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#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (English); 12:00 p.m. (Spanish); 5:00 p.m. (English) Weekdays, Monday-Friday: 8:15 a.m., Wednesday 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

#### **RECONCILIATION (Confession)**

Wednesday & Thursday: 6-6:45 p.m.; Saturday: 4-4:45 p.m.; daily by appointment

#### ADORATION

Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Thursday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Wednesday: 6-6:50 p.m. (Spanish)

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

"Making room for all at the table of the Lord through loving service."

# worship



# **MASS TIMES**

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm Español, 5:00pm

Monday - Wednesday and Friday: 8:15am, Wed. 7:00pm Español

Thursday School-led Mass: 8:15am

# **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**



Monday - Friday: After 8:15am Mass - noon

Thursday: After 8:15am Mass - 7pm Wednesday: 6pm - 6:50pm Español

### This week in our parish

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мо <b>м</b>	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Altar Guild, PH Prayer Group, Chpl
TUE 8	1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary, FC Boy Scout Troop 40, EH Legion de Maria, RA
WED 9	10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6-6:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study, RC SVdP Meeting, RA Confessions Summer Basketball, WH Women's ACTS, FC Choir Practice, FC
тни <b>10</b>	9 a.m7 p.m. 6-6:45 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Adoration, Chpl Confessions Alpha Youth (For HS Youth), FC
FRI <b>11</b>	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	ACTS Core Team, PH Grupo de Oracion, RB
<b>12</b>	9 a.m11 a.m. 4-4:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Confessions Back-to-School Ice Cream Social, PH
sun 13	10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	Baptism Prep (Sp), RB Baptism Prep (Eng), RC Girl Scout Troop 122056, RA Marriage Prep (Sp), FC

Videos of the Sunday homilies are posted weekly on the parish web site, www.stroselima.org.

Los vídeos de las homilías dominicales se publican en el sitio web de la parroquia, www.stroselima.org.

#### **Scripture Readings**

**Aug 6 Sun:** *FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD* DN 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 PT 1:16-19; MT 17:1-9

**Aug 7 Mon:** *Memorial of Saint Sixtus II and Companions* Nm 11:48-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

**AUG 8 TUE: MEMORIAL OF SAINT DOMINIC** 

Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; MT 14:22-36 or MT 15:1-2, 10-14

**Aug 9 Wed:** *Memorial of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross* Nm 13:1-2, 25–14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

**Aug 10 Thu:** *FEAST OF SAINT LAWRENCE* 2 COR 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; JN 12:24-26

**Aug 11 Fri:** *Memorial of Saint Clare* DT 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16 & 21; MT 16:24-28

**Aug 12 SAT: MEMORIAL OF SAINT JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL** DT 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47 & 51; MT 17:14-20

**Aug 13 Sun:** *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

#### **Weekly Mass Intentions**

Mon,	Aug	7	8:15 a.m.	† Rosalie Altomari
Tue,	Aug	8	8:15 a.m.	Leticia Delgado - Birthday
Wed,	Aug	9	8:15 a.m.	† August & Lillie Zapalac
			7:00 p.m.	† Amador G. Lopez
Thu,	Aug	10	8:15 a.m.	† Nate St. John
Fri,	Aug	11	8:15 a.m.	† Jeff Anderson
Sat,	Aug	12	5:00 p.m.	<b>†</b> Dian Duoto
Sun,	Aug	13	8:00 a.m.	† Robert Gordon Reitz
			10:00 a.m.	† Malcolm Phillips
			12:00 p.m.	† St. Rose Community
			5:00 p.m.	Nicholas Balch - Health

The following Mass requests are being sent to the care of Mission Churches:

Edmund & Valerie Koh, Jo & Philip Lester, Joe Virgadamo & Sacred Heart of Thanksgiving

Calendar online: calendarwiz.com/strose1947

EH = east hall

Ch = church Chpl = chapel WH = west hall FC = fellowship center
PH = parish hall

RA / RB / RC = administration bldg., upstairs meeting rooms



# financials

Collections: Week of July 23				
Masses	\$	7,855		
Drop Off & Mail In	\$			
Online	\$	9,613		
Weekly Total		17,468		
Weekly Goal	\$	22,693		
Actual vs. Goal	\$	(5,224)		
Year To Date Total	\$	74,992		
Year to Date Goal	\$	81,936		
Actual vs. Goal		(6,943)		



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# Second Collection Report St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag - \$4,373 Upcoming: Infirm Priests - August 13

This collection helps provide much-needed medical and emergency support for retired and infirm priests. Archdiocesan faithful are urged to support our ailing clergy during this time of escalating medical costs.



## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

† Gerard Hetmaniak	Balder Brooks
† Gilbert Koteras	Matthew Smith
† Eleanora Hoffman	Jose Lopez
† Richard Benefiel	Artur Zancanaro
Patti Ormond	Nishah Charania
Anna Marie Polito	Viola Cleo Bradshaw
Jacob Soto	Ailen E. Vazquez
Rosa Fratoni	Ranses Ramos
Sharon Vezolles	The People of Ukraine
Kyle Yao Dacdac	

\*If you would like us to pray for you, please call the parish office at 713.692.9123. Let us know when your situation improves so that we may remove your name and give thanks to God for answered prayer. Unless a specific duration is requested, names will be removed after two months.

### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

We welcome these new parishioners who have recently registered with our Church family

Oscar & Laura Adame and family Kevin & Katie Colburn and daughter Edward & Veronica Davidson Clay & Kalie Huebinger Valerie Noyola Mendoza and family Patrick & Mary Sharkey Matthew & Lisa Shepherd and family

John & Joyce Wildman Monica Zapata & daughter



We recently welcomed the following children into our Church family through the sacrament of Baptism

Maeve Genevieve Wilson
Jorge Aguilar
Leonardo Elias Aguilar
Lyra Paige Kelleher
Amelia Anne Tamborello
Joshua Austin Morgan
Camille J. Boutet
Leo Joseph Davila
Elijah Facundo
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Giovana Rose Tipton
Leandro James Tipton
Ethan Lucas Bench

Nathan Montecillo Pimentel

Amelia A. Quevedo



# pastoral letter for august



Dear Friends in Christ,

Mass is a sacred time when the Church unites us in prayer for one another. As we partake in the three changing prayers during every Mass – the Collect (opening prayer), the Prayer over the Gifts, and the Prayer after Communion – we are not only offering our personal intentions but also praying as "priests" for the entire Church.

Ordinarily, we pray to God for our own needs, our loved ones, and those we know requiring special attention. This act of love demonstrates our faith and trust in God. However, during Mass, our perspective expands, and we pray for the entire Church community. By joining in the presidential prayers, we grow in a unique love for all believers. These prayers serve three purposes: (1) they express the special bond that unites us as a faith community; (2) they guide us in what to pray for, thus shaping our priorities in life; (3) they remind us of our identity as baptized Christians, anointed as "priests" to pray for others and offer the sacrifice of Christ.

The three presidential prayers - the Collect, the Prayer over the Offerings, and the Prayer after Communion – are not solely the presider's prayers; they are the assembly's prayers. We, as the congregation, are praying these prayers together. That is why they are always in the plural form. For instance, the Collect prayer of the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord reads: "O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become co-heirs with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever." This prayer represents the collective prayer of everyone present at Mass in silence, with the presiding priest voicing it on our behalf.

In the Catholic understanding, Jesus is the one and only Priest, having offered himself as both priest and victim on Calvary. As baptized

Christians, we are called to be "priests in the Priest" by being incorporated into Christ and becoming members of His body. This fundamental Christian priesthood is not attained through holy orders but through baptism. Thus, we share in Christ's priesthood and become priests for the Church, praying and offering ourselves for others.

It is crucial to avoid misconceptions that the ordained priest alone "says" Mass, "offers" Mass, "celebrates" Mass, or "gives" the Mass (in Spanish). The truth is that the entire assembly participates actively in the Eucharistic celebration, joining with Christ to confess the great deeds of God and offer the Sacrifice.

During the Mass, when the presider reads the presidential prayers, it is essential to listen closely and engage our hearts in asking God for what the prayers express. These prayers offer insight into our desires and priorities, which should influence our lives beyond Mass. As we participate in the presidential prayers, we become aware of our role as "priests" in the Eucharistic celebration, offering prayers for the entire world.

Questions for Reflection:

- Do you actively listen to the presider when he reads the presidential prayers (Opening Prayer, Prayer over the Gifts, Prayer after Communion) during Mass?
- Do these prayers inspire you to pray with a sincere heart, aligning your desires with God's will? How do they impact your life outside of Mass?
- Does participating in the presidential prayers make you more conscious of your role as a priest in the Eucharistic celebration?

May our prayerful participation in the Mass deepen our love for one another and strengthen our unity as the Body of Christ.

Your Friend and Pastor,

Fr. Linh Nguyen





# carta pastoral de agosto

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

La Misa es un momento sagrado en el que la Iglesia nos une en oración los unos por los otros. Al participar en las tres oraciones que cambian en cada Misa - la Oración Colecta (oración inicial), la Oración sobre las Ofrendas y la Oración después de la Comunión – no solo ofrecemos nuestras intenciones personales, sino que también oramos como "sacerdotes" por toda la Iglesia.

Normalmente, oramos a Dios por nuestras propias necesidades, por nuestros seres queridos y por aquellos que requieren especial atención. Este acto de amor muestra nuestra fe y confianza en Dios. Sin embargo, durante la Misa, nuestra perspectiva se amplía y oramos por toda la comunidad de la Iglesia. Al unirnos en las oraciones presidenciales, crecemos en un amor único por todos los creyentes. Estas oraciones cumplen tres propósitos: (1) expresan el vínculo especial que nos une como comunidad de fe; (2) nos guían en lo que debemos orar, dando forma a nuestras prioridades en la vida; (3) nos recuerdan nuestra identidad como cristianos bautizados, ungidos como "sacerdotes" para orar por otros y ofrecer el sacrificio de Cristo.

Las tres oraciones presidenciales – la Oración Colecta, la Oración sobre las Ofrendas y la Oración después de la Comunión – no son solo oraciones del celebrante de la celebración; son las oraciones asamblea. toda la Nosotros, congregación, rezamos estas oraciones juntos. Por eso siempre están en plural. Por ejemplo, la Oración Colecta de la Fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor dice: "Dios nuestro, que en la Transfiguración gloriosa de tu Unigénito fortaleciste nuestra fe con el testimonio de los profetas y nos dejaste entrever la gloria que nos espera, como hijos tuyos, concédenos escuchar siempre la voz de tu Hijo amado, para llegar a ser coherederos de su gloria. El, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos". Esta oración representa la oración colectiva de todos los presentes en la Misa en silencio, mientras el sacerdote la pronuncia en nuestro nombre.

Según la comprensión católica, Jesús es el único y verdadero Sacerdote, quien se ofreció a sí mismo como sacerdote y víctima en el Calvario. Como cristianos bautizados, estamos llamados a ser "sacerdotes en el Sacerdote", al estar incorporados en Cristo y ser miembros de su cuerpo. Este sacerdocio fundamental de todos los cristianos se alcanza a través del bautismo y nos convierte en sacerdotes para la Iglesia, orando y ofreciéndonos por otros.

Es crucial evitar malentendidos que sugieran que solo el sacerdote ordenado "dice" la Misa, "ofrece" la Misa o "da" la Misa. La verdad es que toda la asamblea participa activamente en la celebración eucarística, uniéndose con Cristo para confesar las grandes obras de Dios y ofrecer el sacrificio.

Durante la Misa, cuando el celebrante lee las oraciones presidenciales, es esencial escuchar atentamente y comprometer nuestro corazón al pedir a Dios lo que las oraciones expresan. Estas oraciones nos ofrecen discernimiento sobre nuestros deseos y prioridades, que deben influir en nuestras vidas más allá de la Misa. Al participar en las oraciones presidenciales, tomamos conciencia de nuestro papel como "sacerdotes" en la celebración eucarística, ofreciendo oraciones por todo el mundo.

Preguntas para reflexionar:

- ¿Escuchas activamente al celebrante cuando lee las oraciones presidenciales (Oración Colecta, Oración sobre las Ofrendas, Oración después de la Comunión) durante la Misa?
- Estas oraciones, ¿te inspiran a orar con el corazón sincero, alineando tus deseos con la voluntad de Dios? ¿Cómo impactan tu vida fuera de la Misa?
- ¿La participación en las oraciones presidenciales te hace más consciente de tu papel como sacerdote en la celebración eucarística?

Que nuestra participación orante en la Misa profundice nuestro amor mutuo y fortalezca nuestra unidad como el Cuerpo de Cristo.

Su amigo y pastor,

P. Linh Nguyen



# eucharistic miracles



# Eucharistic Miracle of

# SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI



ITALY, 1240

The History of Saint Clare, Virgin, tells of various miracles performed by Saint Clare. There are episodes of multiplications of loaves, of bottles of oil that appeared in the convent when there was none before. But Clare performed the most famous of the miracles in 1240, on a Friday in September, in which she turned away an attack by Saracen soldiers who had broken into the convent cloister by showing them the Sacred Host.























Icon in the Basilica of Saint Clare, Assisi. Clare's faith in the Sof God and Mary, hidden in the poverty of Eucharistic Bread

his Eucharistic Miracle is cited in "The History of Saint Clare, Virgin," written by Tommaso da Celano, and describes how Saint Clare of Assisi succeeded with the Blessed Sacrament in turning away Saracen troops in the pay of Emperor Frederick II of Sweden.

The history goes like this: "By imperial order, regiments of Saracen soldiers and bowmen were stationed there, massed like bees, ready to devastate the encampments and seize the cities. Once during an enemy attack against Assisi, city beloved of the Lord, and while the army was approaching the gates, the fierce Saracens invaded San Damiano, entered the confines of the monastery and even the very cloister of the virgins. The women swooned in terror, their voices trembling with fear as they cried to their Mother, Saint Clare.

Clare, with a fearless heart, Saint commanded them to lead her, sick as she was, to the enemy, proceeded by a silver and ivory case in which the Body of the Saint of saints was kept with great devotion. And prostrating herself before the Lord, she spoke tearfully to her Christ: 'Behold, my Lord, is it possible you of love for you? I pray you, Lord, protect these dearest daughters." your handmaids whom I cannot now save by myself.' Suddenly a voice like a child's resounded in her ears from the tabernacle: 'I will always protect you!' 'My Lord,' she added, 'if it is your wish protect also this city which is sustained by your love.' Christ replied, 'It will have to undergo trials, but it will be defended by my protection.' Then the virgin, raising a face

bathed in tears, comforted the sisters: 'I guarantee you, daughters, that you will suffer no evil; only have faith in Christ.' Upon seeing the audacity of the sisters, the Saracens took fright and fled back over the walls they had scaled, unnerved by the strength of she who prayed. And Clare immediately admonished those who heard the voice I spoke of want to deliver into the hands of pagans your above, telling them severely: 'Take care not to tell defenseless handmaids, whom I have taught out anyone about that voice while I am still alive,



# parish life & events

*Are you or someone you know* interested in becoming Catholic? 2023 RCIA classes are forming and will begin soon.

Contact Deacon David Dufilho for more information. (713) 417-3770 ddufilho@stroselima.org



# Traveling Chalice

## UPCOMING

August 5 - Dawn Butterwick August 13 - The Vargus Family

> Most 2023 dates are currently available! Sign up sheet located in back of the church.

Please consider signing up to display the Traveling Chalice in your home for a week and to pray for an increase in priestly vocations.

### **Questions? Contact:**

Fr. John Samuel frjohn@stroselima.org

# loge of lima

# Did You Know?

We are privileged to have a first-class relic of St. Rose of Lima. First-class relics are the body or fragments of the body of a saint, such as pieces of bone or flesh. Our relic is located next to the statue of St. Rose in the church.

Here is the authentication of the relic:

We - John Gualbert Cardinal Guevara of God and by the grace of the Apostolic See, Archbishop of Lima.

... by this letter we give testimony that we have placed in...scapulary...under a crystal glass, well closed, a particle of bone from St. Rose of Lima...and authenticate its place of extraction. By such witness...we handwrite this letter with our signatures...

Dated in Lima, from the Palace of Our Archbishop, on the 8th day of June, in the year of the Lord, 1948.

John Guevara - Archbishop of Lima Ignatius Arbulu Pineda - Chancellor



# st. rose day & ministry fair

# CELEBRATE St. Rose of Lina

New this year: Wine & Cheese Hour!

All are invited to join in worship, fellowship, refreshments and a firsthand look at what is happening here in our parish as we celebrate the feast of our patroness, St. Rose of Lima.

# Saturday, August 19 6-7 pm

New this year, a Wine & Cheese Hour. Browse the Ministry Fair and enjoy some refreshments. Not attending the 5 pm Saturday Mass? No problem: come anyway and start the celebration! Refreshments for children also!

All activities are in the East & West Halls.

# Sunday, August 20 9 am - 2 pm

The Ministry Fair opens at 9 am with coffee & donuts. Representatives from the different ministries will be on hand to tell you about their ministry.

There will be face painting, popcorn, cotton candy, activities for kids, and starting at 11 am, the famous BBQ Sandwiches from the Men's Club and desserts from the Altar Guild.

- Parents register your children and youth for Religious Education & Sacramental Preparation Classes (First Communion, Reconciliation & Confirmation).
- Adults sign up to learn about the Catholic faith or to prepare for Baptism,
   Eucharist and Confirmation through RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.
- Everyone have your picture taken in front of the beautiful St. Rose of Lima Altar Cloth.

Find the Ministry that's right for you and share your talents with our parish!

\*This is not a fundraiser. Everything is sponsored by our parish and the ministries.

# parish & life events

# New Missals

You might have noticed this past weekend that new missals have been placed out in the pews. These missals contain all the readings for the three-year cycle in both English and Spanish. We ask that you please return them to the pew rack when Mass is over. Please do not take them home.



Many years ago, St. Rose purchased the original teal-colored Gather hymnals, which were donated by many generous families. That same opportunity arises once more as our new missals are in need of sponsors. The cost to sponsor one (1) missal is \$25. A memorial card will be placed inside the front cover of the book.

If you are interested in sponsoring a missal in memory of your family or a deceased loved one, please contact Joseph Reina in the parish office.



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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.





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.



## What is an investment?

One definition of an investment is "an act of devoting time, effort, or energy to a particular undertaking with the expectation of a worthwhile result." We are all aware of the significance of making investments. Prudent investing touches every area of our lives. When we visit the doctor, we make an investment in our health. We make monetary investments to ensure a sound future for ourselves and our families. We invest the deepest parts of our hearts in our inner circle of relationships. Insurance is an investment. Our lives are completely driven and played out by the investments we make, and in each investment, there is the expectation of a worthwhile result.

What about the investments parents make in the lives of their children? They are so numerous and filled with love that they

cannot even be counted. But the greatest investment you can make in the life of your child is nurturing their spiritual well-being. In this day and age, it is paramount that parents have an awareness of what is going on in the world: things that can be confusing and bewildering to a child. The parents who recognize the enormous need for faith formation in the lives of their children have, in their hands, the future of the Church. So many times, we hear that the children are the future of the Church.

As parents and Catholics, let us take seriously the investment we have been called to make. The St. Rose of Lima CCE office stands ready to help.

Deacon John Murrell



# **Attention Women!**

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