

**MARCH 1 - SATURDAY**

Sir 17: 1-15; Mk 10:13-16

Vigil Readings: *See Sunday*

4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Monica Robinson*

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

**MARCH 2 – SUNDAY**

*Sunday Readings:*

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel - *Sister Mary Denis*

12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

**MARCH 3 – MONDAY**

Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

**MARCH 4 - TUESDAY**

Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

7:00 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy

**MARCH 5 – ASH WEDNESDAY**

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

9:30 AM – School Mass – Fr. Rudy

7:00 PM – *Bilingual* – Fr. Rudy

**MARCH 6 - THURSDAY**

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

**MARCH 7 – FRIDAY**

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy – *Intention of Beth Lienhart*

**MARCH 8 - SATURDAY**

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

*Vigil Readings: see Sunday*

4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *JoAnn Werle*

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

**MARCH 9 – SUNDAY**

*Sunday Readings:*

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy

11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Jane Weber*

12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy

**English Mass Ministry Schedule: March 8-9**

Lectors: 4:00 PM – R. Welz

11:00 AM – K. Gillespie

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

4:00 PM – T. LeSaint/H. Wesseler

11:00 AM – J. Ruter/S. Terschack

Servers: 4:00 PM – S. Heidemann/M. Sonenschein

11:00 AM – H. Loyd

**Offertory Family:**

4:00 PM: Keller

11:00 AM: N/A

**FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION**

Last Week's Collection: \$7,457  
Offerings received to-date: \$282,318  
Amount needed to catch up: \$14,682  
Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. ***Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.*** To take advantage of this convenience, please call 513-541-1563.

**CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

Shirley Kathmann (01), Taylor Eilerman (01), Emmett Tucker (01), Susan Wolterman (02), Mike McCoy (03), Tanya Ratermann (03), Javier Sanchez (03), Janet Schmits (04), Elizabeth Lienhart (05), Kathryn Smith (06).

**FOUR GRAND CLUB:** Congratulations to our week 27 winners: Madonna Scola, Jackie Chesher, and Kathy Hackett. Each won \$25.

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## FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:

Jesus warns us against spiritual blindness, particularly the kind fueled by pride and lack of humility. It's easy to spot the flaws in others but much harder to recognize our own. Psychologists call this "projection"—the tendency to attribute our shortcomings to others. This bias protects our fragile egos, but it also blinds us to our need for growth and healing. Jesus' words invite us to look inward before we judge outwardly: "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?"

This blindness is especially dangerous for those who consider themselves "pious" but fail to examine their own hearts. Pride can deceive us into thinking we are guides for others when, in truth, we're stumbling ourselves. As followers of Christ, we're called to choose our spiritual guides wisely—those who live the faith authentically, whose actions speak louder than words. In a world saturated with voices claiming authority, discernment is crucial. A true guide "walks the walk," embodying humility, love, and wisdom.

Why is judgmentalism so rampant, even among Christians? Perhaps it's because we often see the world through blurry lenses clouded by self-righteousness or fear. Instead of extending charity, we project our insecurities onto others. Yet Jesus calls us to a higher standard: "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good... for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." If we fill our hearts with God's love, kindness, and mercy, there will be no room for harsh judgment.

As we approach Lent, a season of reflection and renewal, let us ask the Lord to help us see clearly. Let us pray for hearts flooded with His mercy, so we may think the best of others and grow in love. Judgment blinds us; love illuminates.

This week, may we strive to see with our hearts—clearly, humbly, and lovingly—so that we may guide and be guided on the path to holiness.

**LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY:** This Wednesday, March 5, we begin our annual

celebration of the Lenten Season. "Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: 'Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs.' (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics." ((United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)).

**FAST AND ABSTINENCE:** Throughout Lent, the norms for us as Roman Catholics is as follows: **Fasting** is obligatory from age 18 until age 59 on both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. **Abstinence** from meat is binding on all Fridays of Lent from age 14 onwards.

**ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION:** This annual collection will be graciously accepted for the Churches in Central and Eastern Europe and/or the Church of Africa.