

MARCH 16 – SATURDAY

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Vigil Readings: *See Sunday*

4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – Helen Cable

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

MARCH 17 - SUNDAY

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. David – Fr. Joe Robinson

12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

MARCH 18 – MONDAY

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11

MARCH 19 - TUESDAY

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

MARCH 20 – WEDNESDAY

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Luca – Fran Klosterman

MARCH 21 – THURSDAY

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

MARCH 22 - FRIDAY

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy – Michael Murnan

MARCH 23 – SATURDAY

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Vigil Readings: *See Sunday*

4:00 PM – *English* – Fr. Jim – Ben Maraán

6:00 PM - *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy

MARCH 24 – PALM SUNDAY

Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 – 15:47

9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy

11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. David – Joe Ruter, Sr

12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy

English Mass Ministry Schedule:

March 23-24

Lectors:

4:00 PM – S. Heidemann/R. Ogden

11:00 AM – K. Gillespie/R. Schinaman

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM – T. LeSaint/ S. Terschack

11:00 AM – L. Washam

Servers:

4:00 PM – M. Nintrup/M. Sonenschein

11:00 AM – L. Finke

Offertory Family:

4:00 PM - LeSaint

11:00 AM - N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$6,137
 Offerings received to-date: \$299,013
 Amount needed to catch up: \$12,125
 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.

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our Week 29 winners: Mary Boland, Diane & Ray Blazer, and Joyce Babel. Each won \$25.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Pat Hogan (17), Mary O'Bryan (17), Tina Schlaechter (18), Larry Schulten (19), Joan Peters (20), Jane Mackzum (21), Jeanne McMahan (22), James Poore (22), Sarah Weyrich (22).

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 Coaquira-Hijale,
MCCJ, pastor

FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:

We are nearing our final days before Holy Week, and today we consider the Gospel of John toward the end of Jesus' ministry, just prior to His passion and death on the cross and His resurrection three days later. This chapter and these verses fulfill the prophet Jeremiah's description of the new covenant God promised to His people in the Old Testament, as Jesus is humankind's savior and the promise of eternal salvation. As Christians, we know it is through Jesus' death and resurrection this new covenant was established, and through our own discipleship, we step out of the darkness to the sustaining, eternal light. This is why God sent His only Son to us. And this is how our lives may be transformed through Him.

John's Gospel today describes this new covenant in metaphorical terms: the seed and the fruit it produces is the glory Jesus attains through His passion, death, resurrection, and ascension, and it is the glory we can attain through our faith—the mystery of Christ. Yes, a seed will remain just a seed—isolated within itself, unless it is planted and allowed to become what it is destined to be—a gorgeous piece of fruit that will satiate one's hunger and thirst and feed one's life. In this regard, if we cannot break out of ourselves and be planted in others' lives in the fellowship of Jesus Christ, we cannot be truly alive. It is a subtle but expansive thought. We tend to cling to the world and stay within a shell of ourselves, and we look to the world for power, self-interest, fame, financial gain, etc., but in the end, these things cannot satisfy our hungry hearts. They are a dead end. Only through Jesus is there a path to an abundant and eternal life.

Therefore, as Jesus says to us today, "he who loves his life loses it, and who hated his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." To gain heaven we must reject our small and detached existence and bloom in Him.

FISH FRY: Make sure you plan to attend our Friday fish fry, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Enjoy great food, good companionship, and support our parish. You won't be disappointed.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Please take a few moments and sign up for Holy Week liturgies. The sheets are in the sacristy.

EASTER FLOWERS: Would you like to remember a special loved one in a unique way? Would you like to help make St. Boniface look extra beautiful at Easter? Envelopes are available at the doors of church that you can use to make a memorial offering in the name of a deceased relative or friend. Put their names on the envelope and enclose whatever amount you care to give. Place the envelope in the collection basket before Easter Sunday to ensure their names are presented at the Offertory. The Easter morning Masses at 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. will be offered for all who participate.



EASTER EGG BUNNIES NEEDED: No, we don't actually need a bunny. She has already applied; however, she is in need of candy for all those little troopers who will be scampering around on Easter morning looking to fill their baskets with lots of goodies. Over the next few weeks, we hope you will be kind enough to drop off pre-wrapped, bagged candies when you come to church. A specially marked basket will be available in the back of church for your contributions.

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT: If you find yourself caring for an aging parent, a spouse with a chronic illness, an adult child or grandchildren, consider joining a group with other caregivers so you can get the help you need. Call our Caregiver Careline at 513-869-4483, email can@ccswoh.org or visit <https://www.ccswoh.org> and click on Get-Help and choose Caregiver-Support-Services to find a program near you. Sponsored by the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio funded in part through the Council on Aging.