

MARCH 18 – SATURDAY

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

Vigil Readings: *see Sunday*4:00 PM – Fr. Jim *English* – Nick Nuxoll6:00 PM – Fr. Rudy *Spanish***MARCH 19 – SUNDAY**

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

9:00 AM – Fr. Rudy *Spanish*11:00 AM – Fr. Pat *English* – Ed Le Saint12:30 PM – Fr. Rudy *Spanish***MARCH 20 – MONDAY (Feast of St. Joseph)**

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

Mt. 1:16, 18-21, 24a

7:30 AM – Fr. Pat *English* – Ken Horn**MARCH 21 – TUESDAY**

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

7:00 PM – Fr. Rudy *Spanish***MARCH 22 – WEDNESDAY**

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

7:30 AM – Fr. Rudy *English* – Ann Armijo**MARCH 23 – THURSDAY**

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

7:00 PM – Fr. Rudy *Spanish***MARCH 24 – FRIDAY**

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

7:30 AM – Fr. Pat *English* – Intention of the Parishioners**MARCH 25 – SATURDAY**

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

Vigil Readings: *see Sunday*4:00 PM – Fr. Jim *English* – Joan Fahey6:00 PM – Fr. Rudy *Spanish***MARCH 26 – SUNDAY**

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

9:00 AM – Fr. Rudy *Spanish*11:00 AM – Fr. Pat *English* – Harold Kock12:30 PM – Fr. Rudy *Spanish***Ministry Schedule: March 25/26****Lectors: 4:00 PM** – R. Welz**11:00 AM** – R. Schinaman**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:****4:00 PM** – K. Fahey, S. Heidemann, T. LeSaint/
Volunteer**11:00 AM** – K. Gillespie**Servers: 4:00 PM** – K. Fahey/S. Heidemann**11:00 AM** – L. Finke**Offertory Family: 4:00 PM:** Volunteer**11:00 AM:** N/A**FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION**

Last Sunday's Collection: \$5862
 Offerings received to-date: \$251,228
 Amount needed to catch up: \$61,772
 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 Bob & Karen Mihovk, Cathy Farley, and Bill Brown. They are the week 29 winners and each won \$25.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS

WEEK: Joan Peters (20), Jane Mackzum (21), Jeanne McMahon (22), James Poore (22), Sarah Weyrich (22), Barbara Kettler (24), Tom Wolterman (24), Brenda Wheelright (24), Molly Bromen (24), Anne Davis (25), Rosemary Welz (26).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: On the Fridays of Lent, at 7:00 p.m., join with others as we walk the way of Jesus on his way to Calvary. This is a bilingual service and all our welcome.

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. 51.

REFLECTIONS BY FR. RUDY:

Some of us as children were fortunate enough to attend Mass every Sunday with our parents, and we learned the principles of our faith through their example and the experience of celebrating Mass with neighbors, peers, and even strangers who were seated next to us in the pew. But as small children we could only view Sunday Mass as an unknowable reality, because the limitations of childhood prevented us from truly understanding why we were there. It was just something we did as a family every Sunday morning; we were truly in darkness, with knowledge only to come as we matured.

Others of us, however, did not have the tradition of attending church on Sunday; we learned about faith more casually. Whether it was through life experiences, examples of friends, or armed with a Catholic education, we were brought to the faith in a later-in-life decision to belong to the light of Christ. It is true, then, to say of all of us, in the beginning, we were brought from darkness to light because of what we learned and experienced.

It is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, and in John's Gospel we hear the story of a man blind at birth who Jesus heals by taking the mud from his eyes, and in a sense, from his heart. It is a remarkable story, moving from scene to scene very purposefully, so that we might contemplate all the lessons contained within. It is replete with meaning. One such takeaway is that we must never feel as human beings that our faith is static and definite in its scope. We are always yearning to move into the light of Christ more fully, seeing things more clearly than we might have seen before.

During Lent, we are asked to fast, pray, and give alms. A simple statement, yet are we breathing in its meaning? For example, some of us are blind to what is right in front of us with family, friends, or someone whom we have disassociated ourselves with. Do we have mud in our eyes and mud in our hearts when it comes to forgiveness or acceptance—in offering a hand in service, or in repair to another? Are we seeing things clearly when it comes to someone whose presence causes us pain? Think

about it; perhaps we are blind to the true reality of the situation. When it is easy, it is not consequential to growth as a person who walks with Jesus Christ. It is like a child at Mass all those years ago who just accepts *this is how things are*. I ask you today to ask the Lord to remove the mud from our eyes and from our hearts in these circumstances, because if we see these things more clearly, we will enhance the shining light within us all.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Our meeting will be on Wednesday, March 22, 6:00 p.m., in the Parish Center. Meetings are open to all parishioners; however, if you wish to speak, please obtain prior approval of our chairperson, Jackie Chesher, so your item can be put on the agenda.

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.

LEGION OF MARY ACIES: All are invited to a Marian Consecration officiated by Fr. Rob Jack at noon, Saturday, March 25, 2023, St. James of the Valley Church, 411 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati, OH. The event includes the Rosary, consecration to Jesus through Mary, and Benediction. A reception to follow. All are welcome. Rsvp by March 19 to Gloria Dodd, 937-229-1431 or legionofmarystalbert@yahoo.com.

PARISH VITALITY REPORT: If Beacons of Light fulfills the vision set for it, our churches will be full, our liturgies will be joyful, our priests will be present for their people, and our communities will be fully alive! The Parish Vitality Report helps us understand the progress being made in each of our 57 Families of Parishes. This honest snapshot of the work our pastors and leadership groups are undertaking shares wins to celebrate and also obstacles to overcome. To learn more, visit <https://pathway.catholicaoc.org/pastoral-vitality-report-feb-2023>