

English Mass Ministry Schedule: March 29-30

**MARCH 22 - SATURDAY**

**Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32**

**Vigil Readings: *See Sunday***

**4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – Sue Hartmann**

**6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**

**MARCH 23 – SUNDAY**

***Sunday Readings:***

**Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9**

**9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**

**11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel Ann & Arthur Weber**

**12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**

**MARCH 24 – MONDAY**

**2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30**

**MARCH 25 – ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

**Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38**

**7:00 PM – *Bilingual* – Fr. Rudy**

**MARCH 26 - WEDNESDAY**

**Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19**

**9:30 AM – *English*– Fr. Samuel – Fr. Joe Robinson**

**MARCH 27 - THURSDAY**

**Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23**

**7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**

**MARCH 28 – FRIDAY**

**Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34**

**9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy**

**MARCH 29 - SATURDAY**

**Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14**

**4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – Annette Niehaus**

**6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**

**MARCH 30 – SUNDAY**

***Sunday Readings:***

**Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32**

**9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy**

**11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – Joseph Ruter, Sr**

**12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy**

**Lectors: 4:00 PM – S. Heidemann**

**11:00 AM – S. Orth**

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**4:00 PM – L. Ashbrook/H. Wessler**

**11:00 AM – S. Terschack/L. Washam**

**Servers:**

**4:00 PM – Z. & M. Nintrup**

**11:00 AM – J. Ruter**

**Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: Keller**

**11:00 AM: N/A**

**FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION**

Last Week's Collection: \$ 6860

Offerings received to-date: \$302,702

Amount needed to catch up: \$18,298

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:**

Jeanne McMahon (22), James Poore (22), Sarah Weyrich (22), Barbara Kettler (24), Tom Wolterman (24), Brenda Wheelright (24), Molly Broman (24), Anne Davis (25), Rosemary Welz (26), Tom LeSaint (27), William Nastold (27), Francoise Healy (28).

**FOUR GRAND CLUB:** Congratulations to our week 30 winners: Christa McCarty, Anthony Michel, and Dick Niehaus. 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:** In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers us the parable of the fruitless fig tree (Luke 13:1-9), a story that speaks to the mysteries of suffering and hope in the face of disappointment. The fig tree's owner sees no fruit and is ready to give up, declaring the tree a lost cause. Yet the gardener steps in with a different perspective. He doesn't judge the tree harshly, nor does he let frustration overwhelm him. Instead, he gets to work. Here's the remarkable part: it's not the tree that needs to change; it's the owner of the fig tree whose mind the gardener is trying to transform. The gardener invites him—and us—to look at the tree with hope and patience. He calls us to trust that, even in barrenness, life can bloom again if nurtured with care.

The gardener's actions challenge us to adopt a practical, hands-on faith. He doesn't waste time assigning blame or becoming self-righteous about why the tree hasn't borne fruit. Instead, he dives into the muck, digging around the roots and fertilizing the soil. His actions remind us that our response to life's challenges is what matters most.

When tragedy strikes, the question is not "Why did this happen?" but "What can I do?" The gardener reminds us that faith is not about standing on the sidelines, paralyzed by fear or despair. Faith is about action—getting involved, ministering to those in need, and trusting that God is working even when we cannot see the fruit.

Jesus also warns us not to blame the victims of tragedy or assume their suffering is due to sin. He references the collapse of the Tower of Siloam and the Galileans killed by Pilate, urging us to see these events not as punishments but as reminders of life's fragility and the need for repentance. Rather than cowering behind closed doors in fear of the next calamity, Jesus calls us to live boldly, trusting in God's care.

Each morning, we have a choice: to despair over what we cannot control or to face the day with faith. With the gardener by our side, we can say, "Whatever comes my way, I will stand firm. My joy will be magnified because I trust in God's goodness.

My sorrow will be transformed because I walk with Christ."

Let us listen to the gardener's voice and embrace a faith that gets its hands dirty, transforming barren branches into vessels of God's grace. Amen.

**2025 PARISH VITALITY REPORT:** Archbishop Schnurr has released the 2025 Parish Vitality Report to bring everyone in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati up to date. In addition to facts, there's an opportunity for you to give feedback on your experience of parish life, which we will use as we plan for the future. Check it out at [www.catholicaoc.org/pvr](http://www.catholicaoc.org/pvr).

**MEN INQUIRING ABOUT THE PERMANENT DIACONATE:** Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, prerequisites and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513-263-6641 or [deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org](mailto:deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org).

**ITEMS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST LOCAL REFUGEES:** Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio is welcoming many new arrivals in the Cincinnati area for whom we set up housing. Current needs include: brooms, mops, trash cans, and trash bags. Items may be dropped off at our office, 7162 Reading Rd., floor 6, Mon-Fri, 8:30-4:30. If you need them picked up, call 513-241-7745. If you have new or gently used furniture or housewares to donate, email photos of them to [furniture@ccswoh.org](mailto:furniture@ccswoh.org). Be sure to include your name, address, and phone number.

**MINISTRY TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE (REPORTING):** The Archdiocese of Cincinnati regards child abuse in all its forms as gravely sinful and criminal. Anyone who knows of or suspects child abuse by a legitimate member of the clergy or hierarchy, employee, or volunteer of the archdiocese should first report the abuse to the appropriate secular legal authority and then to Ms. Teresa Maley, Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse of the Archdiocese, at 513-263-6623.