



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 2018

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

Monday, March 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10 Jerry Stoeckle from Nick and Mauree Martino

Tuesday, March 20

12:10 Lucille Hamilton from the Three Daughters

Wednesday, March 21

12:10 Purgatorial Society

7:00 Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Thursday, March 22

12:10 Augusta and Aloys Wedekind from the Mohr Family

Friday, March 23

12:10 James Michael Gangloff from the Family

Saturday, March 24

Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr

12:10 Jerry Stoeckle from the Emmert Family

BW 7:00 Gus Juengling

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

10:30 **BW** Gus Juengling from Julia Jackson

12:00 **BW** Mary Rizzo from Joan and Family

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From the Pastor's Desk

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 time are flexible, so that it is not a hardship for anyone wishing to help their former friends and neighbors. For more information call 513-751-5880X609 or sreulal-ae@stmargarethall.com

Knox Stewart Gindling and **MaryKate Shelby Kleinfelder** were welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism March 11th here at St. Rose Church.

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

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Kevin **Elfers** and **Courtney Terlau** were united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony March 10th here at St. Rose Church.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **R. Joseph Sullivan** whose funeral was this past week here at St. Rose Church.

Pregnancy Center East will be hosting our **Banquet For Life** the evening of Thursday, April 19 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Cincinnati. - 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

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, 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 24 and March 25

7:00 Joe Christmann, M. Luehrmann, William Russ, Mike Gregorio, Rich Creighton

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

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

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



Opening Prayer

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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

"The end is near!" says the placard held by the one who firmly believes in the approaching apocalypse. Many claim to know when a disaster will strike, or when God will send his judgment upon the earth. Some look for signs and discern meaning from natural events. An earthquake might mean the foundations of the world are being shaken, in preparation for God's judgment. Terrible and violent storms are understood as God's anger poured out on an unrepentant people. God's activity is often discerned (rightly or wrongly) by interpreting events in daily life.

In today's gospel two Greeks (certainly not Jews) attempt to meet Jesus, who rightly perceives this to be the conclusion of his ministry. If even the Greeks (that is, Gentiles) are now coming to see him, the end is near! Death is at the ready. Jesus then begins an eloquent teaching on the necessity of death for bearing fruit, and no mention is made that the Greeks ever met Jesus. Instead, they serve merely as a narrative tool to usher in the final days of Jesus. It's true that the ancients did not have the knowledge about biology that we have today. Upon hearing the metaphor of a seed dying to produce much fruit, many in a modern audience might critique the analogy. For we know that a seed does not truly die, but the soil, moisture, and light cause an organic change. Still we do not want to lose the message in spite of the metaphor. Only by his death will Jesus' ministry truly bear fruit. That is the necessary next step. His death is necessary because this is the purpose for which Jesus came. There is no sidestepping or dodging this inevitable end, which is ratified by a voice from heaven. The end is near.

Closing Prayer

God of life, Source of love, accept the offering of our prayers. Bless us always with the hope of the grain of wheat, so that we may seek to die to ourselves for the sake of others, and one day rise to the new life of the eternal springtime of your Son, our Lord and risen Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

• How have I experienced the dying and the harvest of the grain of wheat in my life?

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 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus."

Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,

it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.

The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?"

"Father, save me from this hour?"

But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.

Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven,

"I have glorified it and will glorify it again."



The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder;

but others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours.

Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."

He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

Readings for the week:

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Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15	2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 80:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29	Num 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 John 8:21-30	Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 96 John 8:31-42	Gen 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 John 8:51-59	Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 John 10:31-42	Isa 37:21-38 Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 John 11:45-56	Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16 Isa 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39