

**ST. ROSE of LIMA**  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

“Again, [amen,] I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

*Matthew 18:19*

# WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY!



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## OUR MISSION

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Of The Lord Through Loving Service

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON	11	6:30 P.M. ALTAR GUILD, PH 7:00 P.M. GIRL SCOUTS USA, EH 7:00 P.M. MARRIAGE PREP, FC
TUE	12	10:30 A.M. SCRIPTURE SHARING, RA 1:30 P.M. LEGION OF MARY (ENG), FC 6:00 P.M. GIRL SCOUTS 122266, FC 7:00 P.M. BOY SCOUT TROOP 40, EH 7:00 P.M. RCIA, RB 7:00 P.M. TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, RC 7:30 P.M. LEGION DE MARIA, RA 7:30 P.M. PRAYER GROUP, CHPL
WED	13	10:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, RC 6:00 P.M. CCE PARENT MEETING, PH 7:00 P.M. CCE PARENT MEETING-OAK FOREST, PH 6:30 P.M. WOMEN'S ACTS, PH 7:00 P.M. SPANISH MASS, CH
THU	14	6:00 P.M. PTO VOLLEYBALL OPEN GYM, WH 6:00 P.M. RECONCILIATION, CH
FRI	15	4:00 P.M. PTO PARENT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT, BH 7:00 P.M. GRUPO DE ORACION, RB
SAT	16	7:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M. PTO PARENT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT, BH 4:00 P.M. RECONCILIATION, CH
SUN	17	9:45 A.M. CCE PRE-K - 1ST GRADE, FC 10:30 A.M. CCE 2ND GRADE (SPANISH), RC 3:00 P.M. EDGE PH, FC 6:30 P.M. CONFIRMATION II, PH, FC, BRIDE ROOM 6:30 P.M. LIFETEEN KICKOFF PH, FC, BRIDE ROOM

# FINANCIALS | FINANZAS

# WORSHIP | CULTO

## Collections: Week of August 27

Masses	\$	7,420.00
Drop Off & Mail In	\$	5,294.00
Online	\$	10,252.85
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>22,966.85</b>
Weekly Goal	\$	22,693.00
Actual vs. Goal	\$	273.85
<b>Year To Date Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>193,989.36</b>
Year to Date Goal	\$	194,588.00
Actual vs. Goal	\$	(598.64)



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**Second Collection Report**  
Dominican Sisters: \$7,165.96

## 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  
Thursday/Jueves: 6-6:45 pm  
Saturday/Sábado: 4-4:45 pm

## PRAYER LIST/LISTA DE ORACIÓN

**Prayer List/Lista de Oración:** Patti Ormand, Jacob Soto, Rosa Fratoni, Sharon Vezolles, Kyle Yao Dacdac, Balder Brooks, Matthew Smith, Jose Lopez, Artur Zancanaro, Nishah Charania, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Ailen E. Vazquez, Ranses Ramos, Chuck Gremillion, Jasmine Armitage, Damianus Aditya Christie, Laurie Reinmann, Alysha Fath, Yolanda Falcon, Marianna Watkins, Josephine Reeves, Kerri Salinas  
**Rest of the Souls of/ Por el Descanso Eterno:** Gerard Hetmaniak, Gilbert Koterak, Eleanora Hoffman, Richard Benfiel, Ana Maria Polito

## TRAVELING CHALICE

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](mailto: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

<b>Monday</b> Lunes <b>11</b>	8:15 am [English]: † Gene E. Guglielmi Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11	<b>Tuesday</b> Martes <b>12</b>	8:15 am [English]: † Rosa & Brad Brown <b>Memorial of the Holy Name of Mary</b> Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19
<b>Wednesday</b> Miércoles <b>13</b>	8:15 am [English]: † Rena M. Spanos 7 pm [Español]: † Salomon Lara <b>Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor</b> Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44	<b>Thursday</b> Jueves <b>14</b>	8:15 am [English]: SRL Faculty & Students <b>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
<b>Friday</b> Viernes <b>15</b>	8:15 am [English]: Sylvester Biel <b>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</b> 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35	<b>Saturday</b> Sábado <b>16</b>	5:00 pm: † Chris Pechacek <b>Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</b> 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7; Lk 6:43-49
<b>Sunday</b> Domingo <b>17</b>	8:00 am [English]: † Frances Haldar 10:00 am [English]: † Johnny Farmer 12:00 pm [Español]: † SRL COMMUNITY 5:00 pm [English]: Youth Ministry Volunteers	<b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Sir 27:30 - 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35	

# EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

## AVIGNON

FRANCE, 1433



On November 30, 1433 a small church run by the Gray Penitents of the Franciscan Order was exposing a consecrated Host for Perpetual Adoration. After days of rain the rivers swelled, and surprisingly, Avignon was submerged. By boat, two friars of the Order succeeded in reaching the church where the Holy Sacrament had been left for adoration. When they entered the church, they saw that the waters were divided to the right and to the left, leaving the altar and the Sacrament perfectly dry.



Stained glass window inside the church, depicting the miracle



The Altar where the miracle took place



A carved stone describing the miracle



Ancient engraving of the miracle of Avignon



Stained glass window of the Chapel



The Eucharistic miracle of Avignon occurred in the Church of the Holy Cross, home of the Gray Penitents of the Franciscan Order, whose founding goes back to the times of pious King Louis VIII. At the time of this miracle, Avignon was considered the center of Christendom, and the city's "Palais des Papes" was home to a series of seven popes.

After several days of heavy rain, the Sorgue and Rhône Rivers rose steadily and reached a dangerous height. Finally, on November 30, 1433, Avignon, was flooded. The friars were certain that their little church, which stood along the Sorgue, had been destroyed by the raging waters. Fearing that the Blessed Sacrament, which was exposed for Perpetual Adoration, had been swept away, the head of the Order and another friar rowed to the

church. Getting there was difficult, but when they finally arrived they found a miracle. Although water around the church was four feet high, a pathway from the entrance of the church to the altar was perfectly dry.

### *The Sacred Host* was unscathed.

The pathway from the entrance to the altar called to mind the parting of the Red Sea in the time of Moses, for all along the sides of the church, water steadily rose, but the pathway remained completely dry. Amazed by what they were seeing, the friars had others from their Order come to the church to verify the miracle. The news spread rapidly, and many people, including those in authority, came to the Church, singing songs of praise and of thanks to the Lord. Several hundred people witnessed this miracle.

Later on, the Gray Penitents determined that the anniversary of the miracle would be celebrated in the church every year on the feast day of St. Andrew the Apostle. Even today, every November 30<sup>th</sup>, the brothers reunite at the Chapelle des Pénitents Gris to celebrate the memory of the miracle. Before the blessing of the Holy Sacrament, the brothers perform a sacred chant taken from the Canticle of Moses, which was composed after the parting of the Red Sea: *"I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant... At a breath of your anger the waters piled up, the flowing waters stood like a mound, the flood waters congealed in the midst of the sea... In your mercy you led the people you redeemed; in your strength you guided them to your holy dwelling."* (Exodus 15, 1-18).

# EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

**On September 14** we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross recalls three events:

1. The finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena.
  2. The dedication of churches built by Emperor Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulcher and Mount Calvary.
  3. The restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem in AD 629 by the Byzantine emperor Heraclius, after it had fallen into the hands of the Persian Emperor Chosroes II in the AD 614 Sasanian conquest of Jerusalem.
- So many of Protestant brothers and sisters would always ask why we, Catholics honor the cross. The cross was a form of death penalty, a punishment for criminals, rebels and others. Yes, the cross becomes a failure, a piece of wood, for many Jews a symbol of shame and disgrace, and meaningless but with Christ on it, the cross becomes meaningful and salvation because he saves us from shame and disgrace of sins. The Cross represents Christ's victory over death.

**Paradox of the Cross** "Anyone who is hanged is a curse of God". (Deuteronomy 21:23). St. Paul says, "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God". (1 Corinthians 1:18). The Holy Catholic Church teaches that the honor paid to the image passes to the prototype; and he who adores the image, adores the person whom it represents.

Dear brothers and sisters, we always begin and end any liturgical services with the sign of the cross. A bishop or a priest blesses people or places or things or dedicate them to God with the sign of the cross. We always enter a church by making the sign of the cross. Whether we are aware or not, the cross has become part of our everyday life. Let us do it consciously by reflecting the true meaning of it. This could also, be a great day to ensure that there is a cross or crucifix in our home, which is an old Catholic tradition.

Let us Pray: - Bless us who find salvation in the cross of Christ; May we always recognize his glory in the weak, suffering and condemned of the world. We ask this through Christ, crucified and exalted, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Fr. John Samuel



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Thank you for your dedication to our church and community. Together, we make a positive difference.

Blessings,  
Pastor Linh Nguyen

# PARISH LIFE

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## YOUTH FORMATION REGISTRATION

2023-2024 Youth Registration is **open** for all 6th-12th graders. Edge, Life Teen, and Confirmation registration is completely online. Visit us online or scan the QR Code for more info.



## REGISTRACION PARA LA FORMACION DE JOVENES

La registracion de 2023-2024 para jóvenes está abierta para todos los estudiantes de 6º-12º grado. Los formularios de Edge, Life Teen, y Confirmacion es completamente en línea. Visítenos nuestra pagina o escanee el código QR para obtener más información.

## Elementary Faith Formation

CLASSES BEGIN ON  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

“Come to Me,  
all you who labor  
and are burdened.”

MATTHEW 11:28

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# 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:

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## Thursday Club

The Thursday Club is a social group that gathers to share fellowship and play cards and games. All parishioners aged 50 and over are welcome to join. The club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, sharing a covered pot luck lunch on the 1st Thursday (bring your own lunch on the 3rd Thursday). **Next Meeting:**

**September 21** at 9am in the Parish Hall.

For more information, contact:  
**Mary Wisniewski 713.864.5925**

## 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!

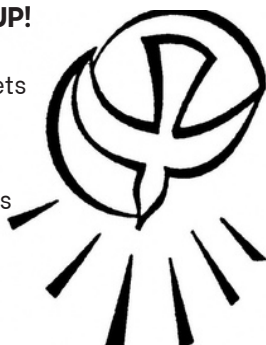


## The Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project offers assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances during pregnancy. The Gabriel Project volunteers act to provide practical advice and help, as well as spiritual support to mothers in need. If you would like to assist through time or donations, please contact Anna Zamarripa: anazamarripa@att.net

## 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.



## Update Membership Information

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in your family over the past year. If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book and directory is correct.

Please email the parish secretary, Diana Saldaña dsaldana@stroselima.org, with your contact information and the topic "Guide Book Advertising." A representative will be in touch with you to provide more details.

# PARISH LIFE

I want to thank everyone that turned out for the Ministry Fair setup/takedown and serving of BBQ sandwiches. Our next meeting will be announced soon. For more information on how to join the Men's Club, contact: Rick Burrell [richard.d.burrell@gmail.com](mailto:richard.d.burrell@gmail.com)



*Men's Club*

*You're Invited!*



*Altar Guild*

A complete history book of the Altar Guild is available in the parish office with photos and stories from the very beginning. The donation is \$20. The next meeting is **Monday, September 11 in the Parish Hall**. Dinner at 6:30 pm, Meeting begins at 7:00. For more information on how to join the Altar Guild, contact: Janeal Whitefield [aggiemom77@hotmail.com](mailto:aggiemom77@hotmail.com)





# EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Music class is a weekly favorite, we get to play with instruments that Ms. Stacie brings for us!



# SRL SCHOOL NEWS

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# PARISH LIFE

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- A JOYFUL DEMEANOR IS ESSENTIAL

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