"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." John 12: 23,24

> Jesus Discourses with His Disciples by James Tissot Circa 1886-1894

ST. ROSE of LIMA 5TH SUNDAY OF



FINANCIALS		
FINANCIAL REPORT		OFFICE HOURS
Year to Date Financials (July 1st 2023 – March 11th 2024)		Monday-Friday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm Lunes-Viernes: 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Income	\$2,425,554.34	CONFESSION
Expenses Net	<u>\$1,981,580.45</u> \$443,973.89	Wednesday/Miércoles: 6-6:45 pm Thursday/Jueves: 6-6:45 pm Saturday/Sábado: 4-4:45pm
Weekly Collections (Mar 1 – Mar 6, 2024) \$28, 613.86		UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS
Weekly Collections Goal Second Collection	\$24, 185.58 N/A	March 24, 2024: Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church March 29, 2024: Holy Land
DSF PROGRESS TRACKER 2024		SET UP DSF DONATIONS
PARISH GOAL \$ TOTAL RECEIVED LEFT TO RAISE	110,000.00 \$36,328.00 \$73,672.00	DILLY/JUYDKAZ
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https://www.stroselima.org/calendar-1Ch=ChurchFC=Fellowship CenterRA/RB/RC=Chpl=chapelPH=Parish HallAdmin bldgWH=West HallEH=East HallUpstairs Rooms***VIEW THE CALENDAR ONLINE FORTHE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION

Dear Parishioners,

Next weekend, we will be holding a special collection for the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Your generous contributions will directly support our brothers and sisters in Ukraine during this challenging time.

Please consider giving what you can to show your solidarity and support. We will have collection baskets for this special collection at the back of the Church. You may also consider giving online via **www.stroselima.org/give-now** or use the QR code and select the fund: **Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church** from the drop down menu. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Linh Nguyen



If you have a calendar submission, please email it to: dsaldana@stroselima.org. Please give advance notice and remember that it is your responsibility to inform the office of any changes or cancellations.



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GRAIN OF WHEAT

Dear Friends,

It gives me great joy to write to you on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The Gospel reading from John Chapter 12 gives us the opportunity to consider something small, something really small -- a grain of wheat. Jesus uses a grain of wheat to illustrate his point. He says, "...unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat..." (Jn 12:24) He tells us that the grain of wheat must die in order to produce much fruit.

With these words, Jesus is referring to his coming Passion, Death, and Resurrection which we will celebrate next week during Holy Week. His words are also directed at you and me in this age. Jesus calls us to die to self and to relent to God's will. Only then can he bring forth a fruitful harvest in the here and now.

Jesus continues. He says, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be." (Jn 12: 26) Here, Jesus calls us to service and to selflessness. He wants us to be centered on others.

As always, being selfless is easier said, than done. Some would say, "it's impossible." Many times, this is a struggle for me. The only way that a person can be selfless and love another is with God's grace. God's grace allows a person to live according to God's will. His grace allows one to love as he loves. We have Jesus' example of selflessness demonstrated on the Crucifix. He died for love of us. He died to redeem us from sin.

Jesus challenges us to live contrary to popular culture where the focus is on self, ...on me and mine. What is our response to his challenge?

One way to respond to the challenge is with prayer. In prayer, we can ask God to change us and make us selfless. We can ask him to help us love our enemies. We should pray that the Lord blesses our enemies. We should ask the Holy Spirit to teach us each how to love as God loves. In addition, we can ask Jesus to help us live for others. Then after praying and asking for God's help, we need to act! Only through action

can I know if God is answering my prayers. For example, smile and say hello to that person at work that never acknowledges you. You'll know God is at work in you, if you are not annoyed when they snub you, yet again.

Might I suggest praying a blessing over the driver that cuts you off or that takes your favorite parking spot? You'll know that God is at work when you can gladly give an aggressive driver the right-of-way. You will recognize God's work in you when you can pray for a reckless driver's safety...and really mean it!

If each of us expresses selflessness and love of others in the coming days, we can make Christ present in our homes, communities, schools, and workplaces. We can make visible the love of God. We can be part of the fruitful harvest in the here and now.

I close with a prayer by a Franciscan preacher:

Jesus,

You give us the secret to happiness and holiness in the way you died to yourself so that we could live.

Give us the grace to do the same. Amen.

YBIC, Deacon Ray Rodriguez



St. Rose Family,

I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits. This week, I am writing to share some exciting news about ongoing improvements happening within our beloved church.

Thanks to your unwavering support, we have been able to continue enhancing our church facilities and services to better serve our St Rose community. Here are a few renovations/upgrades:

• We've added adoring angels, new chalices, and votive candles.

• We've added a panic bar to our church door in case we ever need rapid evacuation.

• This week, we are repairing/adjusting our Church's sound system by subcontracting with a sound engineer.

• Upon completion of this sound phase, we will upgrade the music equipment so we can improve the overall quality of our praise and music experience.

• We have contracted to have our stations of the cross cleaned. Our goal is to have them cleaned before Good Friday, but we are waiting on a start date for the project.

• We have accepted bids to pressure wash and paint the exterior of our Church.

I hope you have noticed what we have accomplished so far. These improvements are with the intention of creating a warm and welcoming environment for you and all who enter our doors.

Your contributions, whether through donations, volunteer efforts, or simply being an active member of our Parish, make all this possible. Your dedication to St. Rose is truly inspiring, and I am deeply grateful for your continued support.

Together, we are making a positive difference in the lives of those around us...

Blessings to you all, Deacon Darryl



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY MAR. 18 Adoration 9-12 6:30P.M. CCE 2nd-5th Gr., EH.RM A,B&C 7:00P.M. ACTS CORE TEAM, FC 7:00P.M. MARRIAGE PREP, FC 7:30P.M. PRAYER GROUP, CHPL

TUESDAY MAR. 19 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 7:30P.M. LEGION DE MARIA, RA

WEDNESDAY MAR. 20 Adoration 9-12, 6-7 10:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, RC 6:00P.M. GIRL SCOUTS, 122266,FC WEDNESDAY MAR. 20 CONTINUED 11:00A.M. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, RA 6:00P.M. RECONCILIATION, CH

THURSDAY MAR. 21 Adoration 9-7 9:00A.M. THE GATHERING, FC 9:00A.M. THURSDAY CLUB, PH 6:00P.M. RECONCILIATION, CH 6:30P.M. CUB SCOUT PACK 40 EH/WH 6:30P.M. YOUTH MINISTRY, FC/BRIDE ROOM

FRIDAY MAR. 22 Adoration 9-12 4:30P.M. MEN'S CLUB FISH FRY EH/WH 7:00P.M. STATIONS IN ENGLISH, CH 7:45P.M. STATIONS IN SPANISH. CH

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SATURDAY MAR. 23 4:00P.M. CONFESSION, CH

SUNDAY MAR. 24 8:30A.M. SACRAMENTAL PREP 3:00P.M. GIRL SCOUT TROOP 122251, RC <u>1</u>:00P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS REHEARSAL, CH, EH/WH **VIEW THE REST ONLINE

Join the Bible Study group as we watch, discuss, and view the ministry of Jesus through the lens of the highly acclaimed series: *The Chosen – Season 4*



Location: Room C - Admin Building 8 sessions: April 2nd through May 21st Time: Tuesdays 7:00pm – 8:30pm or Wednesdays 10:30am – 12:00pm NO COST! – All ages welcome. (Viewing of Seasons 1-3 highly recommended, but not required)

For more information contact Allen @ allenbrehm@gmail.com

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 <u>PALM SUNDAY</u> Vigil - 5PM 8AM, 10AM, 5PM 12PM (Español)

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MARCH 28 HOLY THURSDAY

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

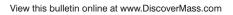
MARCH 29 <u>GOOD FRIDAY</u>

Stations of the Cross - 12PM The Lord's Passion - 3PM Stations of the Cross(Live re-enactment in Spanish) - 5pm Pasión de Señor - 7PM

MARCH 30 <u>EASTER VIGIL</u> Vigil Mass in the Holy Night - 8:30PM

MARCH 31 EASTER SUNDAY

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.

Pack & Troop 40 will place a 3'x5' American flag mounted on a galvanized steel pole, curbside, in your yard during seven patriotic holidays throughout the year. Flags will be placed the weekend before the holiday and removed the weekend after (Flags will remain in place from before Memorial Day through Independence Day and before Labor Day through Patriot Day).

Cost for One Year Subscription \$65

Subscription service area is limited to the 77018 zip code.

President's Day * Memorial Day * Flag Day * Independence Day * Labor Day * Patriot Day * Veteran's Day

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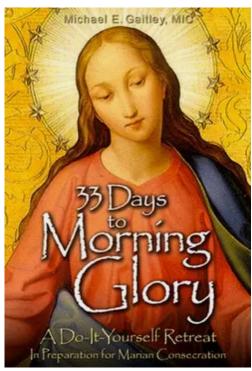


THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING BOY SCOUTING AT ST ROSE OF LIMA

Note: Please make check payable to Cub Scout Pack 40, not St. Rose of Lima. Thank you.

33 Days to Morning Glory: **A Do -It - Yourself Retreat In Preparation for Marian Consecration to Jesus through Mary.**

St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Teresa of Calcutta, and John Paul II. Fr. Michael Gaitley masterfully summarizes their teaching, making it easy to grasp and simple enough to put into practice. More specifically, he weaves their thought into a user-friendly, do-it-yourself retreat that will bless even the busiest of people. So, if you've been thinking about entrusting yourself to Mary for the first time or if you're simply looking to deepen and renew your devotion to her, 33 Days to Morning Glory is the right book to read and the perfect retreat to make.



We will begin preparation on Wednesday, February 21st and **end on Monday, March 25th** by **praying the consecration prayers in the Church after the 8:15a.m. Mass.** We will have copies of the consecration prayer on hand if you would like to join us. This book can be found at Sacco's, Veritas, or online at Amazon and other stores.

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! Joseph Reina

Divine Mercy Sunday (April 7th)

Join us on Divine Mercy Sunday in praying the Chaplet and for a viewing of the movie: Ocean of Mercy. We will start the movie at 1:30pm in the Parish Hall. Immediately after, we will have Adoration and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the Church. **About the movie:** At the dawn of the 20th century, three voices rose up from Poland to proclaim an urgent message, a message powerful enough to alter the course of an age plunging into spiritual darkness. Filmed on location in more than 20 cities across Poland and the United States, this true story examines and chronicles the phenomenal lives and spiritual legacy of Saint Faustina Kowalksa, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, and Saint John Paul II, modern day "Apostles of Mercy".







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EVENTS

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Preparation is required for the Mass, details for the preparation meetings to receive materials and learn about God's plan for healing your family, will follow soon. For more details, please contact us at info@marianservantshouston.org



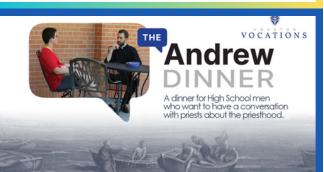
PRAISE & WORSHIP 04.19.2024 | 6:30pm in the Church Faith Night

Who the Son sets free, is free indeed





The St. Rose <u>Charismatic</u> <u>Prayer Group</u> 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.



Spring 2024 Dinners

Monday, February 19 St. Clare of Assisi - Clear Lake

Friday, March 22 St. Theresa - Sugar Land

Friday, April 5 St. Laurence - Sugar Land

SCAN TO REGISTER



NEED SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

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

Priscilla Phillips • phillips.priscillac@gmail.com

Gina Waters · gina@marianservantshouston.org

THE ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild takes care of the altar, promotes the spiritual growth of its members and assists the pastor as directed. **The next meeting will be Monday, April 8th 2024 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.**

For more information, please contact: Janeal Whitefield aggiemom77@hotmail.com

THE 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, April 4th & April 18th at 9am in the Parish Hall. For more information, contact: Mary Wisniewski 713.864.5925**

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 register please contact Patrick Bonorden at pebonorden@yahoo.com or 713.997.9630. ***Many thanks to Gatlin's BBQ (on Ella) for donating the lunch for The Gathering on 3/7. Please keep them in mind whenever you are wanting a delicious meal!***

SACRAMENTS

Are you an adult Catholic who has never had the opportunity to be confirmed? The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston has a wonderful program for you. Through a consolidated preparation program of six weeks, you can be confirmed with other adults in an Archdiocesan celebration held on Pentecost Sunday at various locations throughout the Archdiocese. You must be 18 years of age or older and out of high school. You should be a baptized Catholic who has made their First Communion and is actively participating in the life of the Church. Topics discussed are Faith and Creed; Jesus and Prayer; The Church and Christian Initiation; Confirmation and the Gifts of the Spirit; and finally the Moral Life and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Those candidates for Confirmation who are married, must have been married in the Catholic Church. A registration session will be held on Tuesday, April 2 at 6p.m. in Room B of the Admin Bldg., no pre-registration is required. Classes begin on April 9th. You can email johnm@stroselima.org for more information.

EVENTS

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.

Gold T-shirt Sponsor	\$3,000*
Entertainment Sponsor	\$2,800
Raffle Sponsor	\$2,750
Dinner Sponsor	\$2,500
Children's Midway Sponsor	\$2,000
Security Sponsor	\$2,000
Silver T-shirt Sponsor	\$1,500*



Deadline for these levels is March 31st

Please know that donations in any amount are greatly appreciated. We also welcome gift cards, certificates and in-kind gifts for our Silent Auction. You can now donate online to help sponsor the festival. Scan the QR code or visit our website www.stroselima.org/give-now and select "Spring Festival" from the drop down menu.

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.

Sincerely, Jackie Madden Director of Communications

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