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### **CALENDAR**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH				
MON	4	8:15 A.M. MASS   NO ADORATION LABOR DAY, OFFICE CLOSE		
TUE	5	1:30 P.M. LEGION OF MARY (ENG), FC		
		6:00 P.M. CCE PARENT MEETING, GARDEN OAKS, PH		
		7:00 P.M. BOY SCOUT TROOP 40, EH		
		7:30 P.M. LEGION DE MARIA, RA		
		7:30 P.M. PRAYER GROUP,CHPL		
WED	6	8:15 A.M. HEALING MASS, CH		
		10:30A.M. BIBLE STUDY, RC		
		11:00 A.M. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL		
		6:00 P.M. BUILDING & MAINTENANCE, FC		
		6:30 WOMEN'S ACTS, PH		
		7:00 SPANISH MASS, CH		
THU	7	9:00 A.M. THURSDAY CLUB, PH		
		6:00 P.M. PTO VOLLEYBALL, WH		
		6:00 P.M. RECONCILIATION, CH		
		6:30 P.M. CUB SCOUT PACK 40, PH		
		7:00 P.M. HOSPITALITY BOARD MEETING, RC		
FRI	8	7:00 P.M. GRUPO DE ORACION, RB		
SAT	9	9:00 A.M. CCE CATECHIST RETREAT, EH		
		9:00 A.M. GABRIEL PROJECT, FC		
		4:00 P.M. RECONCILIATION, CH		
		1:00 p.m. GIRL SCOUT TROOP 122056		
SUN	10	2:00 P.M. PTO VOLLEYBALL OPEN GYM, WH		
SUN	10	6:30 P.M. CONFIRMATION II KICKOFF, PH, FC, BRIDE ROOM		
		6:30 P.M. LIFETEEN KICKOFF PH, FC, BRIDEROOM		

## FINANCIALS | FINANZAS

## **WORSHIP | CULTO**

Collections: Week of August 20					
Masses	5	5	7,869.48		
Drop Off & Mail In	5	5	6,546.00		
Online	9	5	8,976.45		
Weekly Total		5	23,391.93		
Weekly Goal		5	22,693		
Actual vs. Goal	9	5	698.93		
Year To Date Total		\$	171,022.51		
Year to Date Goal	5	5	171,895.00		
Actual vs. Goal	5	5	(872.49)		
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### **OFFICE HOURS / HORAS DE OFICINA**

Monday-Friday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm Lunes-Viernes: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

### CONFESSION / CONFESIÓN

Wednesday/Miércoles: 6-6:45 pm (Main Church/Templo) Thursday/Jueves: 6-6:45 pm (Main Church/Templo) Saturday/Sábado: 4-5pm (Main Church/Templo)

### **NEW BAPTISMS**

Charlye Martinez, Karime Martinez, Johnny Flores Jr., John A. Torres, Alice Rose Carmichael, Zeno Jude Belmontes, Zachary Michael McKenna, Avery Kristine Stewart-Richardson, Calvin Lawrence Glenn, Chase Xavier Pribble, Isaiah Mendoza Ramos, Reese Audrey Robirds, Levi Patrick Hendon

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PRAY FOR AN INCREASE OF VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE. SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE CHURCH OR YOU CAN SEND AN EMAIL TO: FRJOHN@STROSELIMA.ORG **UPCOMING SCHEDULE:** 

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - JUANA GUEVARA (12PM MASS) SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16 - ANNA&ALBERTO PLASENCIA (5PM)

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS/HORARIOS E INTENCIONES DE MISA

5:00 pm [English]: † The family of Joyce & L.V.

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Monday Lunes	<b>8:15 am [English]:</b> † Denvard B. Hack Labor Day, Office Closed, No Adoration	Tuesday Martes	8:15 am [English]: † Chester Biesiadecki		
4	1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30	5	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37		
Wednesday Miércoles	8:15 am [English]: † Rosalie Altomari 7 pm [Español]: † Bernie Biel	Thursday Jueves	8:15 am [English]: † Anges & Bernard Prasifka		
6	Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44	/	Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11		
Friday Viernes	8:15 am [English]: †August&Lillie Zapalac Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Saturday Sábado	5 pm: † Tony & Dora Flores		
8	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23	9	Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 & 8; Lk 6:1-5		
Sunday Domingo	8:00 am [English]: † Rosalie Lobpries 10:00 am [English]: † Valentino Tanzi Jr. 12:00 pm [Español]: † SRL COMMUNITY	TWE	NTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

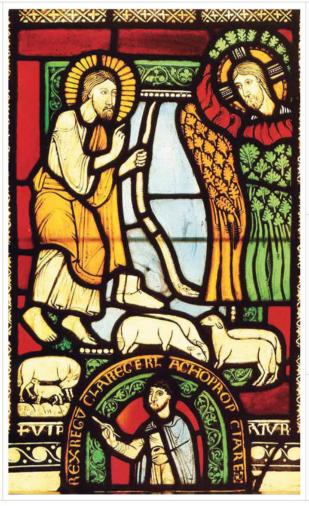
Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

### **EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES**

### Our Lord Appears to

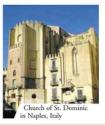
### ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

During the years of his theological maturity, from 1269 to 1272, St. Thomas Aguinas was called to Paris to resolve the complicated question of the nature of the Eucharistic Sacrament. Before St. Thomas started his dissertation, he went in church to pray and then finally wrote the actual text. Once the exhibit was concluded, St. Thomas returned to church and that is when Our Lord Jesus appeared to him to confirm the righteousness of his writings.









uring his second tenure as professor in Paris, St. Thomas found himself in the middle of a dispute taking place among the professors at

the Sorbonne University in regard to the Eucharistic sacrament. The dispute was about two points: a) if the senses perceive the presence of the so-called "accident", such as color, taste, durability and quantity, it would be the concrete extension of the true and real Eucharistic Bread and Wine; b) faith confirms that in the sacrament exists the Body and Blood of Christ, answers under the eye of the Crucifix and which is an apparent contrast with the former theory. prayed: "Our Lord Jesus, actually and forever Parisian theologians were clearly divided between the present in this Blessed Sacrament, I am asking objective theory and the value of faith. They decided You to help me understand Your truth and to be to ask St. Thomas because they already had the able to teach and confer it without any opportunity of experiencing his philosophical intelligence and his theological sanctity. They asked him to offer and communicate his opinion, in that his theological wisdom would become the rule to follow.

Thomas then, as he usually did, retreated himself to prayer and contemplation and started to pray with great fervor and devotion. Soon after, he quickly jotted down in writing the least amount of words with the most precise clarity possible, what his mind was able to understand and what The Lord inspired him to write. He returned in church, went to the altar and laid down his written possibility of errors. So, I beseech thee, Oh Lord, to concede me this grace: If the things that I wrote about You and with Your blessing are true, make it possible for me to say and teach them publicly. If, instead, I have written

something that is not in tune to the truth revealed and alien to the mystery of the sacrament, stop me from inferring anything that could deviate from the Catholic faith." This was the humble prayer of the theologian who understands that he is dealing with things much higher than himself and that he has a grave responsibility towards his people. Father Reginaldo, his secretary, and other brethren were fortunate enough to observe St. Thomas while in deep prayer, when suddenly Christ appeared and motioned towards his writings and said: "You wrote well about the sacrament of my Body and you wrote well and according to truth; you also have resolved the question that was posed to you. This understanding of the Truth defines and holds true, as long as man is present on earth." Having heard this, Thomas was filled with joy and thanksgiving, and prostrated himself and knelt down at the altar in front of our Lord.

### PASTORAL LETTER FOR SEPTEMBER

Dear Friends in Christ.

In this pastoral letter, I wish to delve into a significant aspect of our worship experience: The Liturgy of the Word. This portion of our Mass is not merely a recitation of text; it is a profound encounter with the living voice of God that resonates in our hearts.

When we gather for Scripture readings during Mass, we are not simply listening to words from a book or the voice of a human reader. The Church teaches us that the Scriptures hold a "real presence" of God, similar to the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As the Sacred Scriptures are read aloud, it is God Himself who speaks to us. In His word, Christ proclaims the Gospel and shares His truth. It is a representation of the Father, Son, and Spirit united in message.

The word of God is not just information; it holds the power to liberate our spirits (John 8:32). But this liberation requires our response. The Scripture readings are intended to be a dynamic dialogue, an interaction between us and God. Our role as listeners goes beyond passive attention; it's an active exchange, a conversation. We are not a mere audience; we are a gathering, a community engaged in a conversation with God. As disciples, we approach this dialogue as students eager to grasp God's wisdom and share it with the world. Remember, Jesus taught us to prioritize the sanctification of God's name in our lives. Listening to His words equips us to fulfill this purpose.

When we participate in the Liturgy of the Word, we embark on a spiritual journey. The Scriptures unveiled in this sacred moment are not just historical records or philosophical reflections; they are a direct channel for God to speak to us. Amidst the noise of life's many things going on, this liturgical phase invites us into a reverent silence, a state of deep listening. It is a chance to set aside the clamor and center our attention on God's voice. These words transcend time and culture, resonating with hearts across generations.

Moreover, the Liturgy of the Word nurtures our faith and bolsters our relationship with God. Through these readings, we discover the beautiful story of how we are saved, Christ's teachings, and the wisdom of spiritual leaders. These words possess the ability to illuminate our minds and touch our souls, guiding us toward righteousness and truth.

Additionally, the Liturgy of the Word prepares us for the pinnacle of our worship – the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Through the readings, we recognize our need for redemption, our yearning for communion with God, and our gratitude for Christ's sacrifice. They create a space within us to receive the Eucharist with a humble and love-filled heart.

As we meditate on the Liturgy of the Word, let us acknowledge its sacredness. Approaching this segment of the Mass with the right mindset is crucial for us to genuinely connect with the divine message and let it shape our lives. When the Scriptures are proclaimed, let us be present and engaged. It is not solely about hearing words; it is about encountering the living Word of God. Just as we intently listen when a loved one speaks, so should we give our full attention to God's message. Our hearts and minds should be open to receiving these Scriptures. They offer truths that resonate regardless of our circumstances. Come to the readings with an open heart, allowing God's Word to speak to your unique situation.

Furthermore, let us approach the Word of God with reverence. These words are not mere narratives; they are divine messages meant to guide and transform us. As we approach the altar with reverence during Communion, let us approach the Scriptures with awe and respect. Just as we come to the Eucharistic table anticipating Christ's presence, let us approach the Liturgy of the Word with expectation. Anticipate that God has a message designed for you today – a message that can nourish your soul and illuminate your path.

In closing, I invite you to reflect on a few questions:

- Are the Scriptures touching my heart as I listen?
   Am I open to their message resonating with my life?
- Do I reflect on how the readings can guide my upcoming week? How am I applying these teachings in my daily interactions?
- How can I make the Word from the Liturgy a part of my daily life? Am I actively sharing these teachings with others?

Your Friend and Pastor, *Fr. Linh Nguyen* 

### CARTA PASTORAL DE SEPTIEMBRE

Queridos Amigos en Cristo,

Por medio de esta carta pastoral, quiero explorar un aspecto significante de como adoramos: la Liturgia de la Palabra. Esta parte de nuestra Misa no es tan solo una recitación de texto; es un encuentro profundo con la voz viva de Dios que resuena en nuestros corazones.

Cuando nos congregamos para escuchar las lecturas de las Escrituras durante la Misa, no estamos simplemente escuchando palabras de un libro o la voz de un lector humano. La Iglesia nos dice que las Escrituras llevan una "presencia viva" de Dios, similar a la presencia de Jesús en la Eucaristía. Cuando las Sagradas Escrituras se leen en voz alta, es Dios mismo quien nos habla. Con Su palabra, Cristo proclama el Evangelio y comparte Su verdad. Esto es una representación del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu unidos en el mensaje.

La palabra de Dios no es solamente información; porque tiene el poder de liberar nuestro espíritu (Juan 8,32). Pero esta liberación requiere nuestra respuesta. Las lecturas de las Escrituras están destinadas a ser un diálogo dinámico, una interacción entre nosotros y Dios. Nuestro papel como oyentes va más allá de la atención pasiva; es un intercambio activo, una conversación. No somos solamente espectadores; somos una congregación, una comunidad comprometida en una plática con Dios. Como discípulos, participamos en este diálogo como estudiantes deseando comprender la sabiduría de Dios y compartirla con el mundo. Recordemos que Jesús nos enseñó a darle la superioridad a la santificación al nombre de Dios en nuestras vidas. Al escuchar Su palabra nos capacita a cumplir este propósito.

Cuando participamos en la Liturgia de la Palabra, nos entregamos a una jornada espiritual. Las Escrituras reveladas en este momento sagrado no son solo registros históricos o reflexiones filosóficas; son vías directas para que Dios nos hable. En medio de a bulla de las múltiples actividades de la vida, la liturgia nos invita a ser parte de un silencio reverente, a un estado donde debemos escuchar profundamente. Es una oportunidad para separarnos de la bulla y centrar toda nuestra atención en la palabra de Dios. Estas palabras trascienden el tiempo y la cultura, resonando en los corazones de todas las generaciones.

Es más, la Liturgia de la Palabra nutre nuestra fe y fortalece nuestra relación con Dios. A través de estas lecturas, llegamos a descubrir la hermosa historia de nuestra salvación, las enseñanzas de Cristo y la sabidurío de los líderes espirituales. Estas palabras pueden iluminar nuestras mentes y tocar nuestras almas guiándonos hacia la justicia y la verdad. Además, la Liturgia de la Palabra nos prepara para el momento culminante de nuestra adoración – la Liturgia de la Eucaristía. A través de estas lecturas, reconocemos nuestro deseo de redimirnos, nuestro anhelo de comunión con Dios y nuestra gratitud a Dios por su sacrificio. La liturgia crea el espacio dentro de nosotros para recibir la Eucaristía con un corazón humilde y lleno de amor.

Cuando meditemos en la Liturgia de la Palabra, reconozcamos lo sagrado que es. Al llegar a esta parte de la Misa es muy importante un buen modo de pensar para unirnos genuinamente con el mensaje divino y permitir que cambie nuestras vidas. Cuando proclamen las Escrituras, debemos estar completamente presentes y comprometidos, porque no se trata solo escuchar palabras; es encontrarse con la Palabra viva de Dios. Así como escuchamos con mucha atención cuando un ser querido habla, así hagamos lo mismo con el mensaje de Dios. Nuestros corazones y mentes deben estar abiertos para recibir estas Escrituras. Ellas ofrecen verdades a todos independientemente de nuestras circunstancias. Acudamos a las lecturas con el corazón abierto, pidámosle que la Palabra de Dios se dirija a nuestra situación única.

También, acerquémonos a la Palabra de Dios con reverencia. Estas palabras no son cualquier narrativa; son mensajes divinos destinados a guiarnos y transformarnos. Así como nos acercamos al altar con reverencia durante la Comunión, acerquémonos a las Escrituras con admiración y respeto. De la misma manera que nos acercamos a la mesa eucarística anticipando la presencia de Cristo, acerquémonos a la Liturgia de la Palabra con la misma expectativa. Vayamos con la esperanza que Dios tiene un mensaje especial para cada uno de nosotros hoy, un mensaje que puede nutrir nuestra alma e iluminar nuestro camino.

Su Amigo y Pastor, **P. Linh Nguyen** 



### **PARISH LIFE**

### WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

What does the word Eucharist mean? Who is Mary? What is the Rosary? If you are interested

in learning more about the Catholic faith and would like to become Catholic, our RCIA program is starting soon. Join us! Contact Deacon David Dufilho for more information:

ddufilho@stroselima.org



### Want To Join a Bible Study?

The Bible Timeline is a 24-session study program taking you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and will give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout scripture. First class is Tuesday, **September 12**, **7:00pm** or Wednesday, **September 13** at 10:30 am. Location: **Room C** in Admin building. To RSVP, Contact Mary Lynn & Allen Brehm: marylynnbrehm@gmail.com allenbrehm@gmail.com Cost: \$38 for materials, available on the first class.

### **GETTING MARRIED?**

Marriage prep classes are starting Monday, September 11. To sign up, contact:

Deacon Ray Rodriguez (713) 392-9256 • rrodriguez@stroselima.org

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### **Need A Helping Hand?**

#### THE GATHERING

The Gathering is back in action! It is a safe and stimulating day of fun for people with special needs (Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Stroke, Dementia, etc.). Our theme-based "party" is held once a month, while family and caregivers are given time off to rest or run errands after dropping off their guests. Parish volunteers are on hand to assist our guests with various activities. Please be on the lookout for upcoming dates to be announced soon!

To join or to learn more, contact Patrick for more information:

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### Join Us For Taco Sunday on September 10!

Don't forget to stop by the West Hall on Sunday morning, September 10 to enjoy delicious tacos and fellowship with your SRL community. This one will be sponsored by ACTS and is a great way to sign up for the Women's Retreat October 12-15!



### Attention Women!

Do you yearn to develop a deeper relationship with God and your community?

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Learn more at www.StRoseLima.org/ACTS



### JOIN THE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP!

The St. Rose Charismatic Prayer Group meets on Mondays at 7:30pm in the Chapel beginning September 11. Come praise and worship, sharing God's word, testimonies, intercession and healing prayer. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come.



### **Want To Join Cub Scouts?**

Sign up for a Lifetime of Fun! Kindergarten - 5th Grade Boys Thursday, September 7 @ 6:30pm St. Rose of Lima East Hall

Can't make it but want to join? Contact Jeremiah Walcik: jeremiah\_walcik@yahoo.com OR

Kelly Birt: klscott\_tcu@hotmail.com QR Code for Online Application:

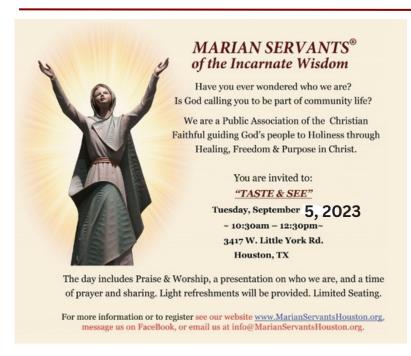


In Philippians 4:13, St. Paul makes a very profound statement as he says "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." As a parent, your goal must be to instill in your children the confidence Paul had when he made that statement. Every parents desire is for their children to do and be the very best they can. As Catholic parents, your responsibility is to help your child understand the lavishness of God's grace and the power it will have in their lives as they mature spiritually. Share with them what God's grace has enabled you to accomplish, especially those things you know you could never do in your own power. I have served as Coordinator of Religious Education at St. Rose for twenty years and I can assure you I learned quickly how powerful the grace of God is in accomplishing what seemed to be an impossible task. Luke 1:37 states that "nothing is impossible for God." So much of our Christian experience is about trusting in God's grace to carry us through any task, any crisis, any obstacle or any fear. Begin now to help your children call on God's grace and then rejoice as you see their confidence grow in God's desire for them to be the very best they can. Help them to really understand what it means for God to be their friend. The St. Rose CCE office would really love to help you in this effort. If your child is not yet registered for CCE, why not do so now. Allow us to be part of that grace God longs to share with your family. Registration materials can be found at the main entry of the Church and at <a href="https://www.stroselima.org">www.stroselima.org</a>
Deacon John

We had the honor of hosting the Dominican Sisters (on the weekend of August 26), who are embarking on a noble mission to seek both spiritual and financial support for the impoverished communities in Vietnam. We will keep you in our prayers and hope you keep us in yours!









## **EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

What a delightful first week at the Early Childhood Center! May Christ's love encircle us throughout the school year.

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# SRL SCHOOL NEWS



Teachers participated in a morning of service at the Houston Food Bank, sorting more than 16,000 lbs of food! August 2, 2023.

Four teachers were recognized by the Archdiocese Catholic Schools Office for the milestone years in Catholic Education.

Coach V&Mrs. Butler-5 years. Mrs.Kirby-10 years. Mrs. Bounds-30 years. Thank you teachers to your continued dedication to Catholic education.



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Congratulations to St. Rose of Lima School Advisory

Council for receiving the Archdiocesan Outstanding

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### SRL CLASS OF 2026!



## **PARISH LIFE**

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