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**This Weekend’s Hymns**

*All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.*

Opening Hymn: #311  
 Communion: #227  
 Closing Hymn: #208

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 2019**

**Sunday, March 24 Third Sunday of Lent**

DE 8:30 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose  
 BW 10:30 Min Ruppert from the Shermans  
 BW 12:00 Fritz Heidt from Barbara Juengling and Family

**Monday, March 25**

*The Annunciation of the Lord*

12:10 Gerstner Family from Carol and Larry

**Tuesday, March 26**

12:10 Dave White from James and Jacqueline Wetzel

**Wednesday, March 27**

12:10 Purgatorial Society

7:00 Adoration, Way of the Cross and Benediction

**Thursday, March 28**

12:10 Marvetta Myers from Tom Perrino

**Friday, March 29**

12:10 Marilyn Thurner from Sandy Bready

**Saturday, March 30**

12:10 Betty O’Toole from the Gott Family

SA 7:00 Annette Misleh

**Sunday, March 31 Fourth Sunday of Lent**

BW 8:30 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose  
 BW 10:30 Elizabeth Kuehnle Lazzaro from Kim and Dave Goodwin  
 BW 12:00 Lila Casella

***From the Pastor’s Desk***

This Monday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. will be our Lenten Penance Service. It is a good time to prepare for Easter.

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**Cincinnati Right to Life is hiring a part time Office Manager/Small Event Coordinator. Position is 24-28 hours/week and hours are flexible. If you are interested in learning more, please e-mail [mail@cincinnatirighttolife.org](mailto:mail@cincinnatirighttolife.org) for the full job description.**

Pregnancy Center East will be hosting their Banquet for Life the evening of Thursday, April 11 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Cincinnati. The keynote speaker is Mike Huckabee, former governor of Arkansas, 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 \$100 each for adults, and \$50 each for students. For reservation information, call 513-321-3100, or go online to :www.SupportPCE.com.

**Confirmation**

**To be fully initiated in the church, Roman Catholics are to have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. There are some adult Catholics who have never been confirmed. I invite anyone who is interested to join our Confirmation class at the Cathedral on May 5th at 2:00 P.M. to receive the sacrament. If you are interested please call**

**Fr. Barry.**

We will have **Adoration and Stations of the Cross** followed by Benediction this Wednesday, March 27th. Adoration will begin following the 12:10 p.m. Mass and will continue until the Stations of the Cross, which begin at 7:00 p.m. 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.

The Mount St. Mary’s Latin Schola will sing **Solemn Vespers on Sunday, April 7, 2019, 7:00 PM** in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great at the Athenaeum of Ohio, 6616 Beechmont Ave, This Vespers marks the beginning of Passiontide, the last two weeks of Lent leading up to the Paschal Triduum. All are welcome and admission is free.

TRIP TO FRANCE 2019

*Join Fr. Barry on a trip to Paris and Lyon and points in between October 15-25. See Versailles, the shrine of St. Vincent DePaul, spend time at the Military Cemetery in Normandy and other sights in Paris. For a brochure please call the office @ 513-871-1162*

**Lectors/Lay Distributors for March 30th and March 31st**

700 Joe Christmann, M. Luehrmann, W. Russ, L. Solimine, Joe Keller  
 8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Tim Smullen, Lenny Diaspro  
 10:30 Roland Becker, Bob Sheil, Joe Sonnefeld  
 12:00 Patrick Homan, Matt Schwietering, Shawn Gillette

<b>Lent</b>  <b>2019</b>	<b><u>Lenten Penance Service • Monday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.</u></b>
	<b><u>The Way of the Cross and Benediction</u></b> Wednesdays in Lent at 7:00 p.m.
	<i>Wednesday, March 27, April 3, 10, 17, at 7:00 p.m.</i>



### 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

Human beings have an innate drive to find causation, a reason for things and events happening, especially accidents. This drive generally works well and helps us devise systems and ways of doing things that are safer and more productive.

In the ancient world, and perhaps even our own, many accidents or tragic events were explained by appeal to the gods, or God. It was understood that bad things happened to bad people; in other words, if something bad happened to someone, it's because that someone did something bad, or was himself bad. Good people lived lives that were blessed and filled with good things. A tragedy or accident nearly guaranteed that the victim was somehow at fault, had reaped the tragic remuneration for what he had sown. Much of the Old Testament, especially the Torah, provides the underpinnings for this view. But there are other books, for example, Job, that question it.

Jesus, however, interprets these events differently. He does not see this as a just punishment for some hidden sin. Instead, he tells those who are self-righteous in their smugness that the same will happen to them unless they repent. The period of time they have between witnessing the tragedy that befell others and the unknown time of their own death is a time for repentance. And the parable Jesus gives them underlines this point. The parable also subtly informs the audience that they have not been producing the fruit of good works. They have been given a limited amount of time to repent, but if that doesn't happen they, too, will be cut down like the barren fig tree, like those who suffered the tragedy at Siloam or desecration at the hands of Pilate.

The message of today's gospel can be summarized in one simple word: Repent!

### Closing Prayer

Good and gracious God, you call us to bear the good fruit of righteous deeds. Give us a spirit of service and self-sacrifice, so that we may put the needs of others before our own. May we be found worthy when our lives come to an end, having borne and produced good works, in imitation of your son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.



#### For Reflection:

• Jesus gives us the parable of the barren fig tree. Where in your life, family or parish is there a lack of fruit being borne? How might you cultivate the ground to encourage fruitfulness?

#### 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

Luke 13:1-9

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans?"

By no means!

But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!

Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem?"

By no means!

But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

And he told them this parable:

"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener,



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#### Readings for the week:

3rd Sunday of Lent	Monday Annunciation	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	4th Sunday of Lent
Exod 21-24, 13-15 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11	Isa 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 41:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11	Dan 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-Sab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Matt 18:21-35	Deut 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Matt 5:17-19	Jr 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Luke 11:14-23	Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:Sc-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Mark 12:28-34	Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Luke 18:9-14	Joh 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 2 Cor 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (or other readings)