

# SPRIT OF ST. ROSE NEWSLETTER

January 2012



Mission Statement of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Community:  
Making a place for all at the table of the Lord through loving service.

## JANUARY OBSERVANCES

### **Jan 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

We again hear the nativity story of the motherhood of Mary, the vessel who brought forth our savior in a dark corner of the world. Christian stewards are also the vessels by which Christ is carried out into the world. In this new year, let us ask God to give us the courage to bring forth Christ to those who are strangers to us, who think differently than we do or who may not believe that Christ can make a difference in their lives.

### **Jan 8 - The Epiphany of the Lord**

The story of the magi who come from the east to pay homage to Jesus, the newborn king, teaches Christian stewards three truths: 1) God, in the person of Jesus, is present and active in the world; 2) each of us, no matter our station in life, has a gift to bring to the Lord; 3) life's journey always leads to Christ, even when we do not know where the road is heading.

### **Jan 9-14 – National Vocations Awareness Week**

God calls us all to live our faith and seek out our vocation to become a deacon, priest, religious sister, married or single person. We are all called to love and serve Him and one another. Will you have the courage to answer the call? During this week all Catholics are encouraged to take time to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, to reflect on our own vocation and strengthen our relationship with Christ.

### **Jan 18-25 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

This year's theme is "We Will All Be Changed by the Victory of Our Lord Jesus Christ". (1 Cor. 15:51-58)  
Throughout 2012, join with the Lord Jesus Christ and Christians everywhere in praying that "all may be one".

### **Jan 29-February 5 – Catholic Schools Week**

The theme focuses on three priorities that make Catholic schools stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught faith - not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. Academics are held to very high standards helping each child reach his or her potential. Service, the giving of one's time and effort to help others, is taught as an expression of faith and good citizenship.

### **Jan 23 - March for Life.**

This annual rally, held in Washington D.C. on the anniversary of the decision in the U.S. Supreme Court case Roe v. Wade, is organized by the March for Life Education & Defense Fund, to protest abortion.

## **A Stewardship Resolution for the New Year: Living with Compassion**

January is traditionally the time for new beginnings, fresh starts. For the Christian steward, the grace of being given another day, or God willing, a whole new year, stirs our deep gratitude. But it also calls us to ask what a "resolution" should really be. Our first resolve should always be to involve ourselves more intimately in the life of Christ, and how better to do that than by embracing Christ's call to be compassionate?

Jesus himself instructed us, "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate" (Luke 6:36). Clearly, we strive now to live and give compassionately, as we generally understand the term. We try to be kind, considerate and understanding individuals. We share with others. But Jesus' words challenge us to embrace a compassion that is much deeper, much more radical than our general understanding.

The word compassion, at its root, means "to suffer with." This goes beyond merely writing a check, offering a prayer or sending a note. Suffering is not a popular notion in our society and we strive to avoid it. But now we hear Christ instructing us to "suffer with" the poor, the vulnerable, the powerless, the neglected, the weak.

How can we possibly choose such a journey, this challenge to be truly present to those who suffer? All things are possible with God, and it is through a commitment to a life of discipline, discipline in action and discipline in prayer, that we move towards the goal of true compassion. The Christian steward is committed to the Eucharistic life, and it is through this life which Christ offers us that we gain the courage and the will and even the need to follow him in his own example of compassion.

Compassion is the doorway to a more responsive stewardship and a committed discipleship. In 2012, may we resolve to be the kind of Christian stewards who bring Christ's presence to a suffering world.

## **Welcome New Members!!**

*We welcome these new parishioners who have registered with our parish family in the last month.*

**Catherine & Jeremy Kelley**, Liam-2

**Angie D. Malcolm**, Zachary-17, Andrew

**John & Niki Petrelli**, John William-2 months

**Trey & Loren Prye**, Summer-1

**Frank G. Ramirez**

**Steven & Martha Sotis**, Dominck-13, Daniela-17



### Our Men & Women Serving in the Military

*We honor their dedication, keep them in our prayers,  
and entrust them to God's loving care.*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Jean-Scott Dodd**, Marines, Okinawa
- Captain Jordon Enger**, Army
- Staff Sergeant Andrew Hesse**, Army, Afghanistan
- Captain Zachary Marchall**, Army, Fort Hood
- Corporal Douglas M. Mitchell**, Marines,  
Delta Company, North Carolina
- PFC Mike Montini**, Army Airborne Medic, Ft. Bragg, NC
- Chief Tony Noser**, Navy Seal, Virginia Beach
- Jason Silvas**, Navy
- Ensign Aubrey Thompson**, Navy, Pensacola, Florida
- Captain Nick Whitefield**, Expeditionary Warfare School,  
Quantico, Virginia

*To add someone to this prayer list send their name,  
rank, branch of service and current assignment to:  
cswenceski@stroselima.org or call 713-692-9123.\*  
They need not be a member of St. Rose parish.*

**\*Please note:**

**At the beginning of each year we refresh our list of those in the Armed Forces. We are starting our new list with this newsletter. Please call the parish office to update information or if there are names that you wish to continue on or add to the new list.**

### Vocation Updates

*Several members of St. Rose of Lima Parish are currently in formation for the priesthood or religious life. We especially remember them in our prayers:*

- Jesse Garcia**, St. Mary's Seminary, Houston
- Orrin Halepeska**, St. Mary's Seminary, Houston
- Sr. Andrew Marie**, Community of the Daughters of St Paul

### Diaconate Candidate Ed Herrera to be Installed as Acolyte

On January 21, the Candidates in the Diaconate Formation Class of 2013 will take part in the Rite of Installation into the Ministry of Acolyte.

Our own St. Rose of Lima parishioner, **Ed Herrera**, is part of this Diaconate class. During his Acolyte year, Ed will become much more visible in the sanctuary as he exercises his role of Acolyte in preparation for his ultimate ordination as a Deacon.

### Liturgy Q & A: History of the Roman Missal

**3<sup>rd</sup> Century** - Latin emerges in worship; widely used by 10<sup>th</sup> century.

**4<sup>th</sup> Century** - Concern for orthodoxy leads worship to become more standardized

**7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Centuries** - Sacramentaries emerge; (books containing the prayers and directives for Liturgies of the Eucharist and other Sacraments) prayer texts shared

**1545-1563** - Council of Trent convenes; codifies Mass celebration and defines various church teachings

**1570** - First Roman Missal (Pius V) implements Council of Trent's call for liturgical uniformity

**1604** - Pope Clement VIII replaces missal with corrected version

**1634** - Pope Urban VIII promulgates (publishes, puts into operation) revised missal

**1884** - Pope Leo XIII introduces new missal with changes made since 1634

**1951-1955** - Pope Pius XII introduces changes in Holy Week liturgies

**1963** - Second Vatican Council issues the Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy's call for "full, conscious and active participation" of all people in the liturgy

**1969** - First edition of Roman Missal reflecting Vatican II reforms approved; translated into English in 1973

**1975** - Second edition of the Roman Missal with minor changes promulgated; translated into English in 1985

**2001** - Third edition of Roman Missal promulgated by Pope John Paul II: English translation approved - 2009

**2011** - Implementation of the third edition of the Roman Missal in English-speaking countries

### Our Newest Little Christians



*Recently we welcomed the following children into our Church family through the sacrament of Baptism:*

- Tatum Avery Malac**,  
child of Gary & Angela
- Elijah Cole Valdez**,  
child of Michael & Kimberly
- Nicholas Lane Norman**,  
child of Larry & Chere
- Robert Dean Bridges**,  
child of Christopher & Annie



### The “Extra – Miler”

*St. Rose is blessed with parishioners who are involved and eager participants in all the little and big things that combine to make our parish special. We call these people our “Extra-Milers” and we are very grateful for them.*

We are starting off the new year highlighting a married couple as our January Extra-Milers, **Mike & Susie Cutaia**. Mike and Susie have been St. Rose parishioners for almost 25 years and have served in a variety of ministries and organizations in that time.

Mike has served as an Assistant Scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 40. He has been active on the Troop Committee and served as the Cub Master for Cub Scout Pack 40. It has been said that Susie keeps Mike lined out and focused. Both of their boys are Eagle Scouts from Troop 40.

On the parish level, Mike and Susie are Legacy of Faith Leadership Chairs and active supporters of the Legacy of Faith Campaign.

Both Mike and Susie are very involved in ACTS. Susie is a member of the Women’s ACTS retreat team. Mike was a Co-Director of the first St. Rose Men’s ACTS Retreat, co-sponsored by St. Clare of Assisi. He served as the Director of our first Men’s ACTS Retreat conducted solely by the men of St. Rose and continues to serve on the Core Team as Men’s Retreat Support Coordinator. He volunteers his Italian cooking skills for ACTS spaghetti dinners as well as other dinners hosted by Fr. Clint.

On Sunday mornings you can find Susie in a classroom faithfully ministering to many of our little ones as the CCE kindergarten teacher.

Both Mike & Susie have served as Eucharistic Ministers and Mike as a sacristan at our weekend Masses.

The variety of ways this couple has found to serve the community of St. Rose is a wonderful reflection of the richness and diversity that make up our parish family.

### Sick & Recovering Relatives & Friends

*Many among us have friends and family members who are struggling with serious health conditions for which they ask our prayerful support.*

*Please keep them in your prayers.*

Antoinette Vento, Mary Ann Romano, Kristine Carroll, Louise Bratton, Mary Louise Hancock, Douglas Zipprich, Sammy Romano, Johanna Runfalo, Clem Pechacek, Sr. Joan Erdman.

*Let us know when your health condition improves, so that we might remove your name from the list and give thanks to God for your recovery.\**

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### Pastoral Council: Monthly Communiqué

The Pastoral Council usually takes the month of December off in preparation for the holidays, but this year we held a special Saturday workshop to discuss a very important topic and one of the Council’s 2012 goals; building a unified parish. Given the diversity of our parish (socio-economic, cultural, and age to name a few), we believe that creating a roadmap to a more unified community is not only a worthy endeavor, but a necessary one as practicing Christians.

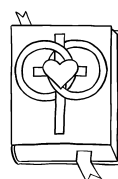
To illuminate this point, Father Clint brought us an excerpt (43) from Pope John Paul II’s *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, on which to meditate. The passage rightly captures what should be in all our hearts as we contemplate the vision of a unified church.

*“...Before making practical plans, we need to promote a **spirituality of communion**, making it the guiding principle of education wherever individuals and Christians are formed, wherever ministers of the altar, consecrated persons, and pastoral workers are trained, wherever families and communities are being built up. A spirituality of communion indicates above all the heart’s contemplation of the mystery of the Trinity dwelling in us, whose light we must also be able to see shining on the face of the brothers and sisters around us.*

*A spirituality of communion also means an ability to think of our brothers and sisters in faith within the profound unity of the Mystical Body, and therefore as “those who are a part of me”. This makes us able to share their joys and sufferings, to sense their desires and attend to their needs, to offer them deep and genuine friendship. A spirituality of communion implies also the ability to see what is positive in others, to welcome it and prize it as a gift from God: not only as a gift for the brother or sister who has received it directly, but also as a “gift for me”.*

*A spirituality of communion means, finally, to know how to “make room” for our brothers and sisters, bearing “each other’s burdens” (Gal 6:2) and resisting the selfish temptations which constantly beset us and provoke competition, careerism, distrust and jealousy. Let us have no illusions: unless we follow this spiritual path, external structures of communion will serve very little purpose. They would become mechanisms without a soul, “masks” of communion rather than its means of expression and growth.”*

The Pastoral Council asks you to meditate on this passage as we have, and support us with prayers and guidance as we begin creating the roadmap to a more unified church that not only makes room, but celebrates all of our brothers and sisters.



### Wedding Bells

December 2

**Melchor Mata, Jr. & Erika Leija**

*May the peace of Christ live always in their hearts & home.*