

ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH

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St. Rose Parish Office

Rev. Timothy Kosler, V. F. – Pastor
Rev. George Kunnath, MCBS – Associate Pastor
Eunice Brosch – Administrative Assistant

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Sunday Mass Schedule

5:00 p.m. – Saturday Vigil • 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. – Sunday
12:00 p.m. – Sunday Spanish Mass

St. Rose School Office

Rosanne Gallia – Principal
Jeannie Mican – Secretary

Pastoral Council

Royce Shimek, President

School Advisory Council

Troy Brenek

Financial Advisory Council

Jack Klesel, President

St. Rose CCD

Grades 1-8 - Nicole Michalke
Grades 9-11 - Lynne Machac

Sacrament of Confession

4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment. Parents must be registered members in the parish. Instruction for parents and godparents is required.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Parties should contact the parish office 6 months prior to date of wedding to allow time for the required "Engaged Encounter" Course.

Holyday & Weekday Masses

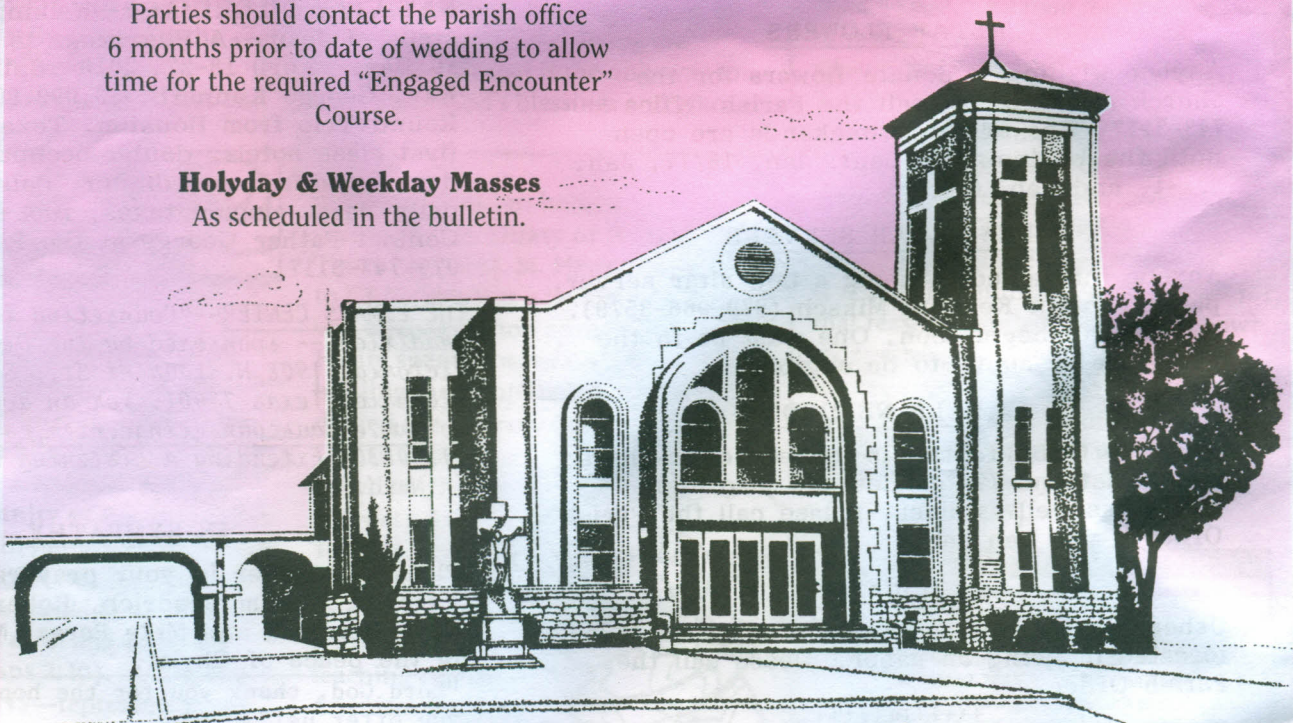
As scheduled in the bulletin.

Newcomers

Welcome to all new parishioners.
Please come by or call the parish office to register.

Bulletin Deadline

Monday – 5:00 p.m.





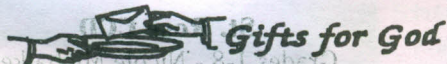
Where are you seeking your guidance? Is it in the horoscope section of the paper? Perhaps you go to your counselor every week? Or maybe it's the bartender at the lounge where you stop after work.

Matthew 2:1-12 tells the story of three men who followed their star. When they saw the star, they dropped everything and followed it. As a result, they found the place at the manger of Jesus that they had been seeking all their lives, and returned home with new hearts.



God gives each of us a "star" as well. When we choose to follow it, we too can find the contentment we've been seeking.

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LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$6,243.65.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: \$3,091.00.

GIFT TO MY CHURCH: \$7,415.00.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

CHURCH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

There are still some parishioners who have not picked up their church contribution envelopes. These can be found in front of the cry room in church. If you do not find a packet with your name, please call the Parish Office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to donate flowers for the church altar, please call the Parish Office -- 743-3117. The following weekends are open until the beginning of Lent: Jan. 16/17, Jan. 30/31, and Feb. 6/7.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Anyone interested in being a new altar server, please contact Kenneth Miksch (979-966-3579). Classes will begin soon. One must be in the 4th grade or above to be eligible.

HELP NEEDED

St. Rose CCD Program is in need of teachers for the 1st and 7th grades and also high school, as well as aides. Please call the Parish Office if you can help.

USHERS

Ushers are needed for weekend Masses. If interested in being an usher, please call the Parish Office.

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Thanks to everyone who gave Father George and me remembrances, gifts, and goodies for Christmas. May God bless you for your generosity.

Once again, I thank all those that helped with decorating the church, those that put up the outdoor scene, and those that helped and participated in the Christmas liturgies. May God bless you for your cooperation and dedication.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, February 20, 2016, the TRIUMPHS return to Swiss Alp Hall for the 8th Annual Rock-N-Roll for the Red & White! Tickets are on sale now--979-743-3080 or at the Parish Office. Private tables available; email Fogle4@verizon.net.

ST. ROSE SPRING FESTIVAL

The St. Rose Spring Festival will be held on Sunday, March 13. Anyone wishing to donate a gift card for our sweepstakes, please call the Parish Office by January 18.

ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS

A new gathering place for active citizens (age 60 and over) is available in Schulenburg at the VFW Hall in Wolters Park. Each Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM citizens of Fayette County are welcome. A light breakfast and nutritious lunch is served. Free will donation accepted. Phone 979-309-9592 for info.

Join the Catholic Daughters Court St. Rose 1597 in praying the Rosary each Wednesday in St. Rose of Lima Church at 8:30 AM.

NATIVITY PILGRIMAGE--Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus--A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. 10 Days--April 18-27, 2016--Spiritual Director: Rev. George Kunnath. \$3,099.00 per person--Round Trip from Houston, Texas. (Includes first class hotels, double occupancy, 2 meals a day, breakfast and dinner, daily sightseeing, daily Mass, airport taxes, fuel surcharges). Contact Father George at the Parish Office -- 979-743-3117.

THE EMMAUS CENTER--"Counseling in the Catholic Tradition -- sponsored by the Diocese of Victoria, 1908 N. Laurent St., Suite 140, Victoria, Texas 77901. For an appointment, go to www.emmauscounselingcenter.com or call 361-212-0830. Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers Eugene Veselka, William Goedrich, Robert Pesl, Sr., Mark Henneke and Mike Perez, May they rest in the peace of Christ.

"Lord God, thank you for the hope and joy that you offer us!"

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



**News from your Parish School
Gifts for a King**

The feast of the Epiphany encourages us all to reflect on what gifts we have to offer our Lord. Students at St. Rose of Lima are about to begin a new semester filled with academic knowledge, fellowship and faith formation.

The center of all we do at St. Rose School is the focus of developing Excellence Through Jesus and teaching students to develop their gifts and God given talents. The ultimate purpose of the acquired knowledge and skills is to put it into service of the lord. Just as the wise men came to seek the Lord and offer gifts may we continue to seek Him daily and offer our lives to Him in service.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR: Cara Seay, Roy Christ, Bruce Gillings, Gordon Ross, Diane Ritchie, Martin Ripper, Jr., Eugene Schimcek, Connor Machicek, Nelson Jochen, Jordan Okruhlik, Doris Anders, Alice Hollas, Lydia Kaminski, Martha Huebner, Geri Brown, LeeRoy Nelson, Elmarine Matus, Jo Lane Schwenke, Leo Ernestes, Sharon Cernosek, Keith Beyer, Clorisa Hartensteiner, Ovella Stuchly, Blakeleigh Ripper, Tammy Treybig, Edwin Orsak, Nate Boehl, Father Frank Lenz, all priests of the Diocese, and those in nursing homes and the homebound.



- MONDAY, JANUARY 4**
6:00 PM Special Intention
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 5**
7:00 AM Otto Steinhauser
6:00 PM Eugene Veselka - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5-6 PM
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6**
6:00 PM Joyce Kaase
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 7**
8:10 AM Arthur & Deloris Ohnheiser
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 8**
6:00 PM Richard & Georgie Gabler
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 9**
5:00 PM Lawrence Klesel
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 10**
7:30 AM Michael Dolezal
10:00 AM Joyce Valchar
12:00 PM Janeth Moreno Rodriguez-Spanish

GIFT BEARERS

- JAN. 9 5:00 PM - Lawrence Klesel Family
- JAN. 10 7:30 AM - Michael Dolezal Family
- 10:00 AM - Johnnie Valchar Family

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, CT. ST. ROSE 1597 will meet on Monday, January 4, St. Rose Family Life Center Meeting Room--Social 6:30 PM and Meeting at 7:00 PM. Hostesses: Chairperson: Julia Krischke, Jo Marie Krupala, Judy Kubenka, Donna Kunz, Peggy Kusy, and Cindy Kutac.

RIGHT TO LIFE WALK in Columbus, Texas on Saturday, January 23, at 2:00 PM. Gather in parking lot of Windshield Xpress--walk down Milam St. to the Square. There will be a speaker from "Texas Right to Life". Let's profess to all of our neighbors our belief that all humans have the RIGHT TO LIFE.

ST. ROSE MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

The Baptism of the Lord

	SATURDAY JANUARY 9 5:00 p.m.	SUNDAY JANUARY 10 7:30 a.m.	SUNDAY JANUARY 10 10:00 a.m.
ROSARY LEADERS	Kenneth Miksch	Ted & Gloria Kolek	Jerome & Charlene Kolenovsky
LECTORS	Douglas Behlen	Mike Bonner	Margie Mueller
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	Kenneth Miksch	Donna Kunz	Jonathan Kalich
ALTAR SERVERS	Katelyn Sassi	Brynlee Hollas	Jonathan Jordan
USHERS	Jessica Pope, Elizabeth Edwards	Blaine Zapalac, Blake Meyer	Morgan Marburger, Julie Guentert
	Kenneth Lev, Todd Brosch	Milton Beyer, Mark Shimek	Edwin Orsak, Eugene Berger
	Joe Cernosek, Eugene Veselka	Marshall Herzik, Joe Kurtz	Bernard Ripper, Harvey Michna

Thank you for praying the rosary before Mass, for all the sick and suffering in your parish family.

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One Minute Meditations

St. John Bosco

St. John Bosco was moved by the plight of young abandoned boys in Rome. Using reason, religion and kindness he taught the boys how to unite their faith with work and play.

By opening the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales, he provided workshops for boys in shoemaking and tailoring. He got them off the streets, educated them, and helped them find jobs. In 1859, he founded the Salesians who were committed to education and mission work.

Never too busy

As Chancellor of England, St. Thomas More was swamped yet always found time to pray. He said, "I have much very important business to handle and I need light and wisdom..." When you feel overwhelmed, remember St. Thomas and ask God for the "light and wisdom" to meet your challenges.

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me"

(Matthew 25:40).



Celebrate life all year round

January is the month during which our Church celebrates life. This is when we take time to recognize that we are all reflections of God and have great value in his eyes from the moment of conception to a natural death. Celebrating life means being pro-human every day of the year.

Befriend a lonely or disabled person. Spend time with someone who is often alone. Take an elderly neighbor grocery shopping or bring her groceries if she is housebound. Treat an intellectually disabled friend to a movie. Often these folks are on shoestring budgets, can feel isolated, and will appreciate the help and friendship.

Support local food programs. Volunteer to provide meals to a local

food bank or soup kitchen. Collect canned goods in your church, neighborhood, work place, or community.

Steward your money. Research the institutions where you spend, save, or invest your money to find out what you are financially supporting. Does your favorite store support causes that you feel ultimately victimize others or disrespect your faith and beliefs? Stop shopping there. Does your bank fund organizations you find offensive? Put your money elsewhere.

Nurture patience. Ignore the crying baby at Mass. Respond to a sharp word with a kind one (even when you're right). Let someone ahead of you in line. People are more important than schedules.



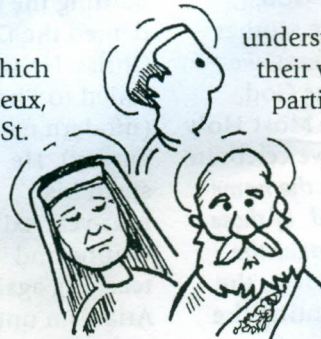
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why are there "Doctors of the Church"?

There are thirty-six Doctors of the Church, which include St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Augustine. Church Doctors are saints who have special intellectual gifts. These men and women were found to have had a deep

understanding and orthodoxy in their writing and teaching, particularly in a topic or area.

While this does not mean that the works themselves are infallible, the Church considers the contributions made by these Doctors to be good guides for spiritual life.



Laying our gifts at the feet of the King

The three Wise Men gave Jesus gifts worthy of a king. We can also present him with our own royal gifts. While ours may not be actual gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we can still give to him the best we have.

Gold: The gift of kings, the "gold" we can offer the King of Kings is our talents and abilities. Like gold, our talents do the most good when given to others.

Frankincense: Frankincense was used as incense during worship and symbolized the prayers offered up to God. In the time of Jesus,

frankincense was used by priests whose job it was to intercede for the people. Our priestly ministry can be praying daily for those who need it, especially anyone we know who is struggling and particularly in need of strength and comfort.

Myrrh: A spice used to ease suffering, myrrh was a valuable gift. Mother Teresa once said, "I serve because I love Jesus." Our kindness can be our "myrrh" offered to God - a valuable gift.



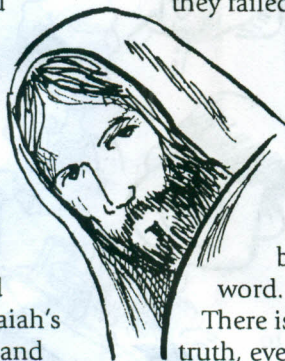
from Scripture

Luke 4:21-30, Live the truth

From the time God promised a Messiah, his people imagined a triumphant king with extraordinary abilities who would defeat Israel's enemies. They didn't expect someone ordinary, or even familiar, like Jesus.

Still, his friends and neighbors had heard reports about his amazing deeds and were excited when he read Isaiah's prophecy about the Messiah and announced its fulfillment in him.

All of that changed when they heard the tough message Jesus had for the children of Israel. They wanted a comforting message from him, not one



that reminded them of how often they failed God. And when Jesus mentioned God's grace to the Gentiles, a people they thought were inferior to themselves, they became angry and threw him out. They forfeited his blessings because they rejected his word.

There is no substitute for the truth, even when it is hard to hear. Turning our backs on the truth will close the doors to the kingdom to us. For a follower of Jesus, living the truth of the Gospel is the only way to fully enjoy God's blessings and grace.

Q & A Why was Jesus baptized if he was without sin?

Much of what Jesus did in his ministry was to be an example for us. Though he was sinless, Jesus allowed himself to be baptized by John as a visible sign of his willingness to obey the Father's will. Doing the Father's will is what he wants from us. After Jesus was baptized, the skies opened up and the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus.



"And a voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased'" (Matthew 3:17).

Baptism is often called, "The Gateway Sacrament," because it is the first one we receive when coming into the Catholic Church and the Sacrament that precedes all the others. It is usually administered to infants for that reason. Baptism is key to our own redemption so it is fitting that Jesus led the way. We follow him. "There is the whole mystery: he died for you. In him you are redeemed, in him you are saved" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1225*).

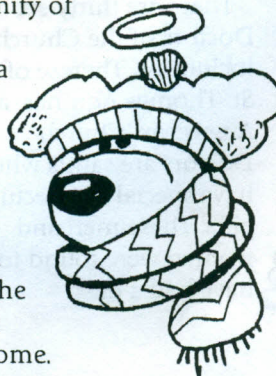
Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 1 - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Today, we honor Mary as the Mother of God. In celebrating this feast, we honor Mary, but also Jesus as God.

Jan. 3 - Solemnity of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. In January we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10). In fact, the English letters IHS—representing the first three Greek letters in Jesus' name—used to be written over the

doors of Christian homes.

Jan. 13 - St. Hilary of Poitiers (Late Third Century). St. Hilary converted to Christianity as a young man and was elected bishop around 350. St. Hilary spent most of his office battling the Arian heresy, which denied the Divinity of Christ. He was exiled to Phrygia (modern day Turkey). He spent his four-year exile writing and teaching against Arianism until the emperor begged him to return home.



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