

## APRIL 5 - SATURDAY

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

Vigil Readings: *See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Jim Robinson*6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

## APRIL 6 – SUNDAY

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Joseph Luken*12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

## APRIL 7 – MONDAY

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:12-20

## APRIL 8 - TUESDAY

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

7:00 PM – *Spanish*– Fr. Rudy

## APRIL 9 - WEDNESDAY

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

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Annette Niehaus*

## APRIL 10 - THURSDAY

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

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy - *Richard Adams*

## APRIL 11 – FRIDAY

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

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

## APRIL 12 - SATURDAY

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

4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Maurice DeShazor*6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

## APRIL 13 – PALM SUNDAY

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 – 23:56

*Sunday Readings:*9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Fr. Joe Robinson*12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy

## English Mass Ministry Schedule: April 12-13

Lectors: 4:00 PM – C. Roosa/R. Welz

11:00 AM – B. Kramer/S. Orth

## Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM – D. Mercer/H. Wesseler

11:00 AM – K. Gillespie/L. Washam

Servers: 4:00 PM – Z. &amp; M. Nintrup

11:00 AM – M. Crosby

## Offertory Family:

4:00 PM: Fox

11:00 AM: N/A

## FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$7,942  
 Offerings received to-date: \$317,707  
 Amount needed to catch up: \$19,929  
 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 Fry (05), Christian Hebenstreit (05), Lauren Worley (06), Jeremy Parker (07), Jack Luhrman (08), Tina Eckert (08), Ed Browning (08), Jason Van Styn (10), Terry Fischer (10), Andrew Aguilar-Orzco (10), Anna O'Bryan (11).

**FOUR GRAND CLUB:** Congratulations to our week 32 winners: Nada Huron, Catherine Grosse, and Tom Sullivan. 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 the Gospel of John 8:1-11, we encounter a moment when the scribes and Pharisees attempt to corner Jesus with a dilemma. But instead of evasion, Jesus offers them—and us—a lesson in grace, forgiveness, and the power of God to transform lives. The scene is tense. A woman caught in adultery is dragged before Jesus, the law of Moses demanding her death. Yet, the accusers' real aim isn't justice but a trap. They want to discredit Jesus, forcing him to choose between upholding the law and showing mercy. How does Jesus respond? First, he says nothing. He bends down and writes in the sand, a deliberate pause that shifts the focus away from the woman and onto the accusers. When he finally speaks, his words pierce like a sword: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

As writer-philosopher Peter Kreeft notes, the true question wasn't about the woman's guilt but about the hearts of her accusers. The woman's sin became a mirror reflecting their own. But instead of facing their reflection, they chose blindness. Jesus's response, far from an evasion, exposes their evasion. He becomes the questioner, forcing them to examine their motives. In doing so, he not only dismantles their test but also opens a path for grace. One by one they walk away, their stones left unthrown.

Jesus then turns to the woman, offering her both freedom and a challenge: "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." Here we see the balance of divine love and justice. Jesus does not condone her sin, but neither does he define her by it. He loves the sinner while hating the sin, offering her the chance to begin anew.

This Gospel invites us to reflect on our own readiness to forgive. As St. John Paul II once said, "We cannot forgive if we do not let God forgive us first, recognizing that it is we who are the object of his mercy." The late pope lived these words when he forgave Mehmet Ali Ağca, the man who tried to assassinate him. After being gravely wounded, John Paul visited his would-be killer in prison, extended his forgiveness, and formed an enduring bond with him. This act of mercy reminds us that forgiveness is only possible when we first accept the depth of God's

forgiveness for us. So, the next time we find ourselves gripping stones of judgment, let us pause, as Jesus did, and examine our own hearts. For it is only through the grace of God that we can forgive and be transformed, leaving the stones behind to walk in mercy and truth.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY:** Our special request during April is for canned protein: tuna, ravioli, beef stew, etc. Any and all donations are appreciated, and we especially thank you for participating in our monthly special items program. Thank you so much for your generosity to our SVDP pantry.

**MESSAGES FROM THE ARCHANGELS,** a weekend retreat and facilitated by Jen Straw, will be held on Friday, April 11-Sunday, April 13, 2025, at the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse, 5900 Delhi Road. The weekend retreat begins at 6:00 p.m. Friday and ends at 10:00 a.m. Sunday. Experience a transformative weekend where we honor the Archangels: Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and Uriel. Join us with curiosity and joy as we experience mindful practices, group engagement, reflective contemplation and quiet personal time. Fee: \$345 (includes retreat content, meals, private room and beautiful grounds to explore). To register or for additional information please contact the Spirituality Center 513-347-5449 or [spirituality.center@srcharitycinti.org](mailto:spirituality.center@srcharitycinti.org).

**SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE** - Enrich your life as well as the lives of others by mentoring current caregivers, cofacilitating caregiver support groups, co-leading Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes, or helping people living with dementia participate in our Creative Connections program. All volunteers will receive training and support. We offer a monthly new volunteer training for Peer Mentors and Support Group Facilitators. We also have a leader training for Powerful Tools for Caregivers scheduled March 13-14, 2025. For more information, please contact Angie Homoele at 513-672-3834 or email [can@ccswoh.org](mailto:can@ccswoh.org)