

FEAST OF
Our Lady of Guadalupe
PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS



ST. ROSE of LIMA
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY





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

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Monday Dec. 11	8:15 A.M. English † Denvard B. Hack
Tuesday Dec. 12	8:15 A.M. English Maria Mendoza
Wednesday Dec. 13	8:15 A.M. English 7:00 P.M. Spanish † Johnny Wilganowski St. Rose of Lima Staff
Thursday Dec. 14	8:15 A.M. English † Margaret & Roy Pierce
Friday Dec. 15	8:15 A.M. † Henry & Larry Zapalac
Saturday Dec. 16	5:00 P.M. English † Cecilia Wierzbicki
Sunday Dec. 17	8:00 A.M. English 10:00 A.M. English Salvador Velasquez † Cora Rodarte
	12:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M.
	SRL COMMUNITY † Kimberly Bilnoski*Flowers for altar in memory of Kimberly Bilnoski

Heavenly Father, heal my heart during this season of Advent. Help me to love more fully. To forgive more generously. To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits. In Your name I pray. Amen.
Join us for Adoration Monday-Friday in the Chapel.

FINANCIALS

WORSHIP

COLLECTIONS: WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2023

COLLECTIONS: WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Masses	\$7,361.26	Masses	\$8,073.06
Drop Off & Mail In	\$460.00	Drop Off & Mail In	\$1,707.00
Online	\$7,929.45	Online	\$7,546.25
Weekly Total	\$15,750.71	Weekly Total	\$17,326.31
Weekly Goal	\$24,185.58	Weekly Goal	\$24,185.58
Actual vs. Goal	-\$8,434.87	Actual vs. Goal	-\$6,859.27
Year to Date Total	\$438,719.49	Year to Date Total	\$456,045.80
Year to Date Goal	\$486,008.15	Year to Date Goal	\$510,193.73
Actual vs. Goal	-\$47,288.66	Actual vs. Goal	-\$54,147.93

DSF PROGRESS TRACKER

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PARISH GOAL	\$105,000.00	PARISH GOAL	\$105,000.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$99,717.00	TOTAL RECEIVED	\$100,343.00
LEFT TO RAISE	\$5,283.00	LEFT TO RAISE	\$4,657.00

Special Collection Church Campaign for Human

Development: \$2,054.60

Scan the QR code to set

up online giving:

Calendar Online:

<https://www.stroselima.org/calendar-1>

Ch=Church FC=Fellowship Center RA/RB/RC=

Chpl=chapel PH=Parish Hall Admin bldg

WH=West Hall EH=East Hall Upstairs Rooms



Upcoming Collection: December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe - Regular Collection
December 17 - DSF Collection

****Prayer list will return soon****

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Dec. 11 Adoration 9-12

6:30 P.M. GIRL SCOUTS USA, EH
6:30 P.M. CCE 2nd - 5th GRADE, EH, et al
7:30 P.M. PRAYER GROUP, CHPL

Tuesday Dec. 12 Adoration 9-12

10:30 A.M. SCRIPTURE SHARING, RA
1:30 P.M. LEGION OF MARY (ENG), FC
6:00 P.M. BOY SCOUT TROOP 40, BH, RB
6:00 P.M. GIRL SCOUTS 122266, FC
7:00 P.M. TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, RC
7:30 P.M. LEGION DE MARIA, RA

6:30 P.M. DANZA AZTECA

7:00 P.M. MASS FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE/PROCESSION

8:00 P.M. RECEPTION/ROSARY

Wednesday Dec. 13 Adoration 9-12, 6-7

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. 14 Adoration 9-6

6:00 P.M. ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE, CH
6:30 P.M. YOUTH MINISTRY FC, BR
7:00 P.M. RCIA, RB

Friday Dec. 15 Adoration 9-12

5:00 P.M. POSADA FC, PH, WH, EH
6:30 ROSARY, CH

Saturday Dec. 16

4:00 P.M. CONFESSION, CH

Sunday Dec. 17

10:30 A.M. BAPTISM PREP (SP), RB
10:30 A.M. CCE 2ND GRADE (SPANISH) - CHRISTMAS BREAK
1:15 P.M. HISPANIC COMMITTEE, RC
3:00 P.M. EDGE - FC, BRIDEROOM, PH
6:30 P.M. CONFIRMATION II - FC, BRIDE ROOM, PH
6:30 P.M. LIFETEEN - FC, BRIDEROOM, PH

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

The Scientist and

BLESSED NICHOLAS STENO

(IN DANISH, NIELS STEENSEN)

1638-1686

After a youth spent in studying and then in scientific research, Nicolas Steno at age 28 converted to the Catholic Church while watching the Corpus Christi procession, thus realizing the greatness and magnificence of the Eucharist; the Real Presence of Jesus in the Host. He then decided to become a priest and missionary in his own country.



Portrait of Blessed Nicholas Steno



St. Nicholas of Flue, better known as "Brother Klaus," was declared patron saint of Switzerland by Pope Pius XII in 1947. He was born of a farmer's family in 1417 in Flueli, in the Alpine foothills above Sachseln, in the region of Obwald. He married, had ten children, and conducted a normal life until he was 50. Then he felt a very strong call from God to leave everything and follow Him. He therefore asked for three graces: to obtain the consent of his wife Dorothy and their older children; to never feel the temptation to turn back, and finally, God willing, to be able to live without drinking or eating. All his requests were granted. He lived for twenty years in the forest as a hermit with no food except for the Eucharist, as many witnesses testified.



In Belgium, at Bois-d'Haine, the Servant of God Anne-Louise Lateau lived for twelve years without eating or drinking, and without sleeping, starting on March 26, 1871. On January 11, 1868, she received stigmata at her feet, hands, head, the left side of her chest and at her right shoulder. She lived thus conformed to Our Lord until the end of her life. On April 23, 1873, Pope Leo XIII made the following declarations regarding Anne-Louise's case, "The Bois-d'Haine event is an extraordinary one. You can affirm on my behalf that medical science will never be able to explain such a fact." Anne-Louise died on August 25, 1883 at age 33. In 1991 the cause for her beatification was officially opened.

Nicholas Steno was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, on January 10, 1638. Since his youth, he was greatly involved in natural science studies - to the point of being considered among the founding fathers of geology, paleontology and crystallography. His prolific scientific activity caused him to travel all over Europe. On June 24, 1666, in Livorno, Italy, Nicholas Steno received the grace of conversion to the Catholic faith. His biographers wrote, "He observed with curiosity and perplexity the procession for the Feast of Corpus Christi and the fervor around it. The large Piazza d'Armi was bursting with colors and sounds. A loud, prolonged ringing of bells could be heard. The young man was recalling another procession he watched three years before in Lovanio, Belgium, where many students were lined up and dozens of black-robed professors were walking. He could perceive some-

thing different here. Maybe it was a sense of joy, a new warm feeling... or maybe his eyes had changed? Long lines of men in white tunics were processing and singing. Gonfalons and banners were swinging in the gentle breeze coming from the sea. Friars and priests were processing too, dressed in their white surplices adorned with laces and fringes. Even more priests were part of the procession, wearing their copes shining in the sun, and children holding incense burners. Finally, a big golden canopy passed by, and under it a minister of the Church, solemnly dressed, absorbed in his thoughts, carrying close to his chest Host....

"People knelt as the Blessed Sacrament passed by and eyes were sparkling with love as they gazed upon the Host, all heads bowed down in adoration. Petals and flowers were showering from all corners.

The young Nicholas Steno spent the whole day with a deep uneasiness in his heart. He remembered the Jesuit priest in Paris with whom he had discussed the Real Presence of Jesus in the consecrated Bread. The Jesuit priest had emphasized the value of Jesus' words at the Last Supper, 'This is my Body', and then St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. That day Nicholas Steno decided to convert to Catholicism. He immediately entered the seminary, and after nine years of study he was ordained a priest. He described his conversion: 'As soon as I attentively pondered God's favors to me, these appeared to be so many that I couldn't help but offer to Him the best of myself and in the best way, from the bottom of my heart... Therefore, having come to know the great dignity of priesthood... I asked and obtained that I may offer the Immaculate Host to the Eternal Father for my good and the good of others.'"

MARANATHA - "O LORD, COME!"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

We have entered the second week of Advent. Even though we are preparing to celebrate Christmas we are looking forward for the second coming of Jesus as he promised, before he ascended into heaven.

(1 Corinthians 16:1-24) - If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be accursed, **Maranatha**.

Marana tha: an Aramaic expression, probably used in the early Christian liturgy. As understood here ("**O Lord, come!**"), it is a prayer for the early return of Christ. If the Aramaic words are divided differently (**Maran atha, "Our Lord has come"**). Indeed, Christ came and dwelt among men. But the word also had other meanings in the early church. It served as a reminder that Jesus is coming again.

Throughout the New Testament the second coming of Christ is a major theme and comforting expectation of the church. (1 Thessalonians 4:14-18) - The Lord who came will come again. This was the hope of the apostolic church, a blessed hope which we share today. Even after all these years of praying for the return of the Lord why didn't he come?

St. Peter in his letter today gives us the answer. - The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3 / 9).

The main themes of this week's readings are **repentance, forgiveness and comfort**. More than any external preparations let us prepare ourselves internally to receive Jesus. One of the best ways of internal preparation is the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**.

On Thursday - December 14 at 6:30 p.m. we have the Advent Reconciliation Service at our Church. We also have confessions on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday as usual. Let us receive the forgiveness of God with a good examination of conscience, genuine repentance, and sincere confession. Have a blessed Advent Season and a Merry Christmas.

God bless you all,

Fr. John Samuel

PARISH LIFE

Ten Good Reasons to go to Mass #9 *We need ritual in our lives*

All of us have those daily rituals in our lives, even the very routine ones, that can set the stage for how the day will play out. Rituals are not the same as habits. Rituals are not the same as repetition. Rituals involve movements that lend meaning to the moment, even to the day and further. All of us are on a spiritual journey. All of life is a spiritual journey no matter how hard we sometimes try to compartmentalize that which we call spiritual from the physical or material. Mass is a ritual. In the Mass, the prayers, the movements, the changing of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ we continue to be formed as disciples of Jesus Christ and members of the People of God. Each and every time we come together for Mass we are being nourished for the journeys of life. But there is one very important point I must make. Yes, the Mass is ritual, but it is never routine. If something becomes routine, it has become plain, ordinary even to the point where we actually become unaware of what is happening. May we always remember that the “sameness” of the Mass is what actually molds us and shapes us as the body of Christ. The ritual of the Mass is at the very heart of all who embrace and love the Catholic faith. It is our food for the journey of our souls.

Sincerely, Deacon John

Congratulations to our Merry Market Raffle Winners!

1st Place - Ticket # 5441 - Maria Acabal

2nd Place - Ticket # 2920 - R. Santiago

3rd Place - Ticket # 2958 - Maria Pacheco

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Sunday Dec. 10	Second Sunday of Advent Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
Monday Dec. 11	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday Dec. 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday Dec. 13	Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Is 40:25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday Dec. 14	Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday Dec. 15	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday Dec. 16	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
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

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Dear St. Rose of Lima Parish,

Fr. Linh here, thrilled to share our 2023 journey with you. As we close this year, dive into the report for a glimpse of our shared celebrations, growth, and faith-filled moments. Let's cherish the achievements we've made as a vibrant parish community.

Step into our parish, the front office extends a warm embrace to you! We're not just the first faces you see—we're beacons of joy, here to make your journey with the Lord extra special. Whether you're taking small steps or embarking on a healing journey, we are your enthusiastic guides. As the Lord's messengers, we're thrilled to connect you to our lively ministry, where you'll find belonging and purpose.

Eight new individuals with diverse talents have enthusiastically joined the Pastoral Council, dedicated to fostering spiritual growth and unity within our congregation. The Finance Council welcomes five new members with a wealth of financial knowledge, ready to steward resources with wisdom and expertise to support the mission of our church.

The Office of Liturgy and Worship at St. Rose is a beacon of spiritual vitality, orchestrating some 600 uplifting liturgies annually, uniting some 1400 worshippers each week. This remarkable year saw transformative milestones such as the reverent restoration of the tabernacle to its original central position in the sanctuary and the adornment of the church with inspiring icons to encourage prayerful reflection. Embracing the spirit of the Eucharistic Revival, the office dedicated over 1000 hours to adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, infusing the parish

with deep devotion. More than 100 dedicated families generously give their time to serve the Lord in various capacities.

For two decades, St. Rose's Office of Formation has inspired parish families and fostered a deep appreciation for the beauty of the Catholic faith. We promote vocations through the Travelling Chalice initiative, which encourages prayer for vocations in school and among families. Our congregation celebrates priest and deacon milestones and inspires the next generation through outreach to youth ministry and CCE classes.

The Office of Youth Ministry successfully fosters spiritual growth for grades 6-12 through powerful conferences, formation, service, prayer, and relational ministry. We actively participate in events such as the National Catholic Youth Conference and the Archdiocesan Youth Conference, expanding transformative experiences. Currently, 35 youth are preparing for Confirmation, 50 for next year, our Catechetical Formation program includes over 150 youth, and the High School Youth Group is thriving, creating a vibrant faith community.

In just a few months, our Music Ministry has flourished from a solo act to a dynamic team of 20 volunteers, enriching all five weekend masses. Weekly rehearsals for English and Spanish services have created a reverent atmosphere, and we're excited to launch an after-school choir program this spring. The Children's Choir has doubled to 20 members, showcasing our dedication to musical growth and community harmony.

St. Rose of Lima welcomed eight new members through the RCIA program. Four dedicated catechists completed the program

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and received Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Four candidates received First Holy Communion and Confirmation, while these new members are actively involved in ministries such as ACTS, Bible Study, and Marriage Preparation. Seven people are currently on their RCIA journey and expect to receive the sacraments at Easter 2024.

In 2023, the Marriage Preparation Ministry celebrated a successful year of fostering love and commitment, with 12 engaged couples attending classes. With a mission to promote sacramental marriage, nine couples chose to have a Catholic wedding ceremony at St. Rose of Lima. The dedicated team of six experienced couples gave passionate presentations.

Over the past year, the Communications Department has transformed our communications strategy by switching to Canva to create visually stunning content for our expanded 16-page bulletin. The bulletin now highlights a variety of events, ECC activities, and school happenings, showcasing the incredible ministries led by dedicated parishioners. Stay tuned for our upcoming website launch.

The Advancement Department in our parish is thriving with enthusiasm and a strong sense of community. The recent Thanksgiving Dinner was a heartwarming success. The revival of our St. Rose of Lima Merry Market has received overwhelming support, paving the way for its expansion and development in the coming years.

The Building and Maintenance Team celebrates its first anniversary with significant accomplishments. Thanks to the support of the parish, major projects have improved parish spaces. The Administration Building elevator is

now operational, bringing joy after restoration. The lower level of the Fellowship Center has hot water, thanks to a new heater installed just in time for winter. Our meticulous repair of the East Hall kitchen roof, involving the replacement of 42 feet of flashing and torch-down material, ensures lasting durability. Beyond infrastructure, we prioritize safety and aesthetics by removing dead leaves and trees from the ECC and school grounds.

In just one year, the Gabriel Project ministry at our parish has transformed, growing from five to fourteen volunteers. We assisted 21 women in 2021, 43 in 2022, and have already helped 48 in 2023. With a grant secured from the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society, we assisted three women with rent. Our achievements reflect the compassion and dedication of our growing community and generous donors.

Over the past year, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to serving the Houston community. With nearly 50 dedicated members/Vincentians from the St. Rose of Lima Conference, the organization has been a beacon of hope for those facing financial hardship. Our dedicated team has distributed more than 200,000 pounds of food, valued at \$500,000, to more than 6,200 families. In addition, the Society provided critical financial assistance, totaling approximately \$100,000, to nearly 160 families in need.

Celebrating its forty-first year, the Early Childhood Center at St. Rose of Lima Parish is dedicated to nurturing the growth of young minds. Serving 121 children ages six weeks to three years in the 2023-2024 school year, the ECC plays a pivotal role in shaping each child's

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spiritual journey within the Catholic community. Through Christ-centered activities, songs and prayers, the center instills a sense of compassion, as two- and three-year-olds actively participated in a food drive for the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Elementary School is celebrating a year of remarkable achievement and growth, marked by a significant increase in enrollment, reaching 485 students with a comfortable capacity of 500 from Prekindergarten-3 through eighth grade. The school's commitment to academic excellence has earned it recognition as a S.T.R.E.A.M. Synergy School, which recognizes excellence in science, technology, religion, engineering, arts, and mathematics. The School Advisory Committee received the prestigious Outstanding School Board Award in June 2023, distinguishing St. Rose of Lima Catholic School among seven esteemed institutions in the Archdiocese.

Celebrating accomplishments, but facing a financial challenge. In the first five months of the 2023-2024 fiscal year,

our congregation is experiencing a significant deficit in the amount of **-54,147.93**. We are grateful for every gift we receive, and we are now asking for your help to address this issue. Your contribution will ensure the continuity of our positive impact and ensure our financial stability. Your generosity, no matter the amount, strengthens our parish community. Thank you for your dedication, faith and support in overcoming challenges and maintaining our role as a beacon of light and love in our community.

Sincerely yours,
Fr. Linh Nguyen

While there have been many positives in the past, we are now facing **a major financial challenge**. Although we have reduced our expenses, the information below clearly shows that they continue to outpace our income. **In his annual pastoral report, Fr. Linh asks, as we enter this season of Advent, that we reflect on how we all might be able to assist in overcoming this challenge.** - Deacon Ed

Year to date 5 Months:

Total \$456,045.80
Goal \$510,193.73

Yearly Actual vs Goal

- (\$54,147.93)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Danza Azteca: 6:30pm

Mass/Procession: 7pm

Reception: 8pm

East/West Hall

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.



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 espirituales.

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.**





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)

7:00PM

9:00PM (SPANISH)

12:00AM (MIDNIGHT)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00AM



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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 at smrussell55@comcast.net.



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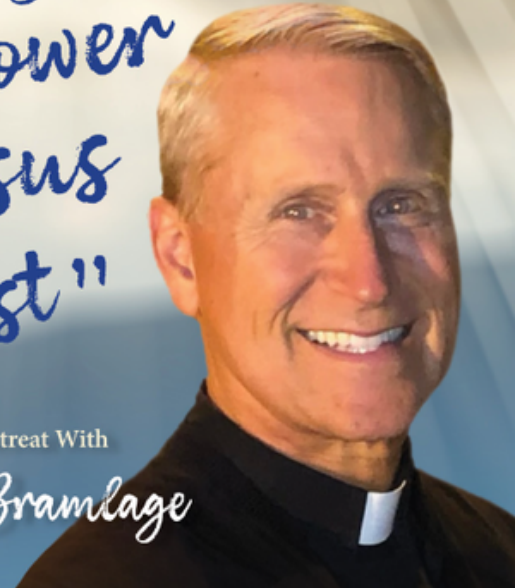
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Time
5pm (Friday)
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Weekend Retreat With

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
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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

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**

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LAS POSADAS

Join St. Rose of Lima Parish for a celebration of Las Posadas on Friday December 15th starting at 5pm in the church. Followed by refreshments and a rosary in the East and West Hall.

Children's Christmas Choir

SING AT THE 4:00 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

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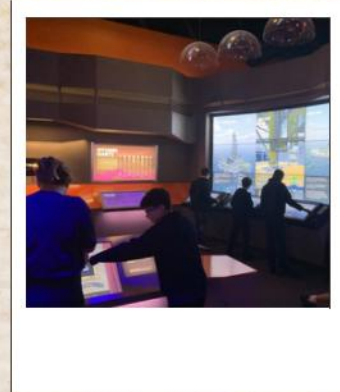
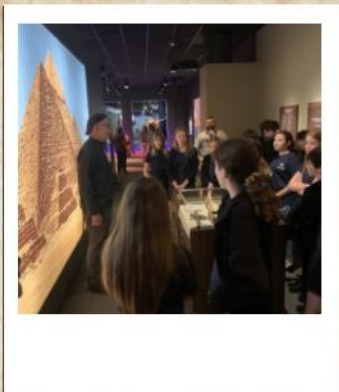
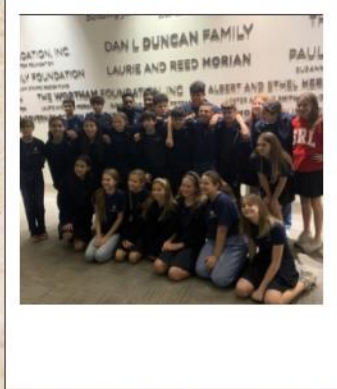
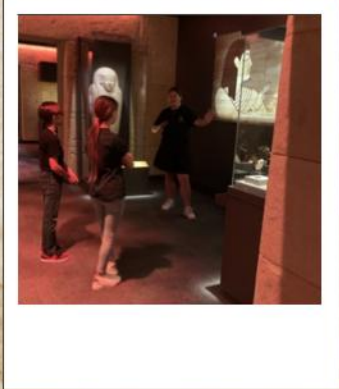
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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

CHRISTMAS EVE- DECEMBER 24 AT 3:30PM IN THE CHURCH
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SRL SCHOOL NEWS

7th Grade visited the King Tut's Tomb exhibit at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. They were transported back to 1922 and traveled to Egypt's fabled Valley of the Kings where they accompanied a famed Egyptologist as he explored King Tut's tomb.



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