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John

Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 17:3-7

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 2018

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Third Sunday of Lent

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

10:30 **TH** Diane Zuk from the Zuk Family

12:00 **TH** James Michael Gangloff from the Family

Monday, March 5

12:10 Colette Donahue from Kevin Fogarty

Tuesday, March 6

12:10 Jeff Clark

7:00 Penance Service

Wednesday, March 7

12:10 Purgatorial Society

7:00 Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Thursday, March 8

12:10 Gus Juengling from Julia Jackson

Friday, March 9

12:10 Jerry Stoeckle from Helen Weartz

Saturday, March 10

12:10 Peggy Benzinger from Helen Weartz

BW 7:00 Martha "Dolly" Sawma (Birth Remembrance) from the Family

Sunday, March 11

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

10:30 **BW** Gus Juengling from Patty and Barry Savage

12:00 **BW** Allan & Nancy Woodhouse (Special Intention—60th Anniversary) from Diane Robisch, Dianne Vollman, Mary Jo Martin

***St. Rose Lenten penance service is Tuesday,
March 6th at 7:00 pm.***

We will have **Adoration and Stations of the Cross** followed by Benediction next Wednesday, March 7th at 7pm. Adoration will begin following the 12:10pm mass and will continue until the Stations of the Cross, which begin at 7:00pm. It is very important to have people in the church continuously during this time. If you would like to volunteer to remain in the church for one-hour increments, please see the sign up sheet in the back of church. We need at least two volunteers in the church at all times.

From the Pastor's Desk

Pregnancy Center East will be hosting our Banquet For Life the evening of Thursday, April 19 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Cincinnati. The keynote speaker is Michelle Malkin, political commentator and best-selling author. This fundraising dinner supports the Center's mission to offer women life-giving alternatives to abortion. Follow-up care includes single parent support, material assistance, mentoring and post-abortion healing. Chastity education is provided for local Catholic schools. Tickets are \$75 each for adults, and \$50 each for guests under 21 years of age. For reservation information, call 513-321-3100, or go online to: www.SupportPCE.com

Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2018

Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, March 6, 7:00 PM

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 7, March 14, March 21 & March 28

7:00 PM

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper Thursday, March 29th at 7PM

Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 30th at 12:00 PM

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 31st at 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12 PM

Lectors/Lay Distributors for March 10 and March 11

7:00 Joe Christmann, Wm. Russ, M. Luehrmann, Mike Gregorio

8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Michael Trotta,
Lenny Diaspro

10:30 Michael Alfieri, Roland Becker, Tim McMahon, Bob Sheil,

Joe Sonnefeld

12:00 Pat Burke, John Flick, Pat Homan, Shawn Gillette



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, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read the Gospel of John. The story of Jesus driving out the money changers happens during Holy Week in the Synoptic Gospels, but early in Jesus' ministry in John's gospel. At the time of Jesus, the temple had become a place of commodification. Oxen, sheep, and doves were sold to be sacrificed. It wasn't enough for one to bring one's own animals. They had to pass an inspection, and were "pre-certified," so to speak, guaranteed to be without blemish and worthy of sacrifice. It does not take much imagination to think there might have been a markup for this quality assurance. For a nice price you could buy a worthy sacrifice. How quickly and easily does religion seem to fall into a trap of commodification? Similar things have happened in our own church history as well. The selling of indulgences readily comes to mind.

The unholy alliance of money and the access to religion that it buys were scandalous then, and should be scandalous today. Jesus responds to this scandal as the Scriptures foretold (Ps 69:9). He is zealous, passionate for his Father's house, which has been turned into a bazaar. But for Jesus, the temple is holy, not worthy of profanation, neither the Father's house nor Jesus' own self. The example Jesus gives us today demands consideration. We must recoil at every instance of commodified religion, or a selling of God's grace. God's presence is not to be bartered; it is not a commodity. God's grace is freely given to all.

Closing Prayer

We come before you, O God, with open and humble hearts. Give us the vision to seek you in all things, so that our lives may be made complete in your joy and made whole in your compassionate love. Hear these prayers we ask of you in the name of Jesus, our Redeemer. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

• In what ways does my parish realize Jesus' vision of "my Father's house" in today's gospel?

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

John 2:13-25

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His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me.* At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body.



Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

Readings for the week:

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exod 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
Ps 103:1-5, 7-11
1 Cor 1:22-25
John 2:13-25
(or other readings)

Monday

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

Tuesday

Gen 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

Isa 14:2-10
Ps 81:5c-8a, 8bc, 9, 10-11ab, 14
and 17
Mark 12:28-34

Saturday

Isa 61:1-6
Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab
Luke 18:9-14

4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Eph 2:4-10
John 3:14-21
(or other readings)