



He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" *Luke*

This Weekend's Hymns

All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.

Opening Hymn: #254

Closing Hymn: #217

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 2019

Sunday, March 3 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

Monday, April 1

12:10 Dee Meyer from Sally Nunnolley

Tuesday, April 2

Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

12:10 Diane Zuk from the Zuk Family

Wednesday, April 3

12:10 Betty O'Toole from Rose Ann

7:00 Adoration, Way of the Cross and Benediction

Thursday, April 4

Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:10 Purgatorial Society

Friday, April 5

Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

12:10 Marilyn Thurner from Sandy Bready

Saturday, April 6

12:10 Dave White from James and Jacwueline Wetzel

BW 7:00 John Stoker from M Kay Sudbrack

Sunday, April 7th Fifth Sunday of Lent

BW 8:30 Marilyn Thurner from the Kitzmiller Family

DE 10:30 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

DE 12:00 Marilyn Thurner from Peggy Jackson

From the Pastor's Desk

Benjamin Henry Wilson, Jocelyn Marie Haenning, Madeline Ann Bohlke and Charlotte Jean O'Brien were welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism March 24th here at St. Rose Church.

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

Today is the fifth Sunday of the month and the St. Vincent de Paul collection. The ushers will be at the doors.

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.

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.

ST. ROSE CHURCH

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross
Wednesdays, April 3 thru April 17th 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Thursday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday
Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Stations of the Cross
Friday, April 19th at 12:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil Saturday, April 20th at 8:45 p.m.

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 21st
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

Lectors/Lay Distributors for April 6th and April 7th

7:00 Joe Christmann, R.Crawford, M. Luehrmann, F. McCune, W. Russ, L. Solimine

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

10:30 Roland Becker, Rich Creighton, Bob Sheil, Joseph Sonnefeld, Jerry McCabe

12:00 Pat Burke, Patrick Homan, Matt Schwietering, Shawn Gillete, Ron Frey



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

Often times we hear today's gospel referred to as the story of the Prodigal Son. But this might be a bit of a misnomer. Even the New American Bible has a different title for this story, calling it the "lost son." The term "prodigal" means "wastefully extravagant." The word has a different etymology than "prodigy," which means "one endowed with exceptional abilities," although sometimes preachers conflate the meaning of the two terms. So when we refer to the Prodigal Son it might be worth the time to clarify what we actually mean by the term prodigal.

But ultimately the story is not so much about the lost or prodigal son. It's not even so much about his brother, though we could call it the story of the two sons. In reality, the story is about the loving father, and how the father is a personification of God, and the kind of love God has for us.

In today's telling, the story is often interpreted personally, as referring to a wayward person who has ultimately been redeemed. The story is particularly meaningful to many who have lived lives of regret or shame, only to feel the loving embrace of God, a community of hope, a family, or even church upon turning away from their wayward lifestyle.

One of the advantages of a story like this is that it has so many possible interpretations. And this story is told only by Luke. Without him we would know nothing of the Prodigal Son, and certainly nothing of the many works of art inspired by the parable, such as Rembrandt's "Return of the Prodigal Son." There is no sole or singular point to this story. The parable is polyvalent and ought to make us ponder it, as the church has done for centuries.

Closing Prayer

God Almighty, you forgive the penitent and welcome the sinner. Your mercy is boundless, and your generosity knows no limits. May we imitate your spirit of compassion and kindness, reaching beyond ourselves to practice forgiveness and empathy. In doing so may we extend the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world. We ask this in his name. Amen.



For Reflection:

• Which figure in the parable of the Prodigal Son do you identify with the most at this point in your faith journey: the prodigal, the older son, or forgiving father? Why?

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 15:1-3, 11-32

(Citation adapted for length. For full text, see your Bible.)

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying,

"This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable:

"A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father,

'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.'

So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation.

When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need.

So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine.

And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any.

Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger.

I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.'

So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion.



He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. . . ."

Readings for the week:

4th Sunday of Lent	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	5th Sunday of Lent
Josh 5:1a, 10-12 Ps 34:23, 45, 6-7 2 Cor 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (or other readings)	Isa 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b John 4:48-54	Ezek 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 John 5:1-16	Isa 49:1-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 John 5:37-50	Ezek 32:7-14 Ps 108:19-20, 21-22, 25 John 5:31-47	Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	Jer 11:18-20 Ps 72:3, 9bc-10, 11-12 John 7:40-53	Isa 43:16-21 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Phil 3:8-14 John 8:11 (or other readings)