

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

MARCH 10 – MONDAY

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 2:31-46

MARCH 11 - TUESDAY

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

7:00 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy

MARCH 12 – WEDNESDAY

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – Intention of
Amy Lienhart

MARCH 13 - THURSDAY

Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

MARCH 14 – FRIDAY

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy – *Pamela Hildebrand*

MARCH 15 - SATURDAY

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Harold Ritner*

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

MARCH 16 – SUNDAY

Sunday Readings:

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17 - 4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy

11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel - *Manfred
Scherzinger*

12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy

English Mass Ministry Schedule: March 15-16

Lectors: 4:00 PM – P. Wessler

11:00 AM – B. Kramer

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM – L. Ashbrook/D. Mercer

11:00 AM – S. Orth/L. Washam

Servers: 4:00 PM – Z. & M. Nintrup

11:00 AM – M. Crosby

Offertory Family:

4:00 PM: LeSaint

11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$7,102
Offerings received to-date: \$289,420
Amount needed to catch up: \$15,580
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:

Jerry Leubbe (08), Patricia Froehle (08), Ron Heidemann (09), Rich Kelly (10), Jenni Lindgren (10), Justine Balash (11), David Cable (11), Tricia Simpson (12), Deb Hogan (13), Matthew Schlaechter (13), Alicia Zapf (14), Maddie Gelly (14).

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our week 28 winners: JoAnn Wieghaus, Norman Pin, and Linda Unterreiner. Each won \$25.

Make a long-lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Boniface Church in your Will. For more information contact Jenni Lindgren at 513-541-1563, ext. 151.

FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:

The Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent (Luke 4:1-13) recounts Jesus being tempted by the devil in the wilderness. After fasting for forty days, Jesus is approached with three temptations. The first appeals to His physical hunger: "Turn this stone to bread." The second promises worldly power: "I will give you all the kingdoms if you worship me." The third challenges Him to test God's protection by jumping from the temple's pinnacle. Each temptation corresponds to the very sources of our own struggles: the world, the flesh, and the devil.

How does Jesus resist? Not with arguments or displays of power, but by leaning into the Word of God. To the first temptation, He responds, "Man does not live by bread alone." To the second, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve." To the third, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." Jesus demonstrates that His strength lies not in self-reliance but in complete trust in the Father. He rejects worldly promises for the eternal truths of God.

The wilderness setting is significant. It symbolizes the desolation of the human soul when separated from God, a place of testing and growth. Similarly, the devil's challenge in Jerusalem, the spiritual heart of Israel, underscores the stakes of the battle: not just Jesus' fidelity but ours as well.

St. John Paul II reminded us that resisting temptation is not just about saying "no" to sin but about saying "yes" to something greater: a life of fulfillment in Christ. "It is Jesus in fact that you seek when you dream of happiness." True joy is not found in fleeting pleasures or worldly power but in surrendering to God's will. To resist temptation, he urged three things: seek God's guidance, reject mediocrity, and find fulfillment in Christ.

In this Lenten season, we are invited to follow Jesus' example. When tempted, turn to prayer and Scripture. Resist the pull of compromise by holding firm to your values. And remember, nothing the world offers can compare to the joy of a life rooted in God. Through Christ, the same strength that enabled Him to overcome temptation is available to

us. Let us not settle for mediocrity, but let us strive for the fullness of life only God can provide.

SVDP MARCH REQUEST FOR NEEDED ITEMS: Don't forget our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. This month we are in need of all types of household cleaners. Your generosity helps so many of our neighbors. Thank you.

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS CLASS

LEADERSHIP TRAINING: Training Dates: Thursday, Mar 13, 8:30a - 4:00p AND Friday, Mar 14, 8:30a – 4:00p Location: Catholic Charities SWOH, MidPointe Tower, 7162 Reading Rd, Suite 700, 45237. As a PTC Class Leader, you will learn to help caregivers: • Reduce stress • Improve self-confidence • Balance their life • Better communicate their feelings • Make tough decisions • Locate helpful resources. Lead PTC classes in your community! A two-day in person training prepares and certifies Class Leaders to successfully teach the six-week PTC series. This highly effective class series is proven to produce results, is easily implemented, and based on solid research. Registration: Register by Mar 1, 2025, by emailing ahomoelle@ccswoh.org or call (513) 6723834. Class size minimum 8 and maximum 12. Cost: FREE! Training provided through a grant from the Council on Aging.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR – MAR. 19 – APR. 16,

2025: Would you like to experience more joy, peace, and God's love in your life? The Life in the Spirit Seminar is a life-transforming experience where you will discover Christ's personal and unconditional love for you. Listen to dynamic teachings where you can encounter Christ personally and experience the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This seminar will take place on 5 consecutive Wednesday evenings (Mar. 19-Apr. 16) from 7–9 pm at St. Ignatius Parish in Loyola Hall, 5222 North Bend Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45247. For more info or to register call Lighthouse Renewal Center at 513-471-5483 or visit our website at www.LRC1.org