In today's Gospel reading we hear part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper as reported in the Gospel of John. "I am the way and the truth and life," Jesus assures his disciples. At that time they did not understand what he meant; they wanted easy answers. "Just show us the Father," Philip begged. But the first and second readings show us how the early Church came to understand Jesus' words. The amazing growth of the Church led them to select seven men to do the works of service needed with so many new members. The followers of Jesus had grown in such numbers that Peter could exclaim in his Letter over the fact that Christ, the "rejected stone," was now the cornerstone on whom the salvation of all the world rests. Down to this present day, he is truly the way, the truth, and the life.

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**Sunday, May 25 – 3:00PM in the church**

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Terry Barber is the founder of Saint Joseph Communications, Inc., Lighthouse Catholic Media and is a co-host of *Reasons for Faith Live with Jesse Romero* on EWTN Radio Network. Terry has recorded numerous podcasts on Saint Joseph Podcasts called "Culture Warriors for Christ", addressing the main social issues affecting our culture today. He has over 30 years experience in evangelization.

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Daily: 8:30am & 5:30pm
Saturday: 8:30am; 5:00pm (Vigil);
7:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 6:00am, 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am (Family/Children), 1:00pm (Spanish), 5:00pm (Youth)

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
Monday 9:00am—10:00am
Tuesday 4:00pm—5:00pm
Wednesday 9:00am—10:00am
Thursday 4:00pm—5:00pm
NEW HOURS
Friday 4:00pm—5:00pm
Saturday 3:00pm—5:00pm
6:00pm—7:00pm

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Vigil: 5:30pm
Holy Day: 6:00am; 8:30am; 12:00pm; 5:30pm; 7:00pm (Spanish)
Dear friends,

By now, you've might have heard or read about this. Last week, the Harvard Extension Cultural Studies Club planned to host a Black Mass—a Satanic mockery of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass—performed by the Satanic Temple group—on Harvard campus. They announced that they would be desecrating a consecrated Host during this “service.” After a nation-wide protest, the Satanic Temple called off the Black Mass. Good on all of you who protested!

This event led to a reflection by Joe Heschmeyer, a Catholic blogger. It reads as follows: “My first reaction was that this evil proposal was a perfect image of 21st century academia: they want to perform a Satanic Black Mass without offending anyone. But upon further reflection, it occurred to me that this evil proposal is a powerful case for Catholicism. Think about it this way:

1. The Eucharist is either Jesus or Evil

The Eucharist is either Jesus or mere bread and wine. If the Eucharist is Jesus, everyone should be at Mass worshipping Our Lord. If the Eucharist is Jesus, there should be no such thing as Protestantism, Mormonism, Islam, atheism, etc. But if the Eucharist isn't Jesus, then for two thousand years, the would-be followers of Jesus Christ were actually idolaters. If that's the case, nobody should be Catholic.

So those are the stakes. Everyone who encountered Jesus of Nazareth was faced with a crucial question: is this God, in some mysterious guise, or not? The early Christians called this the “aut Deus aut malus homo” (“either God or a bad man”). Everyone encountering the Eucharist is faced with the same question: either God or idolatry. And of course, if the Eucharist is pagan idolatry, it's demonic. As 1 Corinthians10:20 says, “What pagans sacrifice, they offer to demons and not to God.” The whole world hangs on this point: is the Eucharist Jesus or an idol? Is the Sacrifice of the Mass being offered to God, or to demons?

2. Satan Hates the Eucharist

The Satanic Black Mass is a ritual inversion and mockery of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass performed by Satanists. Now, there are two types of Satanists: “LaVey Satanists,” and “Theological Satanists.” The Satanic Temple folks behind the proposed Harvard Black Mass are LaVey Satanists. In other words, they're atheists who don't believe in Satan, and use “Satanism” as a tool to harass and provoke Christians (unlike “theological Satanists” who believe in Satan and worship him). This whole thing, like the satanic monument in Oklahoma, is a deliberate provocation and an attention-seeking measure. But whether the practitioners are playing at the occult, or serious, there's no question that they're tapping into some seriously dark spiritual forces. Satan is at work here.

And it worth pointing out that when Satanists of both kinds want to mock a religious ritual, you can bet that it's going to be the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that they target. How often do you hear about Muslim or Hindu or Jewish or even Protestant services being subjected to such intense Satanic mockery? Nor is this Satanic targeting of the Mass anything new. As far back as the fourth century, St. Epiphanius of Salamis described a sect of Gnosticism, known as the “Borborians” (“filthy ones”) who performed a perverted mockery of Mass.

3. Satan Doesn't Drive Out Satan

So the Eucharist is either Jesus or evil (since if it's not Jesus, it's idolatry) and since the devil hates the Eucharist, we can cross “evil” off the list. For some additional Biblical support, consider Matthew 12:22-28 and the story of the blind and dumb demoniac: “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.” Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand; and if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? And if I cast out demons by Be-el'zebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

This passage is important: it shows, for example, that Catholic exorcists are operating by the Spirit of God when they drive out demons. But it also means that if Satan hates the Mass, we can be sure that the Mass isn't evil.

Of course, if the Mass isn't demonic, if it isn't idolatry, that really only leaves one option: that the Eucharist is Jesus Christ, and that the Sacrifice of the Mass is presenting Jesus to the Father. This (and as far as I can tell, this alone), accounts for the Satanic mockery.

Even if the only thing you knew about Catholicism was that its central form of worship, the Mass, was the target of Satanic ire, you would already have good reason to believe that Catholicism was the true religion. But taken with all of the other evidence for the truth that the Eucharist is Jesus, that the Mass is a Sacrifice instituted by God, and that the Catholic Church is the Church founded by Christ, Satan is just one more (unwitting) witness for the truth of Jesus Christ and His Church.”

Thanks to all of you who protested so vehemently—shaming the Harvard administration and the Satanic Temple group. And even better, thanks to Joe Heschmeyer for his thoughtful meditation. May God bless you.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Joseph Shea
What Does Jesus Expect of Me?
Jesus calls you to follow him. Your life could be an adventure with God. St. Rose of Lima Parish extends a warm welcome to all who wish to join our faith community for worship and fellowship. Come Feast on His Word, develop your Knowledge, and Build a Family of Faith. If you are new to the area, or coming back Home, we invite you to make St. Rose of Lima your parish by calling the Rectory at 526-1732 or stop by during office hours or visit our website: www.StRoseSV.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, May 17
8:30am Members of the Millenium Club (I)
5:00pm Mother’s Day Novena
7:00pm Mother’s Day Novena

SUNDAY, May 18
6:00am Mother’s Day Novena
7:00am Mother’s Day Novena
9:00am Mother’s Day Novena
11:00am Mother’s Day Novena
(Sp) 1:00pm Mother’s Day Novena
5:00pm Mother’s Day Novena

MONDAY, May 19
8:30am Mother’s Day Novena
5:30pm Mother’s Day Novena

TUESDAY, May 20
8:30am Betty McGoldrick (D)
5:30pm Daniel & Cristina Robles (I)

WEDNESDAY, May 21
8:30am Zachary Beach (I)
5:30pm Sandra Dunne (I)

THURSDAY, May 22
8:30am Juan Gonzalez (I)
5:30pm Mariano & Stacy Robles (I)

FRIDAY, May 23
8:30am Luis Sanchez (D)
5:30pm Elise & Simon Tourtellote (I)

SATURDAY, May 24
8:30am Members of the Millenium Club (I)
5:00pm Anne Bullard (D)
7:00pm Gladys Gonzalez (D)

SUNDAY, May 25
6:00am Genoveva LaRiva (D)
7:00am Alice Guefara (D)
9:00am Edward Gutierrez (D)
11:00am Lucy Schwartz (I)
(Sp) 1:00pm Leodadia J. Fernandez (D)
5:00pm Souls in Purgatory

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:1-3, 10; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;
1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a
Continuing Adult Faith Formation

The Continuing Adult Faith Formation classes will resume in September.
Have a blessed summer!

DEVOTIONS

Adoration Schedule
Monday, 9:00am – Saturday, 3:00pm

"Adorers are needed:
Tuesday: 3am
Wednesday: 4am, 1pm, 9pm & 10pm
Thursday: 10am, 11am, 12pm & 1pm
Friday: 7pm, 8pm & 10pm

Visitors and scheduled Adorers please be sure to sign in, it is the only way we can be sure that Jesus is not alone.

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6am-11am Cathy Sullivan 526-7628
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Divine Mercy Chaplet
Tuesdays & Fridays at 3pm

Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Benediction
with Deacon Ed Posvar
Wednesdays, 7:00pm

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
Wednesdays after the daily 5:30pm Mass

Family Novena In Honor of the Holy Infant Jesus of Prague Every Friday at 6:00pm

FLORES DE MAYO 2014

FILIPINO AMERICAN CATHOLIC MINISTRY
St. Rose of Lima Church
Today Sunday, May 18 - 11:00 AM Mass
Liturgical Music—Filipino Choir of Southern CA
Flowers for the floral offering will be available at the church main entrance before the mass.
Light luncheon and entertainment will follow immediately after Mass in the parish hall.
You are all welcome to share your favorite fruits, desserts, pies or cookies.

ADULT EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION

BIBLE STUDY

All our Bible Studies are back in session this week. Come and see what we’re about.

BIBLE STUDY OF PSALMS WITH FR. BILL

THURSDAY, MAY 22 AT 7:00PM IN CLASSROOM 13

For questions or comments, please call Annette Lercel, Bible Study Coordinator, at 584 3533.

DIVORCED, SEPARATED, WIDOWED MINISTRY

We are a Christ-centered, self-help program.
We meet the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month in Room II of the school. 7:00-9:00pm.
*Presentations by Dr. Bennett Annan
All adults are welcome!

♥ Friday, June 6*:  “How To Find Your Purpose Through The Life Of Jesus Christ, in His Ministry On Earth”
♥ Friday, June 20*: ‘How To Find Your Purpose Through The Life Of Jesus Christ, In The Transfiguration”
♥ Wednesday, June 11, Social:  Dinner at Soup Plantation, in the SV Town Center Mall, 6:30pm.
Contact:  Jean Jenners (JosephM34@sbcglobal.net), call 526-1732 or visit: www.StRoseSV.com/DSW.html

FREEDOM IN OUR LIVES

"My grace is sufficient for you…"
2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Freedom in Our Lives Ministry invites all adults to a Christ-centered program that could change your outlook on life.

Our mission is to help people overcome their hurts, habits and hang-ups. Meetings are held in Classroom II of St Rose of Lima School.
Dinner & fellowship begins at 6:15pm on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month.
General meeting from 7:00-8:00pm
Small Groups 8:00-9:00pm

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Monday, May 26
There will be only one Mass here at St. Rose of Lima at 9:00am
There will be no evening Mass or Confessions.

Rev. Paul Hruby will be celebrating Mass at 10:00am at Assumption Cemetery.
**STRL YM**

**When:** EVERY Sunday at 6:30 pm after Mass  
**Where:** In the Hall  
**What:** Food, fun, and prayer  
*All teens are welcome*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May 24**  ***CAR WASH (YM & SubRosa)***

CAR WASH PRE-SALE TICKETS $7.00  
ON SALE TODAY AFTER ALL THE MASSES

**May 25-26**  24-HOUR LOCK-IN

For more information on our Life Nights and ways to get involved, please contact us at: 526-8181 or Adam Cross: YM@StRoseSV.com

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**SubRosa Adoration Hour**  
EVERY WEDNESDAY 8-9 pm  
(Chapel in the church)  
Join us as we spend silent time praying with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Come any time during the hour.

**Apologetics - 1 Peter 3:15**

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY ROOM 8 @ 7PM  
Join us as we discuss relevant topics & questions we as Catholics are faced with in today’s secular society. We will be discussing how to talk with atheists/agnostics when in dialogue about faith and promoting the argument for God.

**Women’s Group – Captivating**

SUNDAYS: ROOM 6 @ 1-30PM  
Join the SubRosa Women’s Group. This group meets every two weeks over lunch.

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**“St. John Paul the Great” Fundraiser**

Help support SubRosa by purchasing this great book written by well-known Catholic author/speaker Jason Evert. The books are $10 each and will be sold after Masses during May and June. Please contact us for more information.

~The SubRosa Team~

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**Discerning a vocation?**

Attention single Catholic young men 18-30 years of age: The Knights of the Holy Eucharist, a community of lay brothers faithful to Holy Mother Church and dedicated to fostering reverent devotion to Our Eucharistic Lord, invite you to discern your vocation at their House of Formation, located at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama.  
Learn more at their website:  
www.Knights.org

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**CHILDREN’S MEMORIAL MASS**

The Bereaved Parents Support Group of Holy Cross Catholic Church invites all parents, grandparents, family and friends to a Memorial Mass in honor of all our children of any age who have passed away.  
The Mass will be held at Holy Cross Catholic Church at 13955 Peach Hill Rd., Moorpark on Thursday May 22 at 7 PM.  
For those who would like their child’s name read before the Offertory, please register by calling Imelda Tjia at 805-553-9034 or email missingyouall@att.net.  
Please bring a SINGLE long stem flower to be presented to the front of the altar when your child’s name is called. Reception will follow after Mass at the Parish Office dining room.
Congratulations to all of our students and their families who celebrated the Sacrament of First Communion. May they continue to be nourished by His Word, His Body and His Blood.

First Communicants for 2014

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Sophia Ananta
Kayla Anderson
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Dayanara Azpeitia
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Teresita Camacho
Erika Cañas
Isabella Carrillo
Jennifer Castillo
Miguel Castro
Raul Centeno
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Darlene Chow
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Evan DeVally
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John Esquivel
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RESPECT LIFE

Who you callin'

a "lump of cells?"

Did you Know?

Young people who abuse alcohol are prey of perpetrators

According to the 2011 Monitoring the Future Survey, 70 percent of high school seniors and 33 percent of eighth graders have experimented with alcohol. Young people who abuse alcohol are more likely to have impaired judgment compared to those who do not. They are prone to making poor decisions, which can result in risky behavior such as driving while intoxicated, sexual activity, or violence. Young people who drink are also more likely to become victims or perpetrators of physical or sexual assault. In addition, recent research has shown the human brain continues to develop well into a person's twenties. Alcohol use at a very young age can significantly affect brain development. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article, “Alcohol abuse - The statistics and the risks for children,” email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

¿Sabia Usted?

Jóvenes que abusan el alcohol son presa de perpetradores

Según la Encuesta de Monitoreo del Futuro del 2011, 70 por ciento de los estudiantes de último año de la preparatoria y 33 por ciento de los estudiantes de octavo grado han experimentado con alcohol. Los jóvenes que abusan alcohol son más propensos a tener un mal juicio comparado con los que no lo hacen. Ellos tienden a hacer pobres decisiones, que pueden resultar en un comportamiento riesgoso como conducir mientras están intoxicados, actividad sexual o violencia. Los jóvenes que toman también son más propensos a convertirse en víctimas o perpetradores de asalto físico y sexual. Además, recientes investigaciones han mostrado que el cerebro humano continúa desarrollándose hasta bien avanzados los veinte años. El uso de alcohol a una edad temprana puede afectar significativamente el desarrollo cerebral. Para una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® “Abuso de alcohol: estadísticas y riesgos para los niños” (Alcohol abuse - the statistics and the risks for children), escriba un email a jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

Knights of Columbus

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Please support our 3rd Degree Knight of Columbus, Rafael Torres, III, who will be running the 2014 Mountains 2 Beach Marathon on May 25.

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Rafael can be reached at Rafael.Torres@lls.edu to answer any questions. Thank you for your support!!!

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Ventura Dist. of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the parish to a day of prayer.

Wednesday, May 21
San Buenaventura Mission
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9:30am

RSVP by Friday, May 16. Please send check for $12 payable to Rosary Altar Society of San Buenaventura, and mail to Theresa Sullivan, 279 Manzanita Ave., Ventura CA 93001. The program includes speaker: Br. Christopher Reeve, CRIC. For information, call Rosalina Lugo 525-8709 or 382-0498.
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LAS SENDAS DEL AMOR

En el Evangelio de hoy escuchamos parte del discurso de Jesús en la Última Cena que relata el Evangelio de san Juan. “Soy el camino, la verdad y la vida”, Jesús asegura a sus discípulos. En ese momento no entendieron lo que él les quería decir, ellos buscaban respuestas sencillas. “Muéstranos al Padre”, Felipe le ruega.

Pero la primera y la segunda lectura nos muestran cómo la Iglesia joven entendía las palabras de Jesús. El increíble crecimiento de la Iglesia los llevó a seleccionar a siete hombres para que hicieran las obras de servicio necesarias para tantos miembros. Los seguidores de Jesús habían crecido con tales número que Pedro podía exclamar en su carta que Cristo, “la piedra rechazada” se había convertido en la piedra angular a quien todos podían acudir para su salvación. Aun hasta nuestros días, él es realmente el camino, la verdad y la vida.

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Después de la muerte de Jesús, los discípulos habían regresado a su antiguo oficio de la pesca para así ganarse la vida, pues no sabían qué hacer. El Jesús resucitado tuvo que pescárselos de nuevo. En su tercera aparición, Jesús pidió a los discípulos que lanzaran sus redes al mar. Estos sacaron 153 peces del mar, número representativo de todas las naciones del mundo. Esta pesca milagrosa que tuvo lugar en Galilea, nos recuerda otra pesca milagrosa hecha en Brasil.

En 1716 tres pescadores pescaban en el Río Paraíba y al lanzar la red al agua sacaron una estatua de la Virgen de la Concepción. Después, la pesca fue tan abundante que por poco hundía el barco.

La virgencita de 36 centímetros había pasado muchos años en el agua por lo cual había tomado el rico color oscuro de muchos latinoamericanos. La devoción a Nuestra Señora de Aparecida creció hasta que la familia que la había encontrado la dio al pueblo para que en 1745 se construyera para ella una capilla pública. De esta manera, Aparecida pasó de las redes a los corazones, dando una rica pesca de personas para su Hijo.

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Francis Cardinal Arinze energetically draws from his experience to help us see the practical value of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) today, which was given as a guide to living our daily lives in accordance with Holy Scripture and the Sacred Traditions that have been passed down to the Church through the Apostles. The CCC is intended for use by all Christian faithful, and Pope John Paul II declared it to be "...a sure norm for teaching the faith" - Fidei Depositum. Bonus Segment: Why Do We Have a Pope? by Dr. Scott Hahn.

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Brethren of the Lord

Non-Catholics sometimes ask why Catholics believe in the perpetual virginity of our Blessed Mother when the Scriptures clearly speak about the “brothers of the Lord” and mention them by name (James, Joseph, Simon, and Jude).

What they won’t speak about is the fact that these so-called “brothers” were probably cousins or some other kinsfolk of Jesus because there was no term for the word “cousin” in the Aramaic language that our Lord spoke. In the Old Testament, there are many examples of this:

In Gen. 14:14, Lot is called Abraham’s "brother", even though he was the son of Haran, Abraham’s brother (Gen. 11:26–28). In Gen. 29:15, Jacob is referred to as the "brother" of his uncle Laban. Brothers Kish and Eleazar were the sons of Mahli. Kish had sons of his own, but Eleazar’s daughters married their "brethren," the sons of Kish - who were actually their cousins (1 Chr. 23:21–22).

Other proof against the charge that our Blessed Mother had other children is in the account of the Crucifixion of Jesus. What do the Scriptures have to say about the women standing at the cross and their children? Matt. 27:56 says, "among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee". Mark 15:40 states, "There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome"). Finally, John 19:25 tells us, "But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene".

A comparison of these accounts of the crucifixion shows the mother of James and Joseph (Joses) to be Mary, the wife of Clopas (also called, Alpheus) – not Mary, the Mother of Jesus. She is obviously a relative of the Blessed Mother. The Greek word for sister (Adelphe), which is used in these accounts, has a variety of uses including sister, sister-in-law, cousin, aunt, kinswoman, friend, fellow citizen, neighbor, etc. There is simply no verse in all of Scripture which states that Mary had other children but there is substantial evidence that the so-called “brethren of the Lord” were simply relatives and not uterine siblings.