

SPIRIT OF ST. ROSE NEWSLETTER

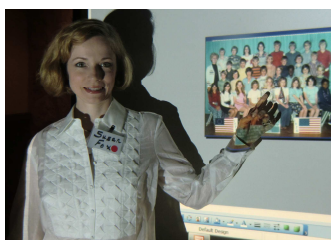
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Mission Statement of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Community:
Making a place for all at the table of the Lord through loving service.

6 Decades of St. Rose Students Attend St. Rose Alumni Event

On Saturday, August 21, St. Rose Alumni gathered at the Bell Tower on 34th for a St. Rose of Lima Alumni Event to connect with old friends, share memories of St. Rose, and enjoy viewing old class photos. Fr. Clint showed plans for the future, and surveyed the crowd to find how many decades of students were present. Surprisingly, St. Rose alumni from each of the past 6 decades were in attendance. The most “seasoned” student present, Malcolm Phillips, won a special prize for having attended St. Rose the first year it was opened. A close second was Marion Seigle who became a St. Rose student the following year.



Many families brought their personal photos from old St. Rose classes, and shared them with the group. Laughs were



abundant while viewing pictures of old eyewear that was fashionable, bouffant hairstyles, and former teachers who were

also nuns, in full habit.

Memories were sparked by our St. Rose Trivia game. It was surprising how many former students came close to answering all 10 trivia questions correctly, but Mary Whalen Ashby was the “grand prize” winner. Many attendees shared humorous trivia questions of their own in an effort to stump each other—including the following: “What were the names of Fr. Paul Pieri’s dogs?” (Just in case you don’t recall, the Boxer was “Barron”, and his St. Bernard was “Queenie”).



To view photos of the evening, check out the St. Rose Facebook page.

Just search Facebook for “Friends of St. Rose of Lima Parish and School – Houston.”

Welcome Seminarian Martial Oya

An oft-quoted proverb states, “*It takes a village to raise a child.*” Equally true is the ancient practice of our faith: “*It takes a Church community to form a minister.*”

This fall, our Parish community has been asked to help in the education and formation of one of our diocesan seminarians. This is an honor for our parish and shows the archbishop’s trust in us.

Martial Oya, originally from the West African republic of Cameroon, is a seminarian studying for our Diocese at St. Mary’s in Houston. He will be with us for nine months as part of his Pastoral Year internship. (In recent years Victor Pacheco, Phong Nguyen and Alfonso Tran have also been with us as part of this program.) While here he will draw up a learning agreement with Fr. Clint to insure a fruitful year of learning. This is a serious internship in which he will earn 12 hours of academic credit. He is expected to minister to our parish in anyway he can but above all to learn all he can about parish life and ministry.

Martial will be joining us at St. Rose in early September. Everyone at the parish is asked to play a role in his learning experience while he is here with us. Welcome him, introduce yourself, and invite him to share in our community life.

Stewardship: Cultivating Gifts

For Parents: People are sometimes unsure about the meaning of “cultivating gifts” as part of being a good steward. They think, “Perhaps if I were a musician or an artist, I would know how to cultivate that gift. But how can I work to make other kinds of gifts better?” There are many ways to cultivate our gifts – we might learn new ways of being good parents by reading a parenting magazine or taking a parenting class. Cultivation means acquiring the knowledge and the skills that will make us better at those everyday things good stewards do: becoming informed citizens, taking care of our bodies and our health, learning new ways to manage our material resources, practicing and learning more about our faith...

Living Stewardship Together: Parents and children planting a garden or taking care of house plants, can be a dramatic lesson in what cultivation really requires – patience, dependability, effort, and being open to learning what works and what doesn’t.

For Children: Being young means you are always learning. Being a good learner is good stewardship! It is also a great way to cultivate your gifts and make them grow.

Liturgy Q & A

May a divorced person still go to Communion?

If you, as a Catholic, are divorced but not remarried, and you are in a state of grace, you may continue to receive Holy Communion. Divorce itself is not a barrier to the reception of the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick.

If you are divorced and remarried "outside" the Catholic Church with no dispensation or permission from the Bishop, and are sharing fully in all marital relations, then you are not able to receive the sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick except in the danger of death since you have chosen to live in a relationship not recognized by the Church. You have taken an action that is contrary to the teachings of Christ. The Church is not punishing you. Rather the Church is being faithful to the teachings of Christ. (Mark 10:2-12)

Is it true that if I marry "outside" the Catholic Church I cannot be Catholic anymore?

A first marriage (or a remarriage) "outside" of the Church does not excommunicate you. You are always a Catholic unless you make a decision to renounce the Catholic faith by formally joining another denomination or religion through baptism or a kind of "profession of faith". Merely attending another denomination or not practicing any public worship is not necessarily "leaving the Church by a formal act."

You are always welcome and encouraged to participate in the Mass. Although you are not able to receive the sacraments, you still have an obligation to attend Mass faithfully every Sunday. You would once again be able to receive the sacraments if you have your marriage convalidated ("blessed") in the Church. Convalidation can only occur if: 1) it is a first marriage, 2) your previous spouse is deceased, or 3) you have been granted a declaration of nullity by the Church for your previous marriage.

Call the parish office, 713-692-9123, for more information about the annulment process.

Our Newest Little Christians



In August we welcomed the following children into our Church family through the sacrament of Baptism:

Margaret Lee Padilla

daughter of Michael & Jessica

Benjamin Aidan Alonzo

son of Andrew & Nadia

James Anthony Komarek

son of Chris & Mary

Geovani Razo

son of Jose & Leticia

Jose Miguel Salazar Cuevas

son of Vincente & Elvira

Diana Salazar

daughter of Vincente & Elvira

Welcome New Members!!

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

Ernestine Granados

Grace-6

Dan & Gena Burke

Milagro del Carmen

Jennifer-12

Sergio-18, Jose-20

Roy Jordan

Leasa Ford

Hector & Claudia Recinos

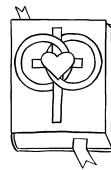
Emily-14, Emilio-10

David & Wendy Osborne

Wedding Bells

August 14

Michael Bua, Jr. & Diem Thuy Tran



*May the peace of Christ live always
in their hearts and homes.*

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.

Carmen Gonzalez, Cecilia Billimek, Gary Halpeska, Debbie Sienkiewich, Eddie Hickl, Rebecca Franco, Bennie Garcia, Clarice Cheyney Gorneck, Florian Anderlla, Gloria Shepherd, Joy Llorens, Mary Roznovsky, Valerie Koh, Frances Villarreal, Billy Chiasson, Stephanie Perrett, Maggie Bartula, Lucy Schuler, Eva Cummins, Marcella Matranga, Jessica Rodriguez, Mary Keller, Jennifer Zwick, Becky Wisnoski, Dorothy Hillgiest, Robert Burda, Marie Vetrano, David Herrera, Rose Lazorone, Rita Bilnoski, Fran Bonario, Ione Morosin, William Grupa, Abelardo Hernandez, Nick Doize, Pete Mappox, Dr. Albert Romano, Helen Carrier, Matilda Bubela, Jason Isbell, Rosalie Lobpries, Frank Fabrysel, Jerald Istoe, Nataly Mahoney, Ted Volz, Helen Wrando, Joyce Barta, Thomas Colbert, Albina Hatcher, Monique Kirkpatrick, Rosemary Mock, Joseph Holub, James Knapik, Cecilia Billimek, Rosemary Billimek, Lillian Wallace, David Bartula, Danny Hlavinka, Frankie Gusemano, Joyce Borski, Rosalee Leggio, Joshua Wiseman, Ruth Orlando, Sr. Joan Erdman, Bertha Ramirez, Wally Bergeron, Wayne Bergeron, Chris Bartula.

Call the parish office to add a name to our prayer list. 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.



Our Men & Women Serving in the Military

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

Captain Lindsey Bergeron, Air Force, Qatar
ET2 Rosemary Colbert, Navy, USS Essex, Japan
Specialist Jared Enger, Army
 1-14 Cav. 2nd ID, Fort Lewis, Washington
Captain Jordon Enger, Army, Troop Commander,
 1-7 Cav. Fort Hood, Texas
Corporal Matthew Hernandez, Marines
Staff Sergeant Andrew Hesse, Army,
 Grafenwoehr Army Base, Bavaria, Germany
1st Lieutenant Kevin Jackson, Army, Ft. Benning, GA.
1st Sergeant Jeron Lindequist, Army, Afghanistan
PFC Mike Montini, Army Airborne Medic, Ft. Bragg, NC
Staff Sergeant Bryan T. Morgan, Marine, Iraq
E7 Tony Noser, Navy Seal, Virginia Beach
Robert Sarlay, Jr., Afghanistan
Jason Silvas, Navy
Captain Nick Whitefield, Staff Platoon Commander,
 Marine Corps Basic 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.*

Getting to Know Your Parish Staff



Chuck Froehlich Facilities Manager

Wasps on the playground, plumbing on the fritz, furniture to assemble and/or move, Facilities Manager, **Chuck Froehlich** is the man to call.

Chuck is a born and bred Houstonian. Although his parents each grew up in the Heights area, Chuck was raised in South Houston and attended Pasadena High School. He is the baby of the family with three older sisters who "spoiled him rotten." The family liked to vacation in Galveston and the Hill Country which left him with what he calls typical, Texas kids' memories of exploring caves, underground lakes and springs. As far as school was concerned he was drawn to the more active life of sports, playing pretty much everything, but by high school his focus was football.

After high school Chuck worked at an aircraft repair station and also in sheet metal fabrication... then he joined the Marines. During his four years in the Corps he worked in the air wing, providing support related to aircraft. He was stationed in Okinawa, Somalia and ended his service time in North Carolina.

Chuck returned to Houston where he married and continued to work in familiar fields. He converted to the Catholic faith when his daughter, Casey, made her First Communion. While in the RCIA process at St. Justin Martyr, Chuck got to know Deacon Dave. (We at St. Rose know him as Fr. David Harris.) Chuck thought he might like to work in a parish some day. He was attracted to the idea of taking all the things he knows how to do and putting them at the service of the Church. About 3 years ago Fr. David told him that St Rose had an opening and he has been with us as facilities manager ever since. He enjoys the variety of tasks and the opportunity to work with all kinds and ages of people. He especially enjoyed the chance to go on the Laredo Mission trip recently where he helped with Vacation Bible School. He now has a great appreciation for the challenging work of CCE teachers.

When not on duty at the parish, Chuck likes to ride his motorcycles (his primary transportation being a "beat-up van.") He also collects and studies primitive weapons from the Civil War era and earlier. He has traveled to France and to Rome where he saw Pope John Paul II lying in state after his death and the newly elected Pope Gregory XVI.

If you ever stop by Chuck's office you will get a taste of his personality and varied interests. His walls are decorated with a welded metal cross from his ACTS retreat, a portrait of Pope Gregory, a Marine Corps flag, life-size silhouettes of wart hogs left over from VBS, and an autographed picture of Flo, the Progressive Insurance spokesperson. Not your average approach to office décor - but somehow it suits a man who loves the diversity of life and who understands that little things are important.

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.

Our September 'Extra-Miler', **Gladys Turney**, has been an active member of St. Rose of Lima since 1987. Those who work with her say that not only is she there when a need presents itself, she is often about two steps ahead. She has often worked on the parish festival, the last couple of years with **Shirley Boudreaux** as co-chair of the "Second Hand Rose" sales. She is a member of the Altar Guild taking her turn cleaning the altar and hand-washing the altar linens. Gladys volunteers at Charity Guild and is very involved in the Vocations Committee coordinating the Traveling Crucifix for prayer for vocations. To enhance her own spirituality Gladys is a member of the Word of Life Group. Some co-volunteers say being around Gladys is a "God-charge." You can often find her volunteering in the parish front office and the development office, most recently on the Legacy of Faith campaign and the Alumni event. Currently she is busy fundraising for the 2011 World Youth Day trip to Spain.

If you would like to nominate someone as an Extra-Miler for all they do for our Parish, contact Connie, 713-692-9123 or cswenceski@stroselima.org. Give us the name of your nominee and tell us in detail of his or her volunteer efforts.