again until the next doomsday has arrived. The final temptation is to run after success, power and wealth instead of love and doing God's will, not our own.

This Lent challenge yourself, give up something that is a real sacrifice. Sin is a disease, that strips us of our strength, resolve, and integrity. It is freedom with a broken compass. We have to train our freewill to will God not ourselves. This is through acts of fasting and abstinence and the grace of a God who loves us.

May the Love, Peace and Grace of God be with you,

Father Adam

**HERE AT ST. ROSE**

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Susan Moore** who's funeral was this week.

**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](http://nationalmensconference.com)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LENTEN SOUP SUPPER**

Our family of parishes will be hosting four Lenten Soup Suppers during the first four Tuesdays of Lent. **The one at St. Rose will be Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m.** and we are asking for volunteers to sign up to bring one crock pot of your favorite soup. Please sign up in the back of church if you would like to help out. For details about the suppers and dates/times at all four locations, see attached.

**LENTEN REMINDERS**

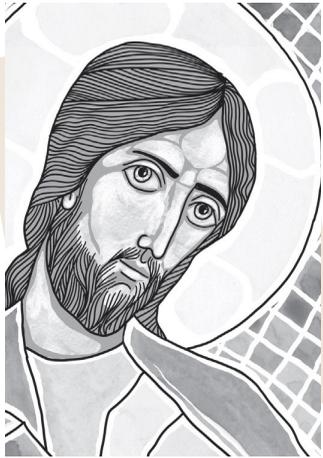
Ash Wednesday, February 22 and Good Friday, April 7, are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of **abstinence** binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of **fasting** binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (canons 97, 1252).

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** after the 12:10 mass concluding with **Stations of the Cross & Benediction** every Wednesday in Lent beginning March 1st.

Lenten Penance Service is Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 P.M.

**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?

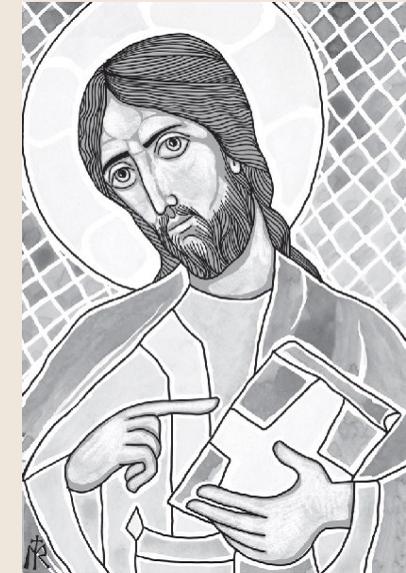
**Suggestions for group and individual use:**

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