Jesus said to
Nicodemus:

"Just as Moses
lifted up the
serpent in the
desert, so must
the Son of Man
be lifted up,
so that everyone
who believes
in him may have
eternal life."

John 3:14,15

The Brazen Serpent by James Tissot, circa 1899

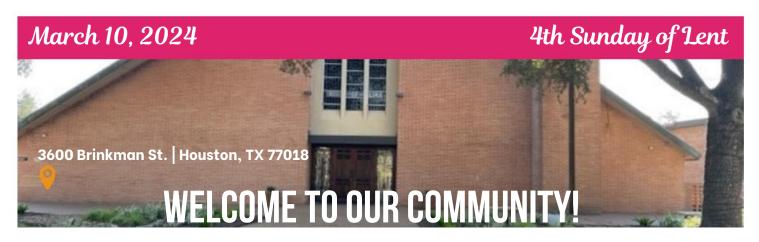
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	A. C.
Monday	8:15 A.M. English
Mar. 11	†Lawrence Seifert
Tuesday	8:15 A.M. English
Mar. 12	†Mildred Seifert
Wednesday	8:15 A.M. English 7:00 P.M. Spanish
Mar. 13	Fr. Peter Damian Festival Sponsors
Thursday	8:15 A.M. English
Mar. 14	†Bobby Luciano
Friday	8:15 A.M. English
Mar. 15	†AJ Seifert
Saturday	5:00 P.M.
Mar. 16	†Malcolm Phillips
	8:00 A.M. English 10:00 A.M. English
Sunday Mar.17	Bulletin Sponsors †Manuel Muñoz
	12:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M.
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FINANCIAL REPORT

Year to Date Financials (July 1st 2023 - March 4th 2024)

\$2,380,691.60 Income \$1,951,071.83 Expense

\$429,619.77 Net

Weekly Collections (Feb 23rd - 29th, 2024) \$23,319.09

Weekly Collections Goal \$24, 185.58

Second Collection N/A

OFFICE HOURS

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

CONFESSION

Wednesday/Miércoles: 6-6:45 pm

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

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 10, 2024: Catholic Relief

Services

March 29, 2024: Holy Land

DSF PROGRESS TRACKER 2024

PARISH GOAL \$110,000.00 \$27,542.00 **TOTAL RECEIVED** \$82,458.00 **LEFT TO RAISE**

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

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JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE...PART 1

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Laetare Sunday! Laetare Sunday is a day of celebration within our somewhat solemn period of Lent. My prevailing thought for my reflection today is... God's Mercy is greater than our sins. God's love is greater than our sins. Psalms 51 defines sin as an offense, evil, guilt, and wrong against God and man. In light of this, we all sin and we all are offenders of God and neighbor. Since we are all guilty, how do we understand how God responds to our sins? Some of us could be...unsure about how God responds to our sins and how we should respond to God in light of our sins.

In scripture, we hear about situations where people have sinned, and through God's mercy, they are made anew. For instance, in the Gospel reading from John, chapter 8, it's the woman caught in adultery that sinned, and through God's mercy, was made anew. In the passage, it was the scribes and the Pharisees who brought the woman to Jesus. expected Jesus to condemn the woman because of the Mosaic law. Jesus simply asked them...that the one among you, who is without sin, be the first to cast the first stone. The Lord leaves the matter to their own consciences. And...they leave.

Jesus does not condemn the woman. He tells her to, "Go, and from now on do not sin any more." Jesus allows her to correct her course.

The Pharisees wished to condemn, and Jesus wished to forgive and to restore the sinner to health. Jesus gave the woman a pardon and a new start on life. This is forgiveness. Forgiveness is forward looking. Forgiveness is in the future.

Through repentance, God will forgive us. He gives us a chance. That's because **God's mercy is greater than our sins.** God's love is greater than our sins. It is through God's love and mercy that we receive the grace to repent.

This is what the prodigal son realizes in his most desperate moment when he is in sin, broke, hungry, and far away from his father. The only way home, the only way back to life and the meaning of life is through repentance. And what did the prodigal son say when he saw his father? He said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." He felt sincere remorse. He repented.

There were several other times in the Gospels where people sinned and felt they should be punished. There was also the woman at the well and the repentant thief on the cross. They knew they were in sin and thought they should be condemned. But what did Jesus do? Did he condemn them? Did he punish them? Or did he love them, show mercy, and forgive them. He showed them love and mercy and forgave them.

Why? Because they showed remorse and repented.

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE...PART 2

So, since we all sin, how do we respond to our They love their child God, in light of our sin? Let me say this a They care for their child different way. We are all aware that we sin and, They feed their child when he or she is at times, we fail. Do our sins lead us to God or do hungry our sins lead us away from God? When we are in They provide clothing and shelter. sin, do we feel guilty and get overwhelmed and They show mercy to their child when their get paralyzed? Do we feel like we are too sinful child makes mistakes. This is how God loves to receive God's mercy? This kind of guilt us. When our child grows older, what do we oftentimes leads us to directing our attention to want from our child? We want their love in ourselves instead of directing our eyes to God. return and obedience. We would be hurt if We feel like we are in this rut, and we must rely our child didn't love us back or if they on ourselves to get out of it. Some of us feel so misbehaved. Now will they be perfect and guilty and so sinful that we even feel too never misbehave? Of course not, but we still embarrassed to go to confession.

should pray and understand that God loves us And even if we stray, even if we sin, he still in-spite of our sins.

that no matter how much we have sinned or no matter how grave our sin, our God still loves us! He wants us to turn toward him. Think of Peter who returned to his Lord with repentance and cried bitterly for his sins after he denied Jesus 3 Lent is a time to cultivate the ground of our times. Peter turned to Jesus.

This is opposite of Judas, who was so overcome by his sin that he did not believe in God's mercy and hung himself. Judas turned away from Jesus. Judas did not think that God's mercy was greater than his sin.

When we turn to God, he shows us mercy and compassion. He does so because he loves us. His love for us is greater than any love that we can comprehend.

One way I think about our Father's love is to think of this kind of love as compared to parents having a child. When parents have a child,

love them anyway.

It's when we are having these feelings that we Our God loves us and wants us to love him. wants us to turn toward him. He gives us a chance today to show our love for him and The Good News today, brothers and sisters, is desire to live in a way pleasing to him. He gives us the grace today to show remorse and repent. He wants us look to the cross, believe, and respond to His love.

> souls. We have a special opportunity to take a closer look at whether we are living as disciples of Christ. During Lent, we can concentrate on those aspects of our lives that are interfering with our relationship with God. What sins, addictions, or distractions keep us from following Jesus? A lot of people could be imprisoned by their sin. Please know that there is a way out, a path forward. Please know that we have a chance to be made anew. Brothers and sisters, I'm happy to know that our God is a loving god. He is a patient God. His mercy is greater than our sins. His love is greater than our sins.

Your Brother-in-Christ. Deacon Darryl Drenon



PARISH LIFE

Business Manager Corner

St. Rose Family,

As we strive to serve our community better and fulfill our mission, it's crucial for us to evaluate our current technology solutions. Embracing modern technology can help us grow our church, increase engagement, and improve the efficiency of our church management.

By leveraging technology, we can reach more people through online platforms, livestreaming services, and social media channels, allowing us to spread the message of love and faith to a wider audience. Additionally, implementing digital tools for communication and outreach can enhance engagement among our parishioners, fostering a stronger sense of community and connection.

Furthermore, adopting technology solutions for church management can streamline administrative tasks, such as scheduling, financial management, and event planning, freeing up more time and resources for ministry and service.

We are currently evaluating software to help us take advantage of technology. We are also reevaluating our digital access, (i.e. Internet and network access) for our Parish, School, & ECC. If you have expertise in this area, please prayerfully consider how you can assist us in embracing technology in service of our mission and continue to grow as a vibrant and welcoming community.

Blessings to you all,

Dcn Darryl Drenon



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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SUNDAY MAR. 17

REHEARSAL, CH, EH/WH

SPRING BREAK - NO CLASS

1:00P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS

MONDAY MAR. 11 Adoration 9-12 6:30P.M. NO CLASS 7:00P.M. MARRIAGE PREP, FC 7:30P.M. PRAYER GROUP, CHPL

TUESDAY MAR. 12 Adoration 9-12 10:30 A.M. SCRIPTURE SHARING, RA 12:30 P.M. LEGION OF MARY (ENG), RA 6:30P.M. MEN'S ACTS, PH 7:00 P.M. BOY SCOUT TROOP 40, EH/RB 7:00 P.M. TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, RC 7:00P.M. STATIONS IN ENGLISH, CH 7:30P.M. LEGION DE MARIA, RA

WEDNESDAY MAR. 13 Adoration 9-12, 6-7 10:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY MORNING **BIBLE STUDY, RC** 6:00P.M. RECONCILIATION, CH

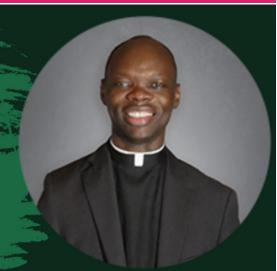
THURSDAY MAR. 14 Adoration 9-7 9:00A.M. THE GATHERING, FC 9:00A.M. THURSDAY CLUB, PH 6:00P.M. CONFESSION, CH 6:30P.M. YOUTH MINISTRY, FC/BRIDE

7:00 P.M. SPRING FESTIVAL PLANNING, RC

FRIDAY MAR. 15 Adoration 9-12 7:45P.M. STATIONS IN SPANISH. CH

SATURDAY MAR. 16 4:00P.M. CONFESSION, CH

LENTEN RETREAT MARCH 20 - 22 GUEST SPEAKER FR. PASCHAL KUMANDA, C.I.C.M



- THEME: "LIVING EUCHARISTICALLY IN EVERYDAY LIFE"
- MARCH 20: Misa en español 7PM Sesión en español - 8:00pm - 8:45pm
- MARCH 21: Mass at 8:15AM English Session: 9:00AM - 10:00AM English Session: 6:00PM - 6:45PM *(Parish Hall)* Sesión en español - 7:15PM - 8:00PM
- MARCH 22: Mass at 8:15AM
 English Session: 9:00AM 10:00AM
 English Session: 6:00PM 6:45PM *(Parish Hall)*

Join us as Fr. Paschal explores the Lenten season through the lens of the Holy Eucharist!

ST. ROSE OF LIMA HOLY WEEK 2024 SCHEDULE



MARCH 24 PALM SUNDAY

Vigil - 5PM 8AM, 10AM, 5PM 12PM (Español)

SACKED TRIDUMM

MARCH/28 HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7PM Silent Adoration until 12AM

MARCH 29 GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross - 12PM The Lord's Passion - 3PM Pasión de Señor - 7PM





8AM, 10AM, 10:15AM (overflow in West Hall) 12PM (Español) 5PM (spoken Mass)



St Rose of Lima's Cub Scout Pack & Boy Scout Troop 40 Flag Subscripton Program

The Pack & Troop 40 Flag Subscription Program is a service to the community as well as a fundraiser to support our scouts' endeavors. Please join our Pack in showing love of country by proudly flying your flag along the streets of your neighborhood.

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MARCH MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: ADULT BIBLE STUDY

St Rose of Lima offers a beautiful opportunity to expand your knowledge of topics such as Scripture, the Mass, church history, the Catechism, and much more. We use video, group discussions and professional materials from world renown presenters such as Bishop Robert Baron and church scholar Jeff Cavins. This provides for a relaxed atmosphere allowing for participants of all ages and knowledge levels to feel comfortable in the learning process. This ministry will greatly enhance your Mass experience and help you fulfill Jesus's call for all of us to spread the Gospel. Classes are held on Tuesday nights and Wednesday mornings. Watch the bulletin for upcoming classes or contact Allen Brehm at allenbrehm@gmail.com or Mary Lynn Brehm at Marylynnbrehm@gmail.com.





Sanctuary Update

The renovation of our sanctuary with the relocation and refurbishment of the tabernacle and statuary has gone very well and is nearly complete.

There is a strong tradition in the faith to light votive candles. Catholics light votive candles for prayer intentions, especially the intention to say a prayer for another person. The candle is a symbol of that prayer. With the relocation of Blessed Virgin Mary and Sacred Heart in our sanctuary, it is now possible to place votive candles near both statues to express our prayer for intercession.

In order to place these votive candles in this location, a few things are needed:

- 1. Candle Stand
- 2. Candle Holders
- 3. 6-hour Candles

While the Church can cover the one-time expense of candle holders and monthly 6-hour candles, I am asking for our generous parishioners to help with the cost of each stand!

Each stand runs at \$985.00, and holds 25 candles. The renovation of our sanctuary has truly been a "parishioner led" project - a blessing from God! Please help us put the finishing touches on this project with these votive candles!

Feel free to contact me if you have question or are interested. Thank you!



Scripture Readings: For the Week of March 10, 2024

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Monday Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16 Wednesday Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-0, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47 Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53 Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Joseph Reina

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



IN THE EAST HALL



Friday, April 12, 2024 7 p.m. to 10 p.n in the East and West Halls Light Dinner – Decadent Desserts Games and Silent Auction Tickets – \$15

For reserved tables (groups of 8 or more)

Contact Kay Alexander – kcalexander50@hotmail.com

Pre-order tickets online at stroselima.org/events









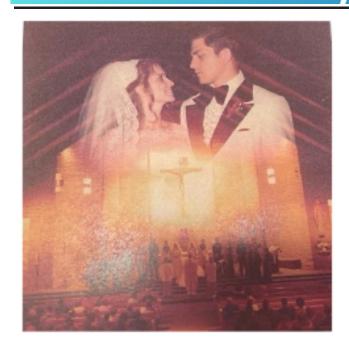




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04.19.2024 | 6:30pm in the Church Faith Night

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PARISH LIFE

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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.

SPRING FESTIVAL MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Many hands make light work

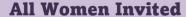
Join us for the next Spring Festival planning meeting on Thursday, March 14 at 7:00p.m. in Room C at 7:00p.m. Help us get ready to Fiesta!

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: Thursday, March 7th & March 15th at 9am in the Parish Hall. For more information, contact: Mary Wisniewski 713.864.5925

Lenten Journey to the Cross



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PARISH LIFE

Dear Parishioners,

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Community is gearing up for its annual Spring Festival on May 5, 2024, and we invite you to play a part in our celebration! St. Rose has been a part of the Garden Oaks-Oak Forest community for over 75 years and has grown to more than 2,500 families. Our Pastor, Father Linh Nguyen, always strives to make St. Rose a welcoming place full of community and fellowship, and the Spring Festival provides the perfect opportunity for our parishioners, school, and the neighboring community to come together to enjoy great music, great food, and great family entertainment. This year, we're excited to announce the return of live music from a community favorite: The Telstars!

We are currently seeking assistance from the community to help support our efforts. This is the only major fundraiser for our parish, and the success of the event relies heavily on the generous donations that we receive from our donors. All of our sponsors and underwriters will be featured on a special donor wall at the entrance to the Festival. Opportunities for major underwriting, listed below will also include additional signage at the event.

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Please know that donations in any amount are greatly appreciated. We also welcome gift cards, certificates and in-kind gifts for our Silent Auction.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, and please feel free to call our parish office with any questions! We look forward to having you as a part of our celebration and we appreciate your investment in our Community.

We are also in need of vendors! Please reach out to me by email if you would like more information.

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