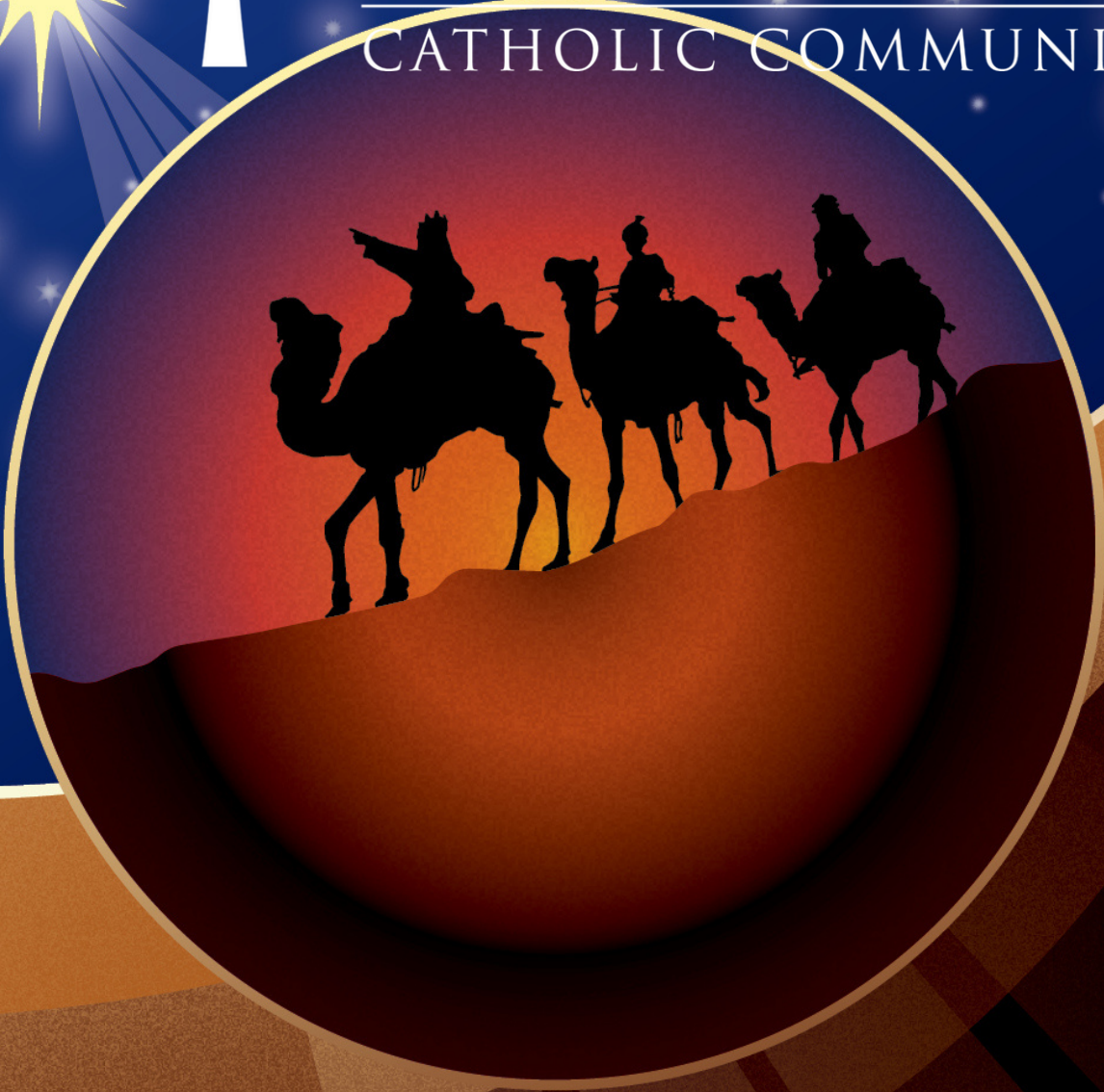




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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

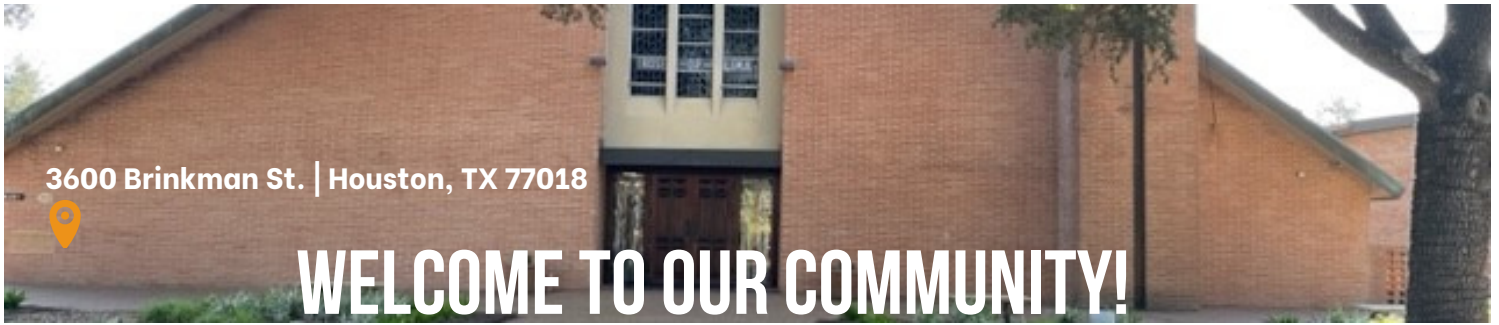


*Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.*

Matthew 2:2

January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord



3600 Brinkman St. | Houston, TX 77018

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY!

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OUR MISSION

Making Room For All At The Table
Of The Lord Through Loving Service

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Monday Jan. 8	8:15 A.M. English St. Andrew Abelino
Tuesday Jan. 9	8:15 A.M. English † David Glielmi
Wednesday Jan. 10	8:15 A.M. English 7:00 P.M. Spanish † Sandra&Edward Fike Pablo Colin
Thursday Jan. 11	8:15 A.M. English Patrick Fike (Birthday)
Friday Jan. 12	8:15 A.M. English † Jeff Anderson
Saturday Jan. 13	5:00 P.M. Caleb Wild (Birthday)
Sunday Jan. 14	8:00 A.M. English 10:00 A.M. English † August Galiano Barbara Dobson 12:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M. SRL COMMUNITY † Gilbert Koterias

OFFICE HOURS / HORAS DE OFICINA

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

2024 dates are now
available for Mass Intentions
and the Traveling Chalice.

FINANCIALS

COLLECTIONS WEEK OF 12/17/2023

Masses	\$10,272.85
Drop Off & Mail In	\$1,458.40
Online	\$11,468.25
Weekly Total	\$23,199.50
Weekly Goal	\$24,185.58
Actual vs. Goal	-\$986.08
Year to Date Total	\$522,854.37
Year to Date Goal	\$582,750.47
Actual vs. Goal	-\$59,896.10

COLLECTIONS WEEK OF 12/24/2023

Masses	\$7,841.07
Drop Off & Mail In	\$8,695.00
Online	\$10,940.25
Weekly Total	\$27,476.32
Weekly Goal	\$24,185.58
Actual vs. Goal	\$3,290.74
Year to Date Total	\$550,330.69
Year to Date Goal	\$606,936.05
Actual vs. Goal	(\$56,605.36)

DSF PROGRESS TRACKER

PARISH GOAL	\$105,000.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$101,886.00
LEFT TO RAISE	\$3,114.00

Scan the QR code to set up online giving:



CalendarOnline:

<https://www.stroselima.org/calendar-1>

Ch=Church FC=Fellowship Center RA/RB/RC=

Chpl=chapel PH=Parish Hall Admin bldg

WH=West Hall EH=East Hall Upstairs Rooms

DSF PROGRESS TRACKER

PARISH GOAL	\$105,000.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$104,221.00
LEFT TO RAISE	\$779.00

Special Collection for Christmas: \$15,427.29

Upcoming Second Collections:

Bishops' Fund for Latin America: January 28, 2024

DSF Sunday: February 4, 2024

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY JAN. 8

6:30P.M. ALTAR GUILD, PH
7:00P.M. GIRL SCOUT LEADER MTG, EH
7:30P.M. PRAYER GROUP, CHPL

TUESDAY JAN. 9

10:30 A.M. SCRIPTURE SHARING, RA
1:30 P.M. LEGION OF MARY (ENG), FC
7:00 P.M. BOY SCOUT TROOP 40, EH
7:00 P.M. TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, RC
7:30P.M. LEGION DE MARIA RA

WEDNESDAY JAN. 10

10:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, RC
6:00P.M. GIRL SCOUTS 122266, FC
6:00 P.M. CONFESSION, CH
7:00 P.M. SPANISH MASS, CH
6:30P.M. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, FC

THURSDAY JAN. 11

9:00A.M. THURSDAY CLUB, PH
6:00 P.M. CONFESSION, CH.
6:30P.M. YOUTH MINISTRY, FC/BRIDE ROOM
7:00 P.M. RCIA, RB

FRIDAY JAN. 12

7:00 P.M. GRUPO DE ORACION, RB

SATURDAY JAN. 13

7:00A.M. SVP, PH
4:00 P.M. CONFESSION, CH

SUNDAY JAN. 14

8:00A.M. TACO SUNDAY, PH
1:00P.M. GIRL SCOUT TROOP 122056, RA
4:00P.M. TROOP 40, RB
CONFIRMATION 2 - MLK BREAK
EDGE - MLK BREAK
LIFETEEN - MLK BREAK

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

Eucharistic Miracle of

ALBORAYA-ALMÁCERA



SPAIN, 1348

In 1348, a priest while on his way to visit some sick people in order to bring them Communion, slipped in the waters of a small river that he was crossing and overturned the ciborium which contained some consecrated Hosts. The poor priest, who had by now resigned himself to the loss, heard himself being called by some fishermen a short distance away inviting him to come closer to the shore in order to see several fish with discs in their mouth which appeared to be Hosts. The particles were immediately recovered and brought back to the church in a solemn procession in which the whole village participated.



Hermitage Church in Alboraya



Commemorative sculpture of the Miracle in the city-center



Mosaic on the exterior of the Church



In 1348, in the town of Alboraya-Almácer, a Eucharistic miracle occurred which seemed to recall episodes in the life of Saint Francis that demonstrate how, if men were to fully live in the grace of God, all God's creatures would live in harmony.

A priest, carrying a ciborium containing the Viaticum (sacrament) destined for some sick people, was crossing a river on mule-back when he was suddenly swept off his mount by a rushing wave. The priest tumbled into the water along with his ciborium, which was emptied of its precious content. The Hosts fell out and were being carried away by the current toward the mouth of the river nearby. The priest, barely saving himself, full of remorse, and lamenting what had occurred as he tried to free himself from the mud and the

waters, was approached by some fishermen who were stunned to have witnessed, in the place where the river water flowed into the sea, three fish, each with a little white disc in its mouth, resembling Communion Hosts.

The priest immediately ran to the church and returned to the river bank with another ciborium. He did everything in such a hurry, that he didn't even stop to ask himself if the fishermen's story was believable. Great was his joy when he saw that the three prodigious fish were there, almost completely out of the water, lifting the Hosts, intact, with their mouths, like little trophies. He fell to his knees, and extending his chalice, prayed as he had never prayed before in his entire life; and thus, he saw the fish deposit the Hosts in the chalice,

one after the other, and then dive and slither rapidly back into the water to disappear into the sea. Only at that moment did the priest notice that he was surrounded by a group of men and women who had witnessed the entire scene.

Today it is still possible to consult numerous documents testifying to the miracle. There even exists a small church, with two fish sculpted on the door, built on the site of the miracle, and two paintings reproducing the entire event.

PASTORAL LETTER FOR JANUARY

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Presentation of the Gifts in the Eucharistic celebration is a profound and meaningful moment that reminds us of our potential to do something truly divine as human beings. In this discussion, we will explore the rich symbolism of this ritual and its deep connection to our mission to make the world a better place. Through the simple elements of bread and wine, we express our commitment to live and work as Christ's representatives on earth, and elevate our understanding of our purpose in life.

At the heart of the Presentation of the Gifts is the transformation of ordinary bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. These elements symbolize the gift of ourselves that we made at our baptism when we were spiritually united to Jesus Christ. By offering these simple gifts, we renew our commitment to embody Christ's presence and mission on earth. This act reminds us that our purpose in life transcends the daily routine.

When we offer bread and wine for transformation, we go beyond the idea of working just to survive. Instead, we are engaging a profound reality – the “true bread” that comes from heaven and gives life to the world. This reminds us of our pursuit of eternal life as promised by God and awakens us to the spiritual dimension of our actions. It is in this spiritual reality that we find our true meaning in life.

The Eucharist teaches us that God can use ordinary things of the material world to produce divine effects. The simple “fruit of the earth” and the “work of human hands” become the “bread of life,” while the “fruit of the vine” becomes our “spiritual drink.” As we unite our humanity with Christ's divinity, we become instruments of divine fruitfulness, spreading God's life through our words and actions. This celebration reminds us that the divine is present in our daily lives.

The bread and wine we present symbolize not only the body and blood of Christ, but also ourselves. As these symbols pass through the congregation, each host represents an individual who offers himself or herself as a living sacrifice, echoing the commitment made at baptism. Our baptism made us partners with Jesus in his mission, and at each Mass we reaffirm our commitment to that mission.

As adults, we accept the mission of Jesus and the mission of the Church. Our baptism consecrates, commits, and empowers us to continue Christ's work as priest, prophet, and king. To fulfill our role as “prophets in the prophet,” we must profess our faith not only in words, but in our daily actions that reflect the presence of the risen Jesus in us. In this journey, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us bear witness to our divine mission.

Finally, the presentation of the gifts is a powerful reminder of our divine mission on earth. Through symbols and rituals, we pledge to transform ourselves and the world around us. By participating in this sacrament, we acknowledge the true source of life, embrace our role as agents of divine change, and bear witness to our mission as prophets in the Prophet. It is in these moments of offering ourselves as living sacrifices that we fully understand the real world – the world in which God works through us, His human vessels, to bring about divine fruitfulness and eternal life.

Before I conclude, I invite you to consider a few questions:

- How does the presentation of the gifts during the Eucharist remind you of the potential for divine transformation within you and in the world around you?
- How can I be a bridge between heaven and earth, helping to make the kingdom of God a reality in our world?
- Reflect on the concept of offering yourself as a living sacrifice during the Eucharist. What practical steps can you take to renew this commitment in your life and work as an embodiment of Christ's presence on earth?

Your Friend and Pastor,
Fr. Linh Nguyen



CARTA PASTORAL DE ENERO

Queridos Amigos en Cristo,

La Presentación de los Dones en la celebración Eucarística es un momento profundo y significativo que nos recuerda nuestra posibilidad para hacer algo verdaderamente divino como seres humanos. En esta conversación, vamos a explorar el intenso simbolismo de este ritual y su profunda conexión con nuestra misión para crear del mundo un lugar mejor para vivir. A través del pan y el vino, expresamos nuestra dedicación a vivir y trabajar como representantes de Cristo en la Tierra, para elevar la comprensión de nuestro propósito en la vida.

La parte central de la Presentación de los Dones está en la transformación del pan y el vino en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Estos elementos simbolizan el regalo que hicimos nosotros mismos durante nuestro bautismo, cuando nos unimos espiritualmente a Jesucristo. Al presentar estos sencillos regalos, renovamos nuestro compromiso de encarnar la presencia y la misión de Cristo en la Tierra. Este acto nos recuerda que nuestro propósito en la vida va más allá de la vida diaria.

Cuando ofrecemos la transformación del pan y el vino, superamos nuestras intenciones y no solo para sobrevivir. Nos sumergimos en una realidad profunda: el “verdadero pan” que viene del cielo y da vida al mundo. Esto nos recuerda nuestro seguimiento de la vida eterna, como la prometió Dios, y nos despierta a la dimensión espiritual de nuestras acciones. Es en esta realidad espiritual donde encontramos nuestro verdadero propósito en la vida.

La Eucaristía nos enseña que Dios puede usar objetos mundanos para crear resultados divinos. El “fruto de la tierra” y el “trabajo del hombre” se convierten en el “pan de vida”, y el “fruto de la vid” se convierte en nuestra “bebida espiritual”. Cuando unimos nuestra humanidad con la divinidad de Cristo, nos convertimos en instrumentos de fertilidad divina, difundiendo la vida de Dios a través de nuestras palabras y acciones. Esta celebración nos recuerda que lo divino está presente en nuestra vida diaria.

Como adultos, aceptamos la misión de Jesús y la de la Iglesia. Nuestro bautismo nos consagró, comprometió y empoderó para continuar la obra de Cristo como sacerdotes, profetas y reyes. Para cumplir nuestra responsabilidad como “profetas en el Profeta”, debemos profesar nuestra fe no solo con palabras, sino a través de nuestras acciones diarias, reflejando la presencia de Jesús resucitado dentro de nosotros. En esta jornada, recibimos el don del Espíritu Santo para ayudarnos a dar testimonio de nuestra misión divina.

En conclusión, la Presentación de los Dones es un poderoso recordatorio de nuestra misión divina en la Tierra. A través de símbolos y rituales, nos comprometemos a transformarnos a nosotros mismos y al mundo que nos rodea. Al participar en este sacramento, reconocemos la verdadera fuente de la vida, aceptamos nuestra responsabilidad como agentes de cambio divino y damos testimonio de nuestra misión como profetas en el Profeta. Es en estos momentos de ofrecernos como sacrificios vivos que comprendemos completamente el mundo real: el mundo en el que Dios trabaja a través de nosotros, sus recipientes humanos, para lograr una fecundidad divina y una vida eterna.

Antes de concluir, te invitamos a reflexionar sobre algunas preguntas:

- ¿Cómo te recuerda la Presentación de los Dones durante la celebración Eucarística la realidad de transformación divina dentro de ti y en el mundo que te rodea?
- ¿Cómo puedo ser un puente entre el cielo y la tierra, ayudando a hacer realidad el reino de Dios en nuestro mundo?
- Piensa en el concepto de presentarte como un sacrificio vivo durante la Eucaristía. ¿Qué pasos prácticos puedes tomar para renovar este compromiso en tu vida y trabajar como una encarnación de la presencia de Cristo en la Tierra?

Su Amigo y Pastor,
P. Linh Nguyen



PARISH LIFE

St. Rose of Lima Giving Tree Update

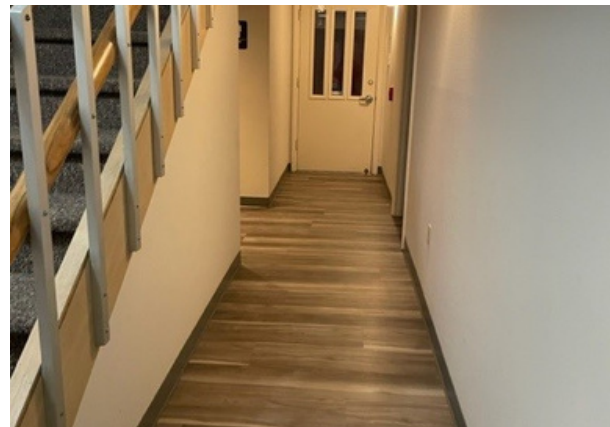
A big thank you to the St. Rose Community!

Our St. Rose Giving Tree has brought a Merrier Christmas to many local families and children.

Thank you, St. Rose parishioners, for your overwhelming response and generosity to our Christmas Giving Tree project. During Advent, the Christmas tree located in the narthex displayed “ornaments” identifying a child by age and gender. Many parishioners selected an ornament and purchased an appropriate Christmas gift for that child. Because of your generosity, St. Rose provided Christmas gifts for 59 children from 37 families that are served through our **St. Vincent de Paul food pantry**. We even had surplus gifts that were given to El Centro de Corazón, a federally qualified health clinic located in the East end of Houston – bringing smiles to even more children and families. Your generosity also provided infant-care items in support of **the Gabriel Project**. This St. Rose ministry helps pregnant women in crisis situations who have chosen life for their babies and desperately need items to care for their children. Our parishioners’ generosity has replenished the supply of critical items needed for the many precious newborns and their mothers that we serve. Thank you, St. Rose Community, for your continued support, generosity, and care for the needs of so many of our neighbors!

Fellowship Center Update

Our Fellowship Center is transforming beautifully. We have replaced the carpet with wonderful vinyl. Huge thank you to all the donors who made the Youth Ministry Refresh Project possible. We are grateful for your prayers, generosity, and support in this vision! Check out the progress.



PARISH LIFE

Be a part
of our
Team

**WE ARE
HIRING!**

Here's your chance to shine!

Position

➤ Business Manager

Contact

- ✉ frlinh@stroselima.org
- ✉ eherrera@stroselima.org



ST. ROSE of LIMA
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church is hiring a full-time Parish Business Manager for in-person work. The role involves stewardship aligned with Archdiocesan policies and Parish guidelines. If you're qualified and interested, check the job description in the QR code. Submit your cover letter, resume, and minimum salary requirements* to Deacon Ed Herrera: eherrera@stroselima.org, cc: Fr. Linh Nguyen at frlinh@stroselima.org. Join us in supporting our Parish's mission and vision. *Applicants who do not include minimum salary requirements may not be considered for further review.



<https://www.stroselima.org/careers>

TACO SUNDAY

Delicious

- TACOS
- NACHOS
- AGUAS FRESCAS

Sunday, January 14th 2024
9AM - 2PM

SUNDAY
1/14

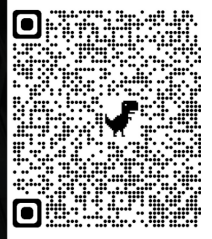


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WE ARE

HIRING

*Youth Ministry
Director*



JOB POSITION

ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH IN HOUSTON, TEXAS IS SEEKING A **YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR/COORDINATOR** IN A FULL TIME / PART TIME POSITION TO COORDINATE OUR CONFIRMATION, EDGE AND LIFE TEEN PROGRAMS FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH. IF YOU'RE QUALIFIED AND INTERESTED, CHECK THE JOB DESCRIPTION IN THE QR CODE. ***APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT INCLUDE MINIMUM SALARY REQUIREMENTS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR FURTHER REVIEW.

SEND YOUR CV AND COVER LETTER TO :

eherrera@stroselima.org

CC: frlinh@stroselima.org

www.stroselima.org/careers

Maintenance Update

Have you seen the church doors lately? Hoelshire Weather-stripping donated their time renewing the finish a couple weeks ago just in time for Christmas!

Introducing: Faith Night at St. Rose of Lima

Join in for worship music, reflection by our clergy, adoration and fellowship. Friday, February 2, 2024, 7:00 - 8:15 pm, in the church. More details to come. Everyone is invited!

PARISH LIFE

S c r i p t u r e s R e a d i n g s

Sunday Jan. 7	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday Jan. 8	Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday Jan. 9	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday Jan. 10	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday Jan. 11	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday Jan. 12	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday Jan. 13	Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday Jan. 14	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Spring 2024 Nullity Case Sponsor Training

The Metropolitan Tribunal is pleased to announce its next formational training program of 36 hours for Nullity Case Sponsors, heartily supported by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo. Training will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 6800 Buffalo Spwy., Houston, TX 77025. Every parish is encouraged to have trained Nullity Case Sponsors. As always, priests and deacons are welcome to attend these sessions, but registration is required due to limited space. For deacons, this training can be applied toward continuing education hours that are required by the Office of the Diaconate. Pastor's approval is required for lay people. Lay people are to be chosen carefully by the pastor and are to possess certain qualities that are necessary for this service. The lay person is to understand and adhere to the teachings of the Church in general but specifically to the Catholic theology of marriage; be in good standing with the Church; be discrete and non-judgmental; have common sense and critical thinking skills; be patient and have good communication skills; and have ample time to serve in this capacity. To qualify to serve as a Nullity Case Sponsor, one must complete all 36 hours of training.

A simultaneous Spanish translation will be offered. Individual must use his/her own cell phone and headphones. Charges may incur due to minute usage.

The training will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Church on the following six Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- **Course 1:** January 13 and 20
- **Course 2:** February 3 and 10
- **Course 3:** March 16 and 23

The cost for all three sessions is \$100. Individual sessions are \$40. Scholarships are available. Contact the Metropolitan Tribunal for more information at 713-807-9286. Space is limited!

To register: <http://www.archgh.org/Tribunal/> or <https://archgh.swoogo.com/nullity2024>

PARISH LIFE

The Hospitality Board serves to welcome all parishioners to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Community. In addition, to inform newcomers and existing parishioners about the many opportunities to use their gifts to become better stewards and contribute to the building of God's kingdom on earth. The next meeting is January 4, 2024 at 7pm in Room C. Contact Lisa Mota to join or learn more: lisam77084@yahoo.com

Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center

Saint Rose of Lima Men's Retreat January 19-21, 2024

Ain't Nothing Like the Real Presence: A Nation Guided by the Wisdom of God.

In the spirit of the Eucharistic Revival inaugurated by the United States Catholic Bishops; encounter the wisdom of God through a retreat weekend of lectures, discussions, Adoration, and Eucharistic celebrations. This can further assist us in a transformation from a desert people to a nation united and nourished by the "finest wheat." Psalm 147:14

This weekend retreat offers relaxed adult accommodations that includes 5 excellent meals, private rooms with restrooms, beautiful grounds, christian fellowship, and spiritual presentations and discussions. It's a perfect gift for self or spouse that focuses on people over things.

First 10 never before attended a Holy Name Men's retreat receive a \$100.00 discount. Registration available online at www.HolyNameRetreatCenter.com
Enter CODE below and receive a \$100.00 discount.

SRL100

Stewardship Reflection: Epiphany of the Lord - January 7

That, like the Magi, we generously share our gifts with the Lord, trusting He will provide all that we need.

"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!



**MARIAN SERVANTS
OF THE INCARNATE WISDOM®**

Date
Feb. 23-25, 2024

Time
5pm (Friday)
to 11am (Sunday)

Location
Mother of Perpetual Help
Retreat Center
3417 W. Little York
Houston, TX 77091

Cost
\$250 per person
(Double occupancy)

*"Healing
through
the Power
of Jesus
Christ"*

Weekend Retreat With

Fr. Greg Bramlage



The Marian Servants of the Incarnate Wisdom® invite you to "Save the Date" for our annual weekend retreat, to be held February 23-25, 2024 at Mother of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Houston. Our retreat theme is "Healing through the Power of Jesus Christ". Registration and more information will be available in January 2024.

Questions or Comments?

Email: info@marianservantshouston.org

PARISH LIFE

NEED SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact:

Priscilla Phillips •
phillips.priscilla@gmail.com

Gina Waters •
gina@marianservantshouston.org

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

Fr. John • frjohn@stroselima.org

2024 dates are now available.

Sunday, January 7th 10am - SRL SCHOOL FAMILY

Saturday, January 13 5pm - Stephen Hernandez

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: January 4 & 18th at 9am in the Parish Hall. For more information, contact:**

Mary Wisniewski 713.864.5925

THE ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild takes care of the altar, promotes the spiritual growth of its members and assists the pastor as directed. They clean the altar every week and sponsor different fundraisers throughout the year to pay for altar cloths, candles, the bread and wine consecrated at the Eucharist and other needs. We are always looking for new members, and any woman, who is a member of the parish, is invited to join the Altar Guild.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 8th 2024 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

For more information, please contact:

Susan Russell smrussell55@comcast.net

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

The ministry of Spiritual Direction was formed to help people to grow in holiness and gain freedom in Christ. Spiritual Direction can help to identify God's action on a daily basis.

CÁLIZ DE VIAJE

Oren por un aumento a las vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa. Las inscripción para el Caliz está en la iglesia o puede enviar un email al P. John • frjohn@stroselima.org

Las fechas de 2024 ya están disponibles.

Domingo 7 de enero 10am - FAMILIA ESCOLAR de SRL

Sábado 13 de enero 5pm - Stephen Hernandez

WANT TO DONATE FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR?

Flowers for the altar can be donated in loving memory of a relative, or for a special occasion. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements and to find out the dates available.

THE MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club is a social and service organization serving St. Rose. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 in the East Hall. If you are interested in joining, please call or text President Rick Burrell at 713-494-5975.

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Baptisms

Hannah Bárcenas
Samantha Bárcenas
Allison Bárcenas
Santiago Valentino Ortiz
Elizabeth Catherine Landry
Penelope Oliva Patout
Miller Jane Greene
Sebastian Daniel Behr
Finnegan Thomas Behr

Weddings

Christian & Audrey Vinasco

New Members

Jose Bárcenas & Ana Gonzalez and family
Merejildo Bárcenas & Margarita Silva and family
Tim & Lauryn Redden and family
Micheal & Katrin Canlas and family
Mark & Esmeralda Wachowicz and family
Justin Simon & Leslie Bit
Carlos & Sylvia Herrera
Daniel & Kristen Sprenger and family

PRAYER LIST/LISTA DE ORACIÓN

Prayer List/Lista de Oración: 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, Jordan Anthony, Bob Olivo, Sonja Evans, David Diaz, Robert Matthew, Michelle Isler, Michelle Cole. Infant Francesca ShaSha. Mary Jo Romo. John Solis. Abel Hernandez(protection). Martha L. Tunal (Health). Maricela&Baby Martinez. Carol Lee (Healing). Oralia Perez. Charles Heinrich. Roberto Carlos Castro (Healing).

*****If your loved one can be removed, please contact the office to let us know. Thank you.**

Repose of the Souls of/Por el Descanso Eterno: Cecil Burdick, Gilbert Koterias, Eleanora Hoffman, Richard Benfiel, Ana Maria Polito, Martha Cullen, Barbara Liollo, Steven Figueroa, Jordan Longoria, Edilma Rodriguez. Frances LeVrier. Angeline Phillips. Infant Henry ShaSha. Yolinda Fuentes. Theresa Rao. Barbara Witkoskie. Josie Church. William Akeroyd. Patricia Ormond. Cheri Holder.

Prayer Blanket Ministry

The mission of the Prayer Blanket Ministry is to provide prayers of relief to the suffering and sick of our community by making and distributing special individual lap-size blankets. These blankets convey our love and prayers to those in need. Volunteers can work as a group or individually in their own homes.

Anyone with a basic knowledge of cutting, sewing, knitting or crochet and a desire to pray for those in need is welcome to become part of this ministry. Contact Dorothy Vetrano via email dljv96@gmail.com to get involved.

STAR: WHAT IS THE STAR GROUP?

Stitching To Assist Recovery is a group of ladies willing and able to help others to recover by making items for their comfort. The items go to many different places such as The V.A. Hospital, American Cancer society, Ben Taub Hospital, Local nursing homes and many other groups who need our help. We sew, cut, tag, stuff pillows along with other things. All provisions are provided, all you need to do is lend us a helping hand. There are no regular meetings.

No age limit, we have young girls that have just joined us.

Share your God given talents!

**If you can help please call Jo Ann Thompson
713.682.2835**

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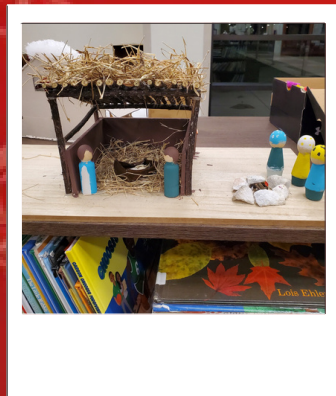
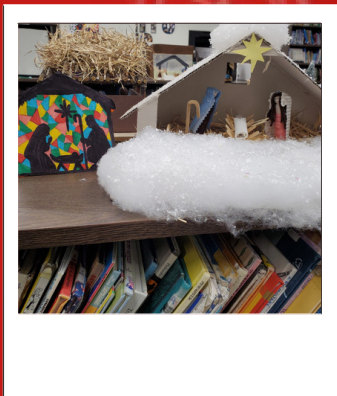
Seasons Greetings

FROM THE THURSDAY
CLUB!



SRL SCHOOL NEWS

Here is a look at the nativity scenes our sixth graders created, inspired by St. Francis, as Advent family projects.



Like to sing? The school choir is recruiting! Join us today.
Contact our Director of Music Jose Arredondo for more information:
jarredondo@stroselima.org



Happy Holidays!