



As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth...While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" - which means Sent—So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

John

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 2018

### 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

### Monday, March 12

12:10 James Michael Gangloff from the Family

### Tuesday, March 13

12:10 Jerry Stoeckle from Nick and Mauree Martino

### Wednesday, March 14

12:10 Special Intention for Storm Thompson from Carol and Larry

7:00 Stations of the Cross and Benediction

### Thursday, March 15

12:10 Marie and Oscar Mohr from the Mohr Family

### Friday, March 16

12:10 Ron Koettters from the Family

### Saturday, March 17

*St. Patrick, Bishop*

12:10 Jerry Stoeckle from Carol Wessel

**AM** 7:00 Gus Juengling from Julia Jackson

### Sunday, March 18

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:30 **TH** Donald Howe from Fr. Barry Windholtz

10:30 **CW** Susan Castleberry from Hap

12:00 **CW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

### Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

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St. Margaret Hall is seeking volunteers who may want to Volunteer some of their free time in helping at our facility here in Cincinnati. Training is provided and it is an excellent way to practice the works of mercy. There are several openings and times are flexible, so that it is not a hardship for anyone wishing to help their former friends and neighbors.

The CMA (Catholic Ministries Appeal) goal for St. Rose Church is \$33,853.00. As of today we have \$22,865. If you have not made your gift we ask you to do so in order that we may meet our goal.

**Frederick Nicholas Rixner** was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism March 4th here at St. Rose Church.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the souls of **Anna Colmar** and **Joseph Castellini** whose funerals were this past week here at St. Rose Church.

### Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2018

#### Stations of the Cross

*Wednesday, 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 17 and March 18

7:00 Joe Christmann, Wm. Russ, Frank McCune, M. Luehrmann, Lou Solimine

8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Tim Smullen  
Lenny Diaspro

10:30 Roland Becker, Rich Creighton, Bob Sheil, Joe Sonnefeld

12:00 Pat Homan, Shawn Gillette, Matt Schwietering



**Opening Prayer**

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 our modern culture, Sundays are often punctuated with football. We know that Mass attendance can even be influenced by the time of the local game. The excitement, joy, and anticipation of the game can even distract otherwise intent Mass-goers! More than a few times we have heard homilies incorporating a reference to Sunday football. It's become something of a secular religion practiced in varying degrees by fans. Some time ago, in the end zones of various games, dedicated believers displayed a simple message: "John 3:16." For those who were not familiar with their Scriptures, many went to look it up later in the day, and perhaps that was something of the point. And it is that verse that appears in today's gospel: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." The profundity of this statement can be lost by its pithiness. We proclaim a God of love, not a God of condemnation. And this love results in God sending his only Son, Jesus. The starting point of our theology is, then, love.

Though many today and throughout history seem to prefer a God of judgment, a God of condemnation, today we are reminded that our God is love. And God's love is eternal, expressed in a never-ending life he wants for each of us, where the relationships and bonds we create in this life are never broken. On this Laetare Sunday, where we read John 3:16, may the joy experienced by those at a football game remind us of the joy we have at Easter, when the promise of eternal life is fulfilled.

**Closing Prayer**

May our prayers be the stones of our temple of praise to you, O Lord; may our acts of compassion and selflessness build us into the Body of Christ, your beloved Son, in whose name we offer these prayers. **Amen.**

**For Reflection:**

• How does the joy of Easter inform my life today?

**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 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.



For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

**Readings for the week:**

4th Sunday of Lent	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	5th 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)	Isa 66:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b John 4:45-54	Exek 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 John 5:1-16	Isa 49:8-15 Ps 146:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 John 5:17-30	Exod 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 John 5:31-47	Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 94:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	Jer 11:18-20 Jer 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 John 7:40-53	Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 Heb 5:7-9 John 12:20-33 (or other readings)