



FINANCIALS FINANCIAL RE	PORT	OFFICE HOURS
Year to Date Financials		Monday-Friday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm
(July 1st 2023 – April 1, 2024)		Lunes-Viernes: 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Income	\$2,668,552.96	CONFESSION
Expenses	- <u>\$2,338,099.29</u>	Wednesday/Miércoles: 6-6:45 pn
Net	\$330,453.67	
School Loan Rev Trans.	<u>- \$323,002.74</u>	
Adjusted net*	\$7,450.93	Saturday/Sábado: 4-4:45pm
*School loan revenue transfer (less interest)		UPCOMING COLLECTIONS
Weekly Collections (3/21 – 3/27) Weekly Collections Goal	\$19,106.35 \$24, 185.58	
2nd Collection: Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church	\$1, 887.00	SET UP DSF GIVING ONLINE
DSF PROGRESS TRA PARISH GOAL	CKER 2024 \$110,000.00	bit.ly/3uyBka2
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$51,812.12	
LEFT TO RAISE \$58,187.88 SCAN THE QR CODE TO SET UP ONLINE GIVING:		CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS
CalendarOnline: https://www.stroselima.org/calendar-1 Ch=Church FC=Fellowship Center RA/RB Chpl=chapel PH=Parish Hall Admin bld WH=West Hall EH=East Hall Upstairs Room ***VIEW THE CALENDAR ONLINE		If you have a calendar submission, please email it to: dsaldana@stroselima.org . Please give advance notice and remembe that it is your responsibility to inform the office of any changes or cancellations.
THIS WEEK IN OUR PARIS MONDAY APR.8 Adoration 9-12 1:15pm Hispanic Committee, RC 6:30pm Altar Guild	H WEDNESDAY APR. 12, 6-7 10:30 A M WEDNE	8:00A.M. FIRST

1:15pm Hispanic Committee, RC12, 6-76:30pm Altar Guild10:30 A.M. WEDN6:30pm CCE end grade EH, RM A, B, C,BIBLE STUDY, RC5&66:00pm CONFESS7:00pm Girl Scouts USA, EH7:30pm Prayer Group, CHPL

TUESDAY APR. 9 Adoration 9-12 10:30 A.M. SCRIPTURE SHARING, RA 12:30 P.M. LEGION OF MARY, 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 <u>WEDNESDAY APR. 10 Adoration 9-</u> <u>12, 6-7</u> 10:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, RC 6:00pm CONFESSION, CH

THURSDAY APR. 11 Adoration 9-7 6:00P.M. CONFESSION, CH 6:30P.M. YOUTH MINISTRY, FC

FRIDAY APR. 12 Adoration 9-12 7:00P.M. GRUPO DE ORACION, RB 7:00P.M. CHOCOHOLIC FEAST, BH <u>SATURDAY APR. 13</u> 8:00A.M. FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT, EH/RM A,B&C 4:00P.M. CONFESSION, CH

SUNDAY APR. 14 8:00AM TACO SUNDAY, PH 1:00PM BAPTISM PREP, RC 9:45AM CCE PRE-K - 1st GRADE

PASTORAL LETTER FOR APRIL

Dear Friends in Christ,

Communion is a special time to get a taste of Heaven! When we start the Communion Rite, it's like stepping into a moment where Jesus has already won the victory over sin and death. Imagine a perfect world where everyone lives together in complete peace and unity. That's the kind of wonderful atmosphere the Communion Rite brings us into – a joyful heavenly celebration called the "wedding banquet of the Lamb." Now, who is this "Lamb?" It's Jesus himself, often called the "Lamb of God." He once described heaven as a grand feast, and the Bible's Book of Revelation compares it to a wedding banquet, with the church being symbolized as the bride of Jesus.

When we say "Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb," we're recognizing that we're already part of this incredible heavenly party. The Communion Rite gives us a sneak peek at this amazing celebration to come. It's like getting a little taste of what heaven will be like. But in our daily lives now, we haven't fully arrived in that perfect heavenly state yet. We're in a temporary waiting period, excitedly anticipating the big, glorious event.

The most important part of communion is the belief that Jesus himself is truly present with us, both personally and together as a community. We become one with Him and with each other, just as we all will be united in Heaven. For those special moments after receiving communion, when we've all shared in Jesus together, we experience complete oneness.

During communion, all we feel is the "*peace and unity*" of God's kingdom. It's like a preview of the heavenly wedding banquet.

As we move into the Communion Rite, the priest invites us to pray the Lord's Prayer together. Every request in this prayer is about Jesus coming again in all His glory. We'll celebrate and witness His victory at the wedding banquet, where everyone will rejoice in the unity of Jesus with His church.

At this heavenly banquet, we'll see amazing things: Every person will know and love God; God's perfect kingdom will be present, and everyone will gladly follow His will, just like in heaven; God will provide us with everything we need, just like Jesus as the Bread of Life bringing total fulfillment; We will all forgive each other completely, just as God forgives us.

Throughout the Communion Rite, we emphasize the importance of "*peace*." We ask for peace, greet each other with peace, and long for the peace and unity that aligns with God's desires. We even declare "*The peace of the Lord be with you always*," and share a sign of peace.

This sign of peace is like a message from the future, a glimpse of the time when Jesus' victory will be fully realized. When we hug or shake hands before receiving communion, we're not necessarily saying everything is perfect between us right now. Sometimes it may even feel forced. But we're expressing our belief and desire for complete healing in our relationships, both here and in heaven, now and forever. We want to be fully reconciled with everyone. And for what we can't accomplish alone currently, we ask Jesus, the "Lamb of God," to make it happen because we trust He "takes away the sins of the world." With confidence, we pray "Grant us peace."

Your Friend and Pastor, Father Linh Nguyen



CARTA PASTORAL DE ABRIL

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

La comunión es el momento preciso para sentir la ricura del cielo! al empezar el Rito de la Comunión. Esto es como entrar en el momento en el que Jesús ya triunfó sobre el pecado y la muerte. Imagínense un mundo en el cual todos vivimos juntos en perfecta paz y unidad. Este es el ambiente en el que participamos durante el Rito de la Comunión; un gran festejo que le llamamos *"banquete de bodas del Cordero"*. Ahora, hablemos de este Cordero. Este el mismo Jesús, a quien a menudo nos referimos como el *"Cordero de Dios"*. Dios describió al cielo como una gran fiesta. Y el libro del Apocalipsis lo compara con un banquete de bodas, en la cual la iglesia simboliza la novia de Jesús.

Lo más crucial de la comunión es que creamos que Jesús está verdaderamente presente con nosotros, individualmente y con todos. Nos convertimos uno con Él y también entre nosotros, igual como lo haremos en el cielo. En esos preciosos momentos después de recibir la comunión, cuando todos hemos compartido en Jesús, vivimos una unidad completa. En estos momentos no hay que discutir, no hay que aprovecharnos los unos de los otros, y no hay que guardar rencores, aunque estos mismos sentimientos pueden resurgir más tarde. Durante la comunión, todo lo que sentimos es la "*paz y unidad*" del reino de Dios. Es como un anticipo del banquete de bodas del Cordero.

Al acercarnos al Rito de la Comunión, el sacerdote nos invita a rezar juntos el Padre Nuestro. Cada petición que hacemos en esta oración es sobre la segunda venida de Jesús en toda su gloria. Celebraremos y seremos testigos de Su victoria en el banquete de bodas del Cordero, donde todos nos reunimos para regocijar en el matrimonio de Jesús y Su iglesia. En este banquete celestial, seremos testigos de cosas increíbles: Cada uno de nosotros en el mundo conocerá y amará a Dios; El reino de Dios estará plenamente presente, y todos en la Tierra unirán su voluntad con la de Dios, tal como lo es en el cielo; Dios nos dará todo lo que necesitemos, como Jesús, que es el Pan de Vida, nos llenará de felicidad en esta gran celebración. Todos perdonaremos nos mutuamente, así como Dios nos perdona a nosotros. Para participar en este Pan celestial, debemos unirnos en paz y unidad. Esto significa el perdón completo entre nosotros.

Durante el Rito de la Comunión, recalcamos la importancia de la "*paz*". Pedimos paz, nos saludamos con paz y anhelamos que la paz y la unidad se unan con el corazón de Dios. Por eso proclamamos: "*La paz del Señor esté siempre con ustedes*", y compartimos el signo de paz entre nosotros.

El signo de paz es como un mensaje del futuro, una ojeada a un tiempo en el futuro en el que la victoria de Jesús se realiza plenamente. Estamos declarando que queremos reconciliarnos plenamente con todos, tanto aquí en la tierra como en el cielo, ahora y para siempre. Todos queremos esto. Y por lo que no podemos lograr por nuestra cuenta en este momento, le pedimos a Jesús, el *"Cordero de Dios"*, que lo haga realidad porque confiamos en que Él *"quita los pecados del mundo"*. Así que, con confianza, oramos: *"Concédenos la paz"*.

Su Amigo y Pastor, P. Linh Nguyen



Business Manager Corner

St. Rose Family,

We have a heartfelt request to all members of our St. Rose community. We have beloved members among us, our Seniors, who reach out to our Parish office regularly seeking assistance with everyday tasks. It is a challenge for our Parish Staff to support these requests without help. We could use a seniors ministry.

It takes just one person and a lot of prayer to get a seniors ministry off the ground. If that one person really cares about our seniors, and if he or she is willing to devote time to the outreach, promote it, and be flexible, there's no telling how the Lord will honor that commitment and cause that seed to grow.

Our St. Rose Seniors could use support for various needs from clean-up and repair services to transportation. For instance, our seniors could use help to run errands such as grocery store shopping, doctor's appointments, worship services, and anywhere they need to go.

As a community founded on compassion and service, we have a duty to extend our hands to those in need, especially to our senior members who have contributed so much to our community over the years. By offering a small portion of our time and energy, we can make a significant difference in the lives of others. We kindly ask for volunteers who are willing to assist our Senior Parishioners with their needs. Your generosity will not only alleviate their burden but will also bring immense joy and comfort to their lives. Please consider lending a helping hand and being a beacon of kindness within our community. Your assistance will exemplify the values of love and solidarity that lie at the core of our Catholic faith.

Thank you for your consideration and may God bless you abundantly for your compassionate deeds.

Yours in Christ, Deacon Darryl



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Divine Mercy Sunday: April 7

That we may learn to see all of our blessings as abundant gifts from God so that we may use them for the benefit of all God's people.

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - Acts 4:32 All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money - these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

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.

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 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.

BAPTISMS

Emilia Rose Adame Michael Presley Byrne Pablo Antonio Porras

NEW MEMBERS

Catalina & Delfino Alejos and Family Matthew and Meredith Landry and family Fabian and Christina Morice and Family

Congratulations to our RCIA Candidates who got Baptized, received their First Communion, or got Confirmed during our Easter Vigil Mass! Welcome to the Church!

SRL Hispanic Ministries performed a beautiful re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.













There are many people who worked countless hours to ensure that the liturgies of Holy Week were prepared and executed. These people include of course our clergy, Father Linh and Father John, and Deacons Ed, John, Ray, and David; in addition, the Art & Environment Team, led by Mary Jane Christen, Marva Gurrola, and Debbie Hoelscher; our Music Director, Jose Arredondo, and the entire Adult, Family, and Spanish Choirs, including the ACTS Men's Choir; Children's Choir Director and Photographer, Sophie Rodarte; all liturgical ministers, lectors, extraordinary ministers, altar servers, sacristans, ushers; to the RCIA team and all catechists, godparents, and sponsors; and finally, to our whole parish community. We cannot do this without all of your prayers & support, so again, thank you! God bless!



What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as *Divine Mercy Sunday*, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina – nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

There are two special graces available on Divine Mercy Sunday: a <u>Special Plenary Indulgence</u> and the <u>Extraordinary Grace</u>.

How to prepare for Mercy Sunday

To fittingly observe Divine Mercy Sunday in a solemn way, we should:

- 1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter (Sunday, April 7, 2024);
- 2. Sincerely repent of all our sins;
- 3. Place our complete trust in Jesus;
- 4. Go to Confession, preferably before that Sunday;
- 5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast;
- 6. Venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy (To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents, in this case, our Most Merciful Savior);
- 7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf:

Going to Confession is not the only way we should prepare ourselves for Divine Mercy Sunday. As Cardinal Francis Macharski, then Archbishop of Cracow, Poland, explained in a 1985 pastoral letter, **we are not simply called to ask for God's mercy with trust. We are also called to be merciful: Our own merciful attitude is likewise a preparation**. Without deeds of mercy, our devotion would not be real. For Christ does not only reveal the mercy of God, but at the same time He places before people the demand that they conduct themselves in life with love and mercy. Pope John Paul II states that this requirement constitutes the very heart of the Gospel ethos (Rich in Mercy, 3) it is the commandment of love and the promise: **"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Mt 5:7)**. Let it be a mercy that is forgiving and true, and universal, with good words, deeds, and prayer for others!

According to St. Faustina's Diary, Jesus Christ made a special promise, which she was to communicate to the whole world **(Diary, 699)**:

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy." Source: shrineofdivinemercy.org

EVENTS

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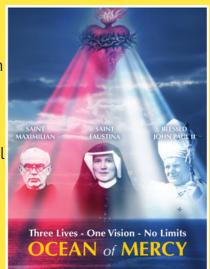
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PRAISE & WORSHIP 04.19.2024 | 6:30pm in the Church Faith Night

Who the Son sets free, is free indeed

In this time of the Eucharist Revival, this night will be an opportunity to praise Jesus Christ and show how much we love him through song, preaching and adoration. Let's come together as a community and experience the real presence of the Eucharist. Faith Night is for everyone - for the entire family! We'll start with upbeat music, which we can all sing along! Kids and adults can let out that Friday night energy! Then hear a reflection on the Eucharist, followed by a time for adoration. And after, a time for community with refreshments! Invite your friends and family! We look forward to seeing you there!

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".



EVENTS

Do you suffer from physical, emotional or spiritual ills that appear across the generational lines of your family?



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Preparation is required for the Mass, so please come to one of the following preparation meetings to receive materials and learn about God's plan for healing your family:

† Monday, April 8th, 2024 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
@ Prince of Peace Catholic Church (St. Joseph Center, Room 207)

OR

† Tuesday, April 9th, 2024 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm @ Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church (Domec Hall, Room 7)

> The Mass will be held on **Friday, April 19th at 7 PM** at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church 26777 Glen Loch Drive | The Woodlands, TX 77381

For more details, please email: info@marianservantshouston.org



Life Kappens Chocolate Kelps

St. Rose of Lima Altar Guild Chocoholic Feast Friday, April 12, 2024 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. 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 : 713-927-7101 or kcalexander50@hotmail.com

Pre-order tickets online at stroselima.org/events



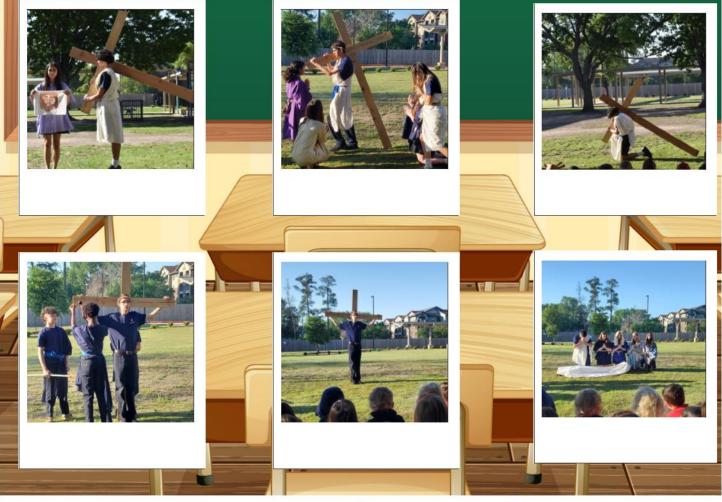


SRL SCHOOL NEWS

Cardinals enjoyed a Holy Thursday retreat which included reflection activities and ended with a prayer service



8th grade students participated in a living Stations of the Cross



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