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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

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.

Financial Advisory Council Jack Klesel, President

St. Rose CCD Grades 1-8 - Nicole Michalke Grades 9-11 - Lynne Machac

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

> **Bulletin Deadline** Monday – 5:00 p.m.



Advent is a season where you are either "into it" or you aren't. There doesn't seem to be any type of middle ground. We are continually being told to "prepare the way", which is right and good. However, we also need to "find the way", the

right way. There can be a lot of distractions out there. Ironically some of these distractions end up reminding us of the season.

The readings for the Second Sunday of Advent are, if anything, uplifting. They encourage us to keep in mind the strength that can be found in God and how He is there to help. It is

not a case of setting our sights





on Christmas Day, but of recognizing that day to day we are preparing a way for Jesus our King. That "way" is found not outside of us but from within.



LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$5,386.11.

MANY THANKS!

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SECOND COLLECTION **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously in the collection next weekend, December 12/13, for the Re-tirement Fund for Religious.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Father George will be the spiritual director for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land--April 18-27, 2016. There are registration forms on the table at the church entrance if you are interested, or call 979-743-3117.

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 are needed for weekend Masses, especially at 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM Masses.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to come honor Our Mother Mary by joining the Catholic Daughters of St. Rose of Lima Court 1597 in praying the Rosary each Wednesday morning in St. Rose of Lima Church at 8:30.

CHRISTMAS CARDS are available at the Parish Office for you to purchase.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Tuesday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. All Catholics are bound to attend Mass on this Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule is as follows: Monday, December 7: 7:00 PM

Vigil and Tuesday, December 8: 8:10 AM and 12:05 Noon.

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 8, in observance of the Holy Day.

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

The Jubilee Year of Mercy will begin on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. "Merciful Like the Father" is the motto of this Holy Year.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD - Saturday, December 12, Schulenburg KC Hall. Everyone is invited.

AMONG OUR SICK

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: 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 Ernstes, Sharon Cernosek, Keith Beyer, Clorisa Hartensteiner, Blakeleigh Ripper, Ovella Stuchly, Tammy Treybig, Mike Perez, Father Frank Lenz, ill priests of the Diocese, and those in nursing homes and the homebound.

Join us for an evening of Prayer & Reflection on Advent & Christmas with Bishop Brendan Cahill, Dr. Michael Fonseca and the God's Embrace Music Ministry on Sunday, December 13, St. Rose of Lima Church at 6:00 PM. Sponsored by Holy Rosary ACTS and God's Embrace. Everyone is invited.

THANK YOU

We are grateful to the donors of our electric votive candles for the newest statues -- Helen Koncaba and family, in memory of Oscar Koncaba, and Michael Ripper and Michelle Ripper Urban in memory of Adela Ripper. BEST ADVENT EVER - Unwrap the Gift of GOD'S MERCY this Advent. Join Matthew Kelly and six other influential Catholic Voices of our time on a life-changing journey through Best Advent Ever Rediscover Mercy. Each day you will receive an inspirational email with a short video, words of encouragement, or spiritual coaching that will help you rediscover God's great mercy and show that mercy to others. This program is simple and free! Let mercy transform your relationships, work, and ability to embrace and experience all of life. To learn more or to sign up, visit BestAdventEver.com.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



News from your Parish School Light the Candle of PEACE



The Second week of advent is marked by a call to focus on Peace. The peace of Christ is coming and we must prepare our hearts. Just as God, in his infinite mercy had the perfect plan for our salvation, His Son. Tuesday, Dec. 8 marks the feast of the Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation.

This feast reminds us that Mary was conceived without original sin. God favored Mary and provided her with this grace so that she might be the perfect means by which Christ would enter our world. What planning, what preparation. Mary's peaceful yes then made way for the most perfect peace to enter the world.

Join the St. Rose School family for their weekly Liturgy on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 at 8:10 a.m. as we celebrate this wonderful feast day in anticipation of the greatest gift ever given, Jesus.

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done unto me according to your word." —Luke 1:38

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The end of the year is fast approaching, so help St. Rose of Lima Parish meet its Diocesan Services Appeal obligation by bringing your gift card to the Parish Office or mailing it directly to the Diocese of Victoria. Thanks to those who have fulfilled their obligation.



Intentions Of The Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 7:00 PM Frances Hermis TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8--Immaculate Conception 8:10 AM Eve Uphold Henry F. & Butch Dittrich 12:05 PM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 7:10 PM Willie F. Pavlas THURSDAY. **DECEMBER 10** 8:10 AM Josephine Michalec FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 Carl & Frances Wendler 6:00 PM SATURDAY. **DECEMBER 12** 9:00 AM Special Intention - Spanish Mass 5:00 PM Jimmy & Helen Hajovsky & Jimmy, Jr. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 Emil/Rosa/Rhine/Lillie Winkler 7:30 AM 10:00 AM Joseph & Emma Bartos 12:00 PM Francisco Javier Lara - Spanish +++++++++

GIFT BEARERS

DEC.	12	5:00	PM -	Andy & Ginger Bosl
DEC.	13	7:30	A M -	Leon Langhamer Family
		10:00	AM -	Joseph Bartos Family

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Flowers on the Blessed Mother's altar for her feast day are given by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Surman, in memory of their granddaughter, Eve Uphold.

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.

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ST. ROSE MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD . Feast of the Immaculate Conception and Third Sunday of Advent

Alle.	Monday DECEMBER 7 VIGIL 7:00 P.M	Tuesday DECEMBER 8 8:10 A.M.	<u>Tuesday</u> DECEMBER 8 12:05 p.m.	Saturday DECEMBER 12 5:00 P.M.	Sunday DECEMBER 13 7:30 A.M.	Sunday DECEMBER 13 10:00 A.M.
ROSARY	Ken & Louise Berger	James Stanzel	Kolenovskys	Kenneth Miksch	Ted & Gloria Kolek	Jerome & Charlene Kolenovsky
LECTORS	Dion O'Kelley	St. Rose Students	Margle Mueller	Ann Florus	Eamon McCourt	Chris Hooper
EMHC	Ted Kolek	St. Rose Teacher	Margle Mueller	Kenneth Miksch	Milton Beyer	Brenda Rehak
ALTAR	Wesley Liere Jessica Pope	Blane Warnken Blaine Zapalac	Hannah Schulz Hunter Schulz	Kenny Schramek Wyatt Fogle	Brynlee Hollas Becca Wagner	Will Hooper Collin Bosi
BERYERS	Katelyn Sassin	Blake Meyer	Hayden Schulz	Selah Waltz	Annie Stoner	Camden Bosl
USHERS	volunteers	St. Rose Students	volunteers	Kenneth Lev	Milton Beyer	Edwin Orsak
				Todd Brosch Joe Cernosek Eugene Veselka	Mark Shimek Marshall Herzik Joe Kurtz	Eugene Berger Bernard Ripper Harvey Michna

Please join in praying our rosary before Mass - Cry out with joy and gladness. for among you is the great and holy one of Israel!



Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

December 2015

St. Rose, St. Mary, St. John the Baptist, and St. Wenceslaus Churches Fr. Timothy Kosler, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Thomas Becket

Thomas enjoyed power and riches as a close friend of England's King Henry II, who appointed him chancellor of England. In 1162, King Henry had Thomas named Archbishop of Canterbury. The King tried to pressure Thomas and the other bishops into agreeing to laws allowing the state to regulate Church matters, but Thomas refused. The King exiled Thomas, who fled to France for safety. To protect the Church, Thomas returned to England and was martyred soon after.

Gratitude and Generosity

Gratitude and generosity often go hand in hand. God is generous in his blessings to us, and often gives us more than we need. Our gratitude inspires us to "give back" to God. Gratitude is the attitude of a generous heart.

"Do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you" (Mathew 6:3-4).

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Unwrap the gifts from your Father

God loves to give his children gifts, especially at Christmas. "Thanks be to God for his inexpressible

gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15). This year, unwrap your heavenly gifts ... Joy – "Shout, and sing for iou O

and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel" (Isaiah 12:6). We are joyful because God gave us the gift of himself. Celebrate by talking about God with others. For example, tell how he has blessed

you in the last year. **Peace** - "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which

Why Do Catholics will come to all the people" (Luke 2:10). Is it possible to live in the world and not be afraid? Yet peace is what the angel advised Zechariah, Mary, and the shepherds at the Incarnation. Take the angel's advice and "be not afraid." Accept the gift of peace; avoid worry and doubt.

Love – When God sent his Son to our rescue, he gave us an

incomprehensible gift of love. This gift calls for a response,

as he invites us to share in his love. "Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God" (1 John 4:7). Share love at Christmas by spending time, not money, on those you love.

Do That The colors of the priest's vestments highlight a season of the liturgical year or a mystery of the faith. Purple

(violet) represents a time of penance and preparation. During three weeks of Advent, the priest wears violet vestments to remind us to

Why does the priest wear purple during Advent?

prepare penitentially for Christ's coming. On the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), he wears rose vestments to signal the halfway point of Advent. This is a happy time when we anticipate the joy in Christ's coming.

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Growing in Faith™

The peacemakers are children of God

This is the season during which we become our better selves. Peace reigns in our hearts while we exchange gifts and pleasant thoughts. The best gift we can offer the King of Peace, however, is to be peacemakers throughout the year.

Bring harmony. It isn't enough to avoid conflict. Peacemaking means admitting wrongdoing and accepting responsibility immediately. Peacemakers give up ground even if they are entitled to it.

Allow small things to remain small. It can be easy to find opportunities to take offense or find others in the



In this reading, the Holy Family went to Jerusalem during the year Jesus was

twelve. In those days, a Hebrew boy became a man around the age of twelve and was recognized in a ceremony we know as a Bar Mitzvah. At this point a Jewish boy would begin formal education in the Torah and Hebrew Scriptures.

This was an important time in Jesus' life. This reading said that Jesus stayed behind to talk with the scholars and teachers, and told his parents he was doing his Father's work. He had become aware of his duties to his

Luke 2:41-52, Living in the world

Father in Heaven, yet he remained mindful of his responsibilities to

his parents on Earth and obediently left with them.

Christians live in the world, in neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces. Jesus demonstrated his

respect for his ties to his family, yet he continued to pursue his place in God's plan of salvation.

The lesson for us is we don't have to retire from the world to be holy. Instead, we have to find ways to live a holy life in the world.



Dec. 8 – The Immaculate Conception of Mary. On this day we commemorate that Mary was conceived in St. Anne's womb without original sin. In addition to attending Mass, praying the rosary is a wonderful way to celebrate.

Dec. 9 – St. Juan Diego (1548). A humble Native American and faithful Christian, Juan Diego was visited by the Blessed Virgin at Tepeyac Hill in Mexico. She asked that a chapel be built for her, and sent him to the bishop with roses as a sign. When the roses were emptied before the bishop, Juan's cape retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

Dec. 21 – St. Peter Canisius (1597). Born in Holland, Peter joined the Jesuits in 1546, and worked to safeguard the faith through his writings and teachings. His work, The Catechism of the Catholic Church, is still used today.

Dec. 28-The Holy Innocents: On this day, we remember the infants massacred by King Herod's soldiers (Matthew 2:16-18). We also pray for the safety of unborn children.

wrong. Peacemakers don't accept every opportunity they are offered for a fight.

Catch others at their best. Gratitude and graciousness are the best remedies for conflict and anxiety. Share respect freely. Bring goodwill to every situation.

Watch for opportunities to spread peace. Daily you will face situations in which you will have to make a choice, take a stand, defend a position, or seek a peaceful resolution. Be prepared to be a

peacemaker even when it won't be popular, pleasant or easy.

Where did we get the Nativity Scene?

The tradition of the nativity scene started in Greccio, Italy. St. Francis of Assisi was amazed that God, out of love for us, would allow himself to be born



in a lowly stable. He wanted to illustrate the humility of the Bethlehem scene for those around him. Three years before his death, he had the chance to do just that. The

chapel his order usually used was too crowded to celebrate Midnight Mass indoors, so St. Francis set up an altar in a nearby cave and celebrated Mass there.

With the permission of the Holy Father, St. Francis also set up a manger in the cave and brought in an ox and a donkey. The nativity scene was powerful in rekindling the faith of the people of Greccio. A former soldier even reported seeing the wax figure of the baby Jesus come to life! Whether the figure came to life or not remains a mystery. Today, it reminds us God *"was made flesh, and dwelt among us"* (John 1:14).

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