

# ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH

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## St. Rose Parish Office

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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  
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Troy Brenek

### Financial Advisory Council

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### 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

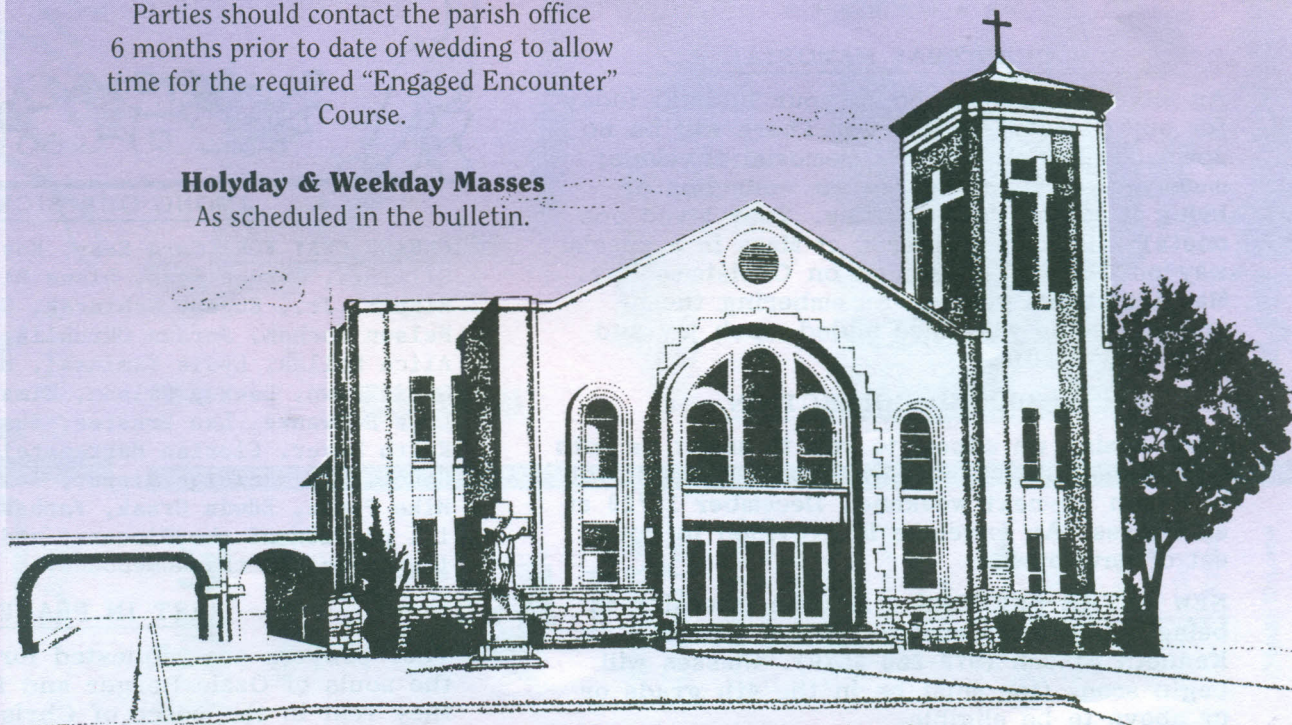
As scheduled in the bulletin.

### Newcomers

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

### Bulletin Deadline

Monday – 5:00 p.m.







Do you like to watch TV preachers? Do you ever find yourself filled with envy at their spectacular worship services, their ten piece orchestras? Do you think to yourself, "Boy, if we just had a facility like that, our church could grow too!"? Well, it is wonderful to be in a prime location, to be able to offer every person a special opportunity for support and learning. BUT IT IS NOT ESSENTIAL.

In our Gospel lesson today we focus on a single man who didn't dress right, who offended most who heard him, who didn't play guitar nor have a praise band to open up for him. And yet St. Luke tells us that the multitudes came to hear him, and not only hear him, but they were led to repentance and baptism in a dirty river. Their lives were changed. They were brought into the Kingdom of God by a very simple message, by a very simple man.



We will focus on the elements of John's ministry that proved so effective for revival, elements of revival that we can develop right here at St. Rose of Lima.

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**Offerings**

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$5,768.75.

CHURCH BUILDING FUND: \$1,416.00.

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CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL

An envelope is attached to your bulletin today for our Christmas Memorial. There will be no special collection for this memorial envelope; merely place it in the regular collection or bring it to the Parish Office. Your loved one one(s) will be remembered at Mass in a special way on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. May God bless you for remembering these special people who once added much joy and love to your life.

SECOND COLLECTION

Once again, we appeal to you to assist us with our annual Christmas Flower Collection. It will be taken up next weekend, December 19/20 at all Masses. An envelope is provided in your set of envelopes.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS - Anyone intersted 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 or above to be eligible.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Father George on his 41st anniversary to Holy Orders on Friday, December 18. We ask God's blessings for him on this day, and in days and years to come.

**IF YOU ARE WORRIED...**

If you are upset because you have been away from Confession for a long time...because you are afraid that you will have difficulty recalling the kinds and the number of your sins, don't be. Your return will bring as much happiness to our loving Lord as it will bring peace to your life. Don't put Confession off! God is quick to forgive us...to understand our weaknesses, our failures. A welcome is waiting for you. Put yourself...your life in God's merciful care. True peace is sure to be yours at Christmas when you do.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION SCHEDULE

- FRI., DEC. 18 - 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
5:00 to 6:00 PM
  - SAT., DEC. 19 - 4:00 to 5:00 PM
  - MON., DEC. 21 - 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
  - TUE., DEC. 22 - 7:00 to 8:00 PM
  - WED., DEC. 23 - 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
7:00 PM (2 priests)
- NO CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

AMONG OUR SICK

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 Ernstes, Sharon Cernosek, Keith Beyer, Clorisa Hartensteiner, Ovella Stuchly, Blakeleigh Ripper, Tammy Treybig, Mike Perez, Edwin Orsak, Father Frank Lenz, ill priests of the Diocese, and those in nursing homes and the homebound.

REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Ozzie Berger and Doris Lev. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

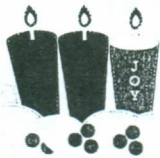


THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



News from your Parish School  
More than halfway

*Happy 3rd week of Advent!*



Gaudete Sunday reminds us that we are past the midpoint of the advent season and can begin to rejoice for the long expected coming of our savior. Christmas is almost here. Amid the celebrations and preparation remember to take time and prepare the way of the Lord.

**HOLIDAY CHEER** — Please join us for a special Christmas band concert and play on **Thursday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Rose Gym.** Junior High students will be sharing their God given talents for music and drama during this special performance.

*"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice."*  
— *Philippians 4:4-6*

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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 this evening, December 13, St. Rose of Lima Church, at 6:00 PM. Sponsored by Holy Rosary ACTS and God's Embrace. Everyone is invited.

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

*CHRISTMAS CARDS* are available at the Parish Office for you to purchase. The cards are in color of our Christmas sanctuary.



Intentions  
Of The Week

- MONDAY, DECEMBER 14  
6:00 PM Jimmy Ryba
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15  
7:00 AM Willie & Dorothy Janacek  
6:00 PM Bernice Surman-Exposition 5-6 PM
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16  
6:00 PM William & Anna Herzik
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17  
8:10 AM Emil & Mary Chromcak
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18  
6:00 PM John, Mary & George W. Janik  
William & Emma Meyer & Rose Ann Saykally
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19  
5:00 PM Emil & Leonard Schwenke & Family & Keith Kutac
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20  
7:30 AM Parish Family  
10:00 AM Linda Wetuski  
12:00 PM Sanjuanita Mendoza - Spanish

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GIFT BEARERS

- DEC. 19 5:00 PM - Angelina Schwenke Family  
DEC. 20 7:30 AM - Troy Brenek Family  
10:00 AM - John & Garrett Wetuski

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FEAST DAY OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

The ninth annual Mass at Raphael's Refuge will be celebrated by Bishop Cahill on Monday, December 28, at 10:30 AM. Rosary will begin at 9:30 AM, followed by announcements and introductions. The Monument is located two miles west of Flatonia, at 2715 W. Hwy. 90. For more information, contact Midge Elam at 361-258-1514 (cell).

NEEDED - St. Rose CCD Program is in need of teachers for the 1st and 7th grades and also high school, as well as aides.

**ST. ROSE MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD**  *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

	<u>SATURDAY</u> DECEMBER 19 5:00 p.m.	<u>SUNDAY</u> DECEMBER 20 7:30 a.m.	<u>SUNDAY</u> DECEMBER 20 10:00 a.m.
ROSARY LEADERS	Marcella Langhamer	James Stanzel	Amanda Brown
LECTORS	Douglas Behlen	Kenneth Berger	Kathy Bertsch
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Elizabeth Holub	Eamon McCourt	Adela Luksovsky
ALTAR SERVERS	Seth Patten Kate and Laura James	Mackenzie Kunschick Annie Stoner, Becca Wagner	Morgan Marburger Jordan Sommer, Alex Barnhill
USHERS	Mark Besetzny, Harvey Schindler Mark Surman, Douglas Behlen	Melvin Kunz, Michael Demel _____, Stanley Kubenka	_____, Raymond Shimek Darrell Vyvjala, Clinton Mican





# The Jubilee Year of Mercy

December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016

In Jesus we see the mercy of the Father. This *mercy is rich and everlasting*. Jesus is the sacrament of this: the visible, tangible, and audible manifestation of God's endless love, forgiveness, and mercy. When we see Jesus, we see the Father: Jesus thus reveals the mercy of God to us.

We should think deeply about mercy because mercy is what leads to a true and deep sense of well-being. When we understand mercy, we understand the Blessed Trinity – the community of love which is God. ... For the reason, I hereby proclaim a Jubilee of Mercy. ... – Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome

## Questions about the Jubilee of Mercy

### What is a jubilee year?

The practice of a jubilee year has ancient roots in the Jewish tradition and evidence for it can be found in the Old Testament (eg. Leviticus 25). The jubilee year was called every fifty years and was a time for forgiveness. It stood as a reminder of God's providence and mercy. The dedication of a year for this emphasis provided the community with a time to come back into right relationship with one another and with God. As the practice of the jubilee year was adopted into the Catholic Church, these themes of mercy, forgiveness, and solidarity continued.

### How is this Jubilee different from other Jubilee years?

The Jubilee of Mercy that Pope Francis has called, from December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016, is an Extraordinary Jubilee. This designation as an *Extraordinary Jubilee* sets it apart from the ordinary cycle of jubilees, or holy years, which are called every 25 years in the Catholic Church. By calling for a holy year outside of the normal cycle, a particular event or theme is emphasized. For example, Pope Francis called this particular Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy to direct our attention and actions "on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's actions in our lives . . . a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective" (MV, 3 [*Misericordiae Vultus*, The Face of Mercy: The Papal Bull announcing the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy]).

### Why a Jubilee of Mercy now?

Pope Francis himself addressed this question in his homily . . . for First Vespers for Divine Mercy Sunday. "Here, then, is the reason for the Jubilee: because this is the time for mercy. It is the favourable time to heal wounds, a time not to be weary of meeting all those who are waiting to see and to touch with their hands the signs of the closeness of God, a time to offer everyone, everyone, the way of forgiveness and reconciliation. May the Mother of God open our eyes, so that we may comprehend the task to which we have been called; and may she obtain for us the grace to experience this Jubilee of Mercy as faithful and fruitful witnesses of Christ."

### What is the Jubilee of Mercy?

In the Bull of Indiction, *Misericordiae Vultus*. . . , Pope Francis declared that the Jubilee of Mercy will begin on December 8, 2015 (the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) and conclude on November 20, 2016 (the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe). December 8, 2015 also marks the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council, a Council that sought to bring the love of God to the modern world. Similarly, the Holy Father strongly desires this Jubilee celebration of mercy to be lived out in the daily lives of the faithful, and all who turn to God for compassionate love and mercy.





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& Holy Sites



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## **What are the major planned events of the Jubilee year?**

There are many events planned throughout the Jubilee of Mercy. The Jubilee year begins with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, with the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. John Lateran opening the following Sunday. On this day, the Doors of Mercy will also be opened around the world at local cathedrals and significant shrines. Throughout the year, there will also be Jubilee celebrations for various groups who engage in the work of mercy and who have been shown God's mercy. Additionally, Pope Francis will participate in particular *Jubilee* signs, which witness to the works of mercy. Although there are many events planned for official celebrations at the Vatican, the Holy Father encourages dioceses throughout the world to participate in these celebrations recognizing God's mercy in their own local communities.

## **What are the Holy Doors?**



One of the central components of the Jubilee of Mercy is that the Holy Doors throughout the world will be opened during this Jubilee year. When they are opened at the beginning of the year, "the Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope" (MV, 3). Since each diocese will have the opportunity to open a Door of Mercy in their diocese, all members of the faithful will have opportunity to make a pilgrimage to their local Holy Door during the Jubilee. This pilgrimage is to be a journey of walking closer with God and discovering "moment[s] of grace and spiritual renewal" (MV, 3). These doors are symbols of God's mercy, open to welcome everyone into the compassion of God's love that Christ proclaimed.

*The Pope has asked that each diocese open a Door of Mercy on December 13, the Third Sunday of Advent – the day the Pope opens the holy door at the Basilica of St. John Lateran. In addition, "At the discretion of the local ordinary, a similar door may be opened at any shrine frequented by large groups of pilgrims, since visits to these holy sites are so often grace-filled moments, as people discover a path to conversion ..."*

**The following locations are designated as jubilee pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of Victoria:**

- **Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria**
- **Holy Cross Church, Bay City**
- **Holy Cross Church, Yorktown**
- **Holy Cross Church, East Bernard**
- **Raphael's Refuge, Flatonina**



Our response to God's loving mercy towards us is to act in that same way to all those we meet. The Holy Father reminds us that "Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. As members of the Body and Christ, our lives should reflect this witness of mercy to those we meet on a daily basis.



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