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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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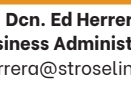

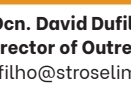
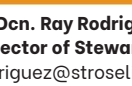
WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY!

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OUR MISSION

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

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MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

Monday Dec. 18	8:15 A.M. English St. Jude
Tuesday Dec. 19	8:15 A.M. English † Gus Opperman
Wednesday Dec. 20	8:15 A.M. English 7:00 P.M. Spanish † Edwin&Evelyn Milnowki Carol Lee (Health)
Thursday Dec. 21	8:15 A.M. English Bobby Luciano
Friday Dec. 22	8:15 A.M. † Rena M. Spanos
Saturday Dec. 23	5:00 P.M. English 7:00p.m. Spanish Youth Ministry Volunteers Maricela&Baby Martinez
Sunday Dec. 24	8:00 A.M. English 10:00 A.M. English †Dale&Catherine Wilganowski Mildred Seifert 4:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. 9:00 P.M. 12:00 A.M. †Crystal Pechacek †Edilma Rodriguez †Josie Church † Rena M. Spanos
Monday Dec. 25	Christmas Day 9:00 A.M. † Malcolm Phillips

Lord, send down Your Spirit to guide me during Advent this year. May the Holy Spirit help me journey closer to You and lift me up when I feel down and lead me when I feel lost. I may stumble at times, but I know my ultimate journey is to draw closer to You and build Your kingdom here on earth—a kingdom that Jesus's birth, life and death helped secure. Amen. Join us for Adoration Monday-Friday in the Chapel.

FINANCIALS

WORSHIP

COLLECTIONS: WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2023

Masses	\$10,034.19
Drop Off & Mail In	\$460.00
Online	\$15,766.77
Weekly Total	\$26,260.96
Weekly Goal	\$24,185.58
Actual vs. Goal	\$2,075.38
Year to Date Total	\$482,306.76
Year to Date Goal	\$534,379.31
Actual vs. Goal	-\$52,072.55

DSF PROGRESS TRACKER

PARISH GOAL	\$105,000.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$100,343.00
LEFT TO RAISE	\$4,657.00

Special Collection for the Food Pantry:
\$3,289.75

Scan the QR code to set
up online giving:



Calendar Online: calendarwiz.com/strose1947

Ch=Church FC=Fellowship Center RA/RB/RC=
 Chpl=chapel PH=Parish Hall Admin bldg
 WH=West Hall EH=East Hall Upstairs Rooms

OFFICE HOURS / HORAS DE OFICINA

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

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.

Rest of the Souls of/ Por el Descanso Eterno: Cecil Burdick, Gilbert Koterak, 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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY DEC. 18

7:00 P.M. BOY SCOUT TROOP 40, FC
 7:00 P.M. ACTS CORE TEAM, RC
 7:30 P.M. PRAYER GROUP, CHPL

TUESDAY DEC. 19

10:30 A.M. SCRIPTURE SHARING, RA
 1:30 P.M. LEGION OF MARY (ENG), FC
 4:00 P.M. 2023 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
 CHOIR REHEARSAL, CH.
 6:00 P.M. BOY SCOUT TROOP 40, BH, RB
 7:00 P.M. ANNUAL ALUMNI NIGHT- BOY
 SCOUT TROOP 40, EH
 7:00 P.M. TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, RC
 7:30 P.M. LEGION DE MARIA, RA

WEDNESDAY DEC. 20

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

THURSDAY DEC. 21

9:00 A.M THURSDAY CLUB, PH
 5:00 P.M. CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
 PAGEANT REHEARSAL, CH
 6:00 P.M. CONFESSION, CH.
 6:30 P.M. CUB SCOUT PACK 40, WH/EH
 7:00 P.M. RCIA, RB

FRIDAY DEC. 22 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

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

Saturday Dec. 23

4:00 P.M. CONFESSION, CH

Sunday Dec. 24

9:45 A.M. CCE PRE-K - 1ST GRADE, FC
 10:30 A.M. BAPTISM PREP (SP)
 10:30 A.M. CCE 2ND GRADE (SPANISH) -
 CHRISTMAS BREAK

SUNDAY DEC. 24

3:00 P.M. EDGE -
 CHRISTMAS BREAK
 6:30 P.M. CONFIRMATION II
 - CHRISTMAS BREAK
 6:30 P.M. LIFETEEN -
 CHRISTMAS BREAK

MONDAY, DEC. 25

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, DEC. 26

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

Eucharistic Miracle of **BREDA-NIERVAART**

NETHERLANDS, 1300



The Eucharistic miracle of Breda-Niervaart occurred on June 24, 1300. At the time, the Netherlands was occupied by Spanish army troops, and during a pillage a soldier stole a consecrated Host, which was found a short while later by a farmer named Jan Bautoen; it was hidden under a lump of dirt and in perfect condition. One of the most authoritative and complete documents describing the events connected with this miracle is the investigation conducted by the Bishop of Link. Traces of the miracle remain in the church's paintings as well as in the documents.



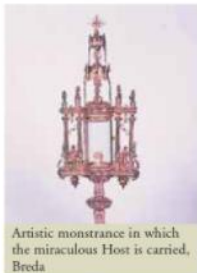
Collegiate Church of Our Lady, Breda



Interior of the church



The procession held every year to honor the miracle



Artistic monstrance in which the miraculous Host is carried, Breda



Banner depicting the finding of the miraculous Host



With the kind permission of the Meertens Institute

On June 24, 1300, a farmer named Jan Bautoen was hoeing a plot of land near the village of Niervaart. As he lifted a clod of earth, he found a completely intact Host, which he immediately gave to the pastor of the village of Niervaart. The Host was put into precious custodia and, despite the passage of time, it became known that the appearances of bread remained intact. News quickly spread among the people, who began to venerate the Host. In 1449 the Particle was moved to the Collegiate Church of Our Lady of Breda, and an artistic monstrance was made to preserve it.

During the religious conflicts, all traces of the miraculous host were lost, even though devotion to this Eucharistic miracle was kept alive by the people. After various ups and

downs, veneration was solemnly restored in the 20th century by a confraternity in Breda dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament. To this day, processions and public prayers are held each year in the miracle's honor.



The relic of the miraculous Host is carried in procession (1535), Sacred Museum of Breda

JOY

Why do we light the rose-colored candle today? Why the rose-colored vestments?

The rose-colored Advent candle, vestments, and roses on the altar, a break from the violet colors, remind us on this third Sunday of Advent of the joy of the coming of our Lord, and we rejoice! Today our penitential exercises we have been practicing during this season are suspended on this third Sunday of Advent, this Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice" and today we take time to rejoice; to find joy in the One who has and who is coming. Jesus is near! The One we truly await, the One our soul longs to encounter, the One who completes us, who gives full meaning to our lives has come...is coming...and will come again.

So we rejoice!

"I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul..." Isaiah tells us. (Isaiah 61:10)

And St. Paul writes, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." (1Thes 5:16-17) Despite any troubles we may be going through personally, and despite what is happening in our world today, we are still able to rejoice, how so?

Because on this Sunday we come to understand that our joy and rejoicing is not to be confused with pleasure and happiness)

Pleasure gives us feelings and emotions of happiness, but emotions come and go. Joy is a state of being. Joy is a state of peace that is unyielding; that can stay with us and within us; that's what this Gaudete Sunday is about. We pray as we walk towards that manger; to the One whose sandal straps we are not worthy to untie. We are drawn to Him, we are called by Him, we continue to walk towards Him. In this time called Advent, in this pilgrimage of faith we find ourselves on this time of year....this pilgrimage of walking together towards Christ with the same anticipation and wonder and joy that the shepherds in the field must have felt as they walked towards the manger in Bethlehem, and as the Magi must have felt as they traveled for the East to see the baby Jesus...we too feel that wonder, that anticipation, that joy. For at the end of the day we know, and we believe that we are still people of hope...we are still people of The Good News. And we rejoice!

With Hope, Peace, and Joy.

Deacon David



PARISH LIFE



WE HAVE BEEN CAPPING OFF OUR FALL SEMESTER SPANISH CCE CLASSES WITH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS!



Ten Good Reasons to go to Mass #10: We need to experience something bigger than ourselves. As we conclude this series of blurbs on Ten Good Reasons to Go to Mass, this last one gets right to the heart of the matter. Each and every time we go to Mass, we share in the death and resurrection of Jesus. If there is anything bigger than ourselves, this is certainly it. When we come to Mass, we take our ordinary everyday lives and become active players in the Paschal Mystery. As we do this, whether we realize this or not, we enter into God's plan for us and the world. With the Eucharist as our spiritual nourishment we can confidently "go in peace to love and serve the Lord." It is in the Mass, that we really experience the true peace being in the Presence of Christ can give. Let each of us be encouraged to be filled with a sense of awe and wonder each time we attend Mass, basking in the Real Presence of Christ. When we approach the Mass with this mindset, we truly are experiencing something far bigger than ourselves. To all of you, a Blessed Christmas and Bright New Year. Sincerely, Deacon John

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Sunday Dec. 17	Third Sunday of Advent Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday Dec. 18	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday Dec. 19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday Dec. 20	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday Dec. 21	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday Dec. 23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Sunday Dec. 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

WE ARE HIRING

Be a part of our Team



ST. ROSE *of* LIMA
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

WE ARE HIRING!

Here's your chance to shine!

Position

➤ Business Manager

Contact

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

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>

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church is hiring a full-time **Parish Business Manager** for in-person work, offering benefits and paid time off. The Parish Business Manager works under the direction of the Pastor to assist him with the stewardship of the Parish, in accordance with Archdiocesan Internal Controls and Policies and St. Rose of Lima Parish guidelines. The Parish Business Manager must value the organization and the responsible management of its resources in support of the Pastor and the parochial vicars, ensuring that the business, finance and human resource needs of the Parish are sustained. The Parish Business Manager of St. Rose of Lima must understand and respect the mission and vision the Pastor has set for the Parish by projecting a faith filled presence with knowledge of the Catholic Faith and in support of its social teachings. To view the job description, visit: <https://bit.ly/BusinessManagerSRL>

PARISH LIFE

ST. ROSE ANNUAL GIVING TREE

Supporting **St. Vincent de Paul** and the **Gabriel Project**

As the Advent Season approaches, please consider participating in this beautiful offering to assist those in need who live in our community.

Simply pick up a gift tag (or two!) to purchase a gift for an infant or child. Gift tags are available near the church entrance between Nov. 18 – Dec. 9.

Wrap your gift: for our **St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) children**. Secure the gift tag identifying the age and gender of the child who will receive your precious gift. These gifts will bring smiles to children in our community whose parents receive support through our SVDP program. Place your wrapped gift near the GIVING TREE.

DO NOT wrap your gift: for our **Gabriel Project babies**. Tags marked for the Gabriel project will indicate a specific infant item that is needed for the St. Rose Gabriel Project. Place your **unwrapped** gifts in the **PACK 'N PLAY** near the church stairwell. These gifts will be given to moms seeking our support for their newborns.

Many thanks to our St. Rose Life Teen Ministry for gathering and distributing gifts to SVDP and the Gabriel Project. We are grateful for your enthusiasm in supporting this important ministry.

The generosity and love demonstrated each year by the St. Rose community is a blessing, especially to our brothers and sisters whom we are called to serve. Thank you for your support of both SVDP and the Gabriel Project.



St. Rose of Lima Legion of Mary

Dedicated to
serving God
through prayer and
spiritual works of
mercy



Santa Rosa de Lima Legión de María

Dedicados a servir a
Dios a través de la
oración y obras de
misericordia
spirituales.

Are you interested in deepening your devotion to Jesus through honoring His Blessed Mother? That is the holy mission of the Legion of Mary. Our activities include praying for the intentions of parishioners, visiting the sick and the homebound, bringing comfort to the aged, praying the rosary, and instructing children at the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Active and auxiliary membership is open to all parishioners. To find out more, you're invited to attend one of our weekly meetings on **Tuesday afternoons from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Center**. Or call Rosa for more information at 713-480-9206. All are welcome.

¿Está interesado en profundizar su devoción a Jesús honrando a Su Santísima Madre? Esa es la santa misión de la Legión de María. Nuestras actividades incluyen rezar por las intenciones de los feligreses, visitar a los enfermos y a los confinados en casa, llevar consuelo a los ancianos, rezar el rosario e instruir a los niños en la misa dominical de las 10 de la mañana.

La afiliación activa y auxiliar está abierta a todos los feligreses. Para obtener más información, le invitamos a asistir a una de nuestras reuniones semanales **los martes por la tarde de 7:30-9:00 p.m. en en la habitación a.**

PARISH LIFE

Ministry Spotlight - 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.

Altar Guild meets on the first Monday of each month (September through May).

For more information, please contact:

Susan Russell

smrussell55@comcast.net.



**MARIAN SERVANTS
OF THE INCARNATE WISDOM®**

Date
Feb. 23-25, 2024

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

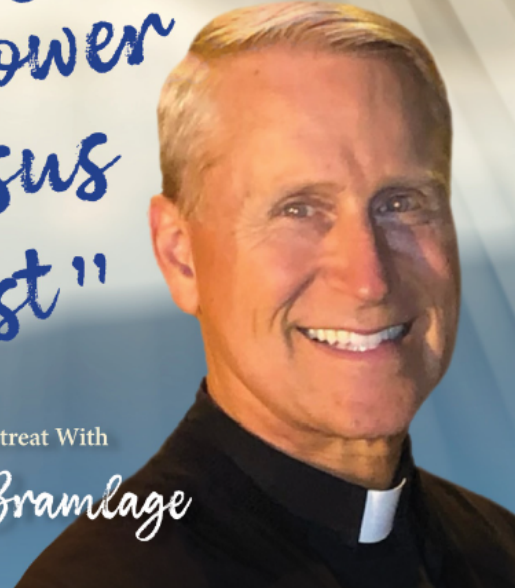
Location
Mother of Perpetual Help
Retreat Center
3417 W. Little York
Houston, TX 77091

Cost
\$250 per person
(Double occupancy)

*"Healing
through
the Power
of Jesus
Christ"*

Weekend Retreat With

Fr. Greg Bramlage



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

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



PRAY EVERY DAY THIS

Advent
with the Hallow app

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

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.

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.

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.

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: December 7 & 21 at 9am in the Parish Hall.**

For more information, contact:

Mary Wisniewski 713.864.5925

Boy Scout Troop 40

Annual Alumni Night

- All Past and Present Members Are Welcome
- See Old Friends and Share Memories

Tuesday, December 19th

7:30 PM In The Cafeteria

(East Hall)



Children's Christmas Choir

SING AT THE 4:00 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Looking for 2nd-8th graders interested in singing! LOCATION: THE CHURCH

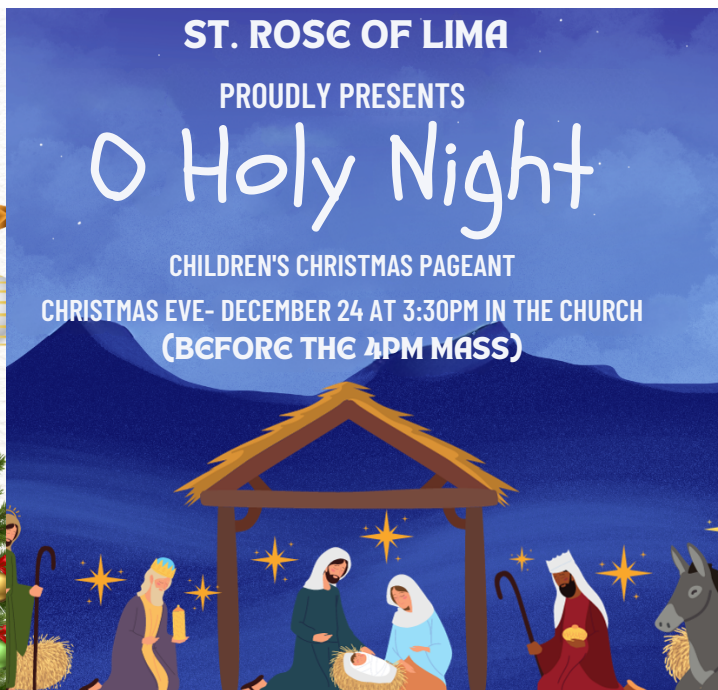
REHEARSAL:

THURS., DEC. 14 4:00PM - 5:00PM

TUES., DEC. 19 4:00PM - 5:00PM

THURS., DEC. 21 4:00PM - 5:00PM

Contact: Sophie Rodarte (srodarte18@hotmail.com) to sign-up



PARISH LIFE

JOIN 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.

To join or volunteer or learn more please contact Patrick Bonorden at pebonorden@yahoo.com or 713.997.9630

¡ÚNETE AL THE GATHERING!

¡The Gathering vuelve a la acción! Se trata de un día de diversión segura y estimulante para personas con necesidades especiales (Alzheimer, Parkinson, Ictus, Demencia, etc.). Nuestra "fiesta" temática se lleva a cabo una vez al mes, mientras que los familiares y cuidadores tienen tiempo libre para descansar o hacer mandados después de dejar a sus invitados. Los voluntarios parroquiales están disponibles para ayudar a nuestros huéspedes con diversas actividades.

Para unirse, ser voluntario u obtener más información, comuníquese con Patrick Bonorden al pebonorden@yahoo.com o al 713.997.9630.

ADORERS NEEDED!

No weekly commitment required, just a willingness to help when you can!

Please contact Chrissy Witney to get added to the weekly adoration scheduling email.

figgysmall@gmail.com
832.459.144

¡SE NECESITAN ADORADORES!

No se requiere compromiso semanal, ¡solo la voluntad de ayudar cuando puedas!

Comuníquese con Chrissy Witney para que se agregue al correo electrónico semanal de programación de adoración.

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JOIN THE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP!

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

¡ÚNETE AL GRUPO DE ORACIÓN CARISMÁTICA!

El Grupo de Oración Carismática de Santa Rosa se reúne los lunes a las 7:30 pm en la Capilla. Vengan a alabar y adorar, compartiendo la palabra de Dios, los testimonios, la intercesión y la oración sanadora. Todos son bienvenidos y animados a venir.

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.

WHAT'S THAT TREE IN THE CHURCH?

YOU MIGHT BE WONDERING ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE THE "CHRISTMAS TREE" BY MARY IN THE CHURCH. IT IS ACTUALLY A JESSE TREE MADE BY OUR ELEMENTARY CCE STUDENTS! THE JESSE TREE HELPS US CONNECT THE CUSTOM OF DECORATING CHRISTMAS TREES TO THE EVENTS LEADING TO JESUS' BIRTH. THE JESSE TREE IS NAMED FROM ISAIAH 11:1: "A SHOOT SHALL COME OUT OF THE STOCK OF JESSE, AND A BRANCH SHALL GROW OUT OF HIS ROOTS." JESSE WAS THE FATHER OF KING DAVID. WE ADORN A JESSE TREE WITH ILLUSTRATED ORNAMENTS THAT REPRESENT THE PEOPLE, PROPHECIES, AND EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE BIRTH OF JESUS. THE ORNAMENTS OF THE JESSE TREE TELL THE STORY OF GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, CONNECTING THE ADVENT SEASON WITH THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD ACROSS FOUR THOUSAND YEARS OF HISTORY.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas

MASS TIMES

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY DECEMBER 23

5:00PM; 7:00PM SPANISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:00AM & 10:00AM

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00PM (CHILDREN'S MASS)

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9:00PM (SPANISH)

12:00AM (MIDNIGHT)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00AM

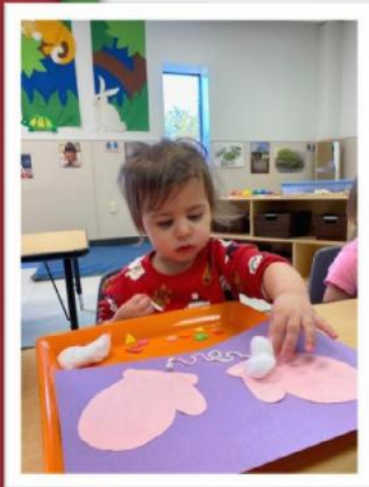


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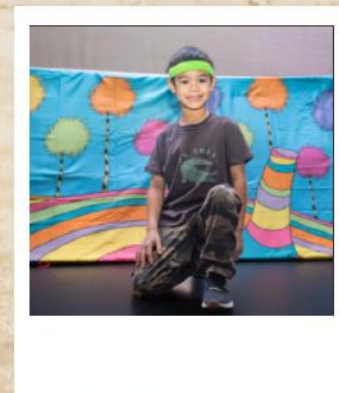
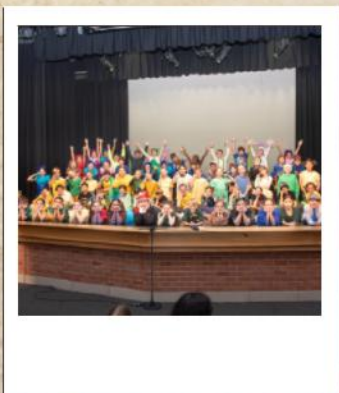


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SRL SCHOOL NEWS

A joyous Las Posadas journey celebrated by our
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