Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2014

Ascension of the Lord Solemnity, which in some Providences is observed on Thursday May 29 is transferred to Sunday June 1 in our Province.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS
TOMORROW, 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.
The rectory will be closed.
Rev. Paul Hruby will celebrate Mass at 10:00am at Assumption Cemetery.

HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH ANYONE!
Meet the author, Terry Barber, and hear his inspiring talk.
TODAY, Sunday, May 25 - 3:00pm in the church

Recent popes have challenged all Catholics to participate in the New Evangelization. But most Catholics feel ill-equipped to take up the challenge. Terry Barber, founder of St. Joseph Communications, has written a practical guide that takes much of the pain and uncertainty out of sharing one's faith. Based on Barber's decades of personal experience as an effective evangelist and masterful communicator, and drawing on the perceptions, examples, and lessons of other great evangelists and apologists, How to Share Your Faith with Anyone informs, entertains, and inspires would-be, as well as, seasoned evangelists and teachers.

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.

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." 1 Peter 3:15

Dear Heavenly Father,
As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection.
We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord’s mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support.
In the name of Jesus. Amen.
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Fr. Jim Maher

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Dn. Peter Wilson
Dn. Terry Reibenspies
Dn. Louis Fernandez
Dn. Edward Posvar

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**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)

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**SACRAMENTS**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
Administered throughout the year. Please call the Rectory any time in case of serious illness or going into surgery.

**BAPTISMS**
Spanish: 3rd Sunday of the month
None of the above

**MARRIAGES**
Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please call or visit the Rectory.

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**NOVENA**
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For information on the Catholic Faith and the process of inquiry, please call:

Jo & Frank Wilhelmi
805-526-6194
THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

Do you recognize the sacrament that is celebrated in today’s first reading from the Acts of the Apostles? When Peter and John imposed hands on those who had been baptized, they received the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of confirmation. The reading from the First Letter of Peter and the passage from John’s Gospel both consider the results of our baptism and confirmation. Peter reminds us it is likely that we will have to suffer for what we believe. In today’s Gospel Jesus speaks clearly about the Holy Spirit, referring to a “Paraclete,” one who will stand with us to defend us. Poignantly, Jesus promises his disciples, and all of us, “I will not leave you orphans.” He has never left his followers orphaned. We have always had the Holy Spirit to guide us.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CONFIRMANDI!

Daniel Adams
Mario A. Aragon
Erik Barajas
Danny Barrera
Ariana Beltran
Laura Brown
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Mackellen Soles
Andrew Trupiano
Brianna Venegas
Steven Villalobos
Jessica Villanueva
Dalia Yanez
Giovanni Zambrano
**Mass Intentions**

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

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

**Monday, May 26**
- 9:00 am Anita Koller (I)

**Tuesday, May 27**
- 8:30 am Macedonio Lopez (D)
- 5:30 pm Kelly Tourtellotte (I)

**Wednesday, May 28**
- 8:30 am Consuelo Garcia (D)
- 5:30 pm Augusto E. Lopez (D)

**Thursday, May 29**
- 8:30 am Raymond Smith (D)
- 5:30 pm Sandra Fernandez (I)

**Friday, May 30**
- 8:30 am E. M. to the Homebound (I)
- 5:30 pm Kenneth & Lillian Dolenak (I)

**Saturday, May 31**
- 8:30 am Members of the Millenium Club (I)
- 5:00 pm Florante Domingo (I)
- 7:00 pm Isac Guerrero (D)

**Sunday, June 1**
- 6:00 am Concetta Stephenson (D)
- 7:00 am Adela Junio (D)
- 9:00 am Rev. James & John Dalton (D)
- 11:00 am Bill Pringle, Jr. (D)
  - (Sp) 1:00 pm Ricardo & Manuela Castaneda (D)
  - 5:00 pm Juan Arteficio (I)

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
**Thursday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
**Saturday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4-6; Lk 1:39-56
**Sunday:** Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
**ADULT EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION**

**DEVOTIONS**

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

"Adorers are needed:
Tuesday: 3am
Wednesday: 4am, 1pm, 9pm & 10pm
Thursday: 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm
2-2:30pm
Friday: 10am, 11am, 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.

**Team Leaders**
12am-5am    Theresa Wong 428-0942
6am-11am    Cathy Sullivan 526-7628
12pm-5pm    Anita Koller 526-9910
6pm -11pm   Kathy and Frank Cross 501-8431

**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

**Enhance Your Spiritual Life**

All women are invited to an Evening of Recollection, sponsored by Opus Dei, on Monday, June 2, at St. Paschal Baylon Church in Thousand Oaks. The event begins at 7:00pm and includes two meditations, a talk, Benediction, and time for confession. The evening’s activities end promptly at 9:00pm, when refreshments are served in the vestibule.

For more information, please call Marisa Schoeffler at 818-517-0951.

**BIBLE STUDY**

**BIBLE STUDY OF PSALMS**
WITH FR. BILL
This week will be our last session of our Study of the Psalms.

“CATHOLICISM” series
Thursdays 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 11 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**

Freedom in Our Lives Ministry invites all adults to a Christ-centered program that can positively change your outlook on life. Our mission is to help people overcome their hurts, habits and hang-ups.

Meetings are held in Classroom 11 of St. Rose of Lima School.
Dinner & socializing 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.

Give it a try! You have nothing to lose!

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**Immaculate Heart Radio**

Catholic radio is coming to Los Angeles this summer! Immaculate Heart Radio has signed all the agreements and in late summer will begin broadcasting in Los Angeles on 1460AM. This signal reaches over 11 million daytime listeners in metropolitan L.A.

Visit www.IHRadio.com for more details.

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"My grace is sufficient for you..."
2 Corinthians 12:9-10
QUILT RAFFLE
A “heartfelt thank you” to all who participated in the quilt raffle and congratulations to the winners: Cliff W. and Cathy S.

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.

“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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The Los Angeles Catholic Alumni Club (LACAC) is an organization of over 150 single Catholic professionals who sponsor a wide variety of activities which take place in the greater Los Angeles area.

Ryan Roberts in association with Los Angeles Catholic Alumni Club Presents
Bowling at Canoga Park Bowl Saturday, June 21.
20122 Vanowen St, Canoga Park. Meet at 4:30pm inside by lanes at 4:30pm. Games are $7.50 per game. Afterwards we will have a meal at the Village Cafe attached to the alley that features Greek and American food. RSVP to Ryan at 818-472-2485 by Saturday, June 14, 8:00pm.

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Please take a look at pages 9 &10 to see if you have any need at this time.

CARNIVAL NEEDS YOUR BOOKS!
Still Spring cleaning?
Haven’t started yet?
Well, clear out those books and donate them to the Carnival bookstore! Bring them to the rectory beginning Wednesday, May 28.

(P. S. We gladly accept DVDs and CDs, too.)
The Feast of the Ascension celebrates the bodily ascension of Jesus into Heaven, in the sight of His Apostles. On the 40th day after his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the Apostles and led them out to the Mount of Olives. Then, as they were watching, he ascended into clouds. As they continued to watch, two angels appeared and declared to them that, just as he ascended, Jesus would return in glory. Christ's bodily Ascension symbolizes our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall.

Father in Heaven, our minds were prepared for the coming of your kingdom when you took Christ beyond our sight, so that we might seek him in glory. May we follow where he has led and find our hope in his glory, for he is Lord forever. Amen.

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SUMMER ENRICHMENT: JULY 7-25, 2014
3-week program (15 instructional days)
For students entering Kindergarten-Grade 5 in Fall 2014

Daily Schedule
Morning Supervision 7:00-8:30 am
Assembly 8:30-8:40 am
SESSION 1 – 8:40-9:55 am
Snack/Recess 9:55-10:15 am
SESSION 2 – 10:15-11:30 am
Afternoon Camp 11:30 am-6:00 pm

Classes offered include: No-Bake Nutritious Snacks, Hands-On Science, Critical Thinking, Fitness Fun & Games, Language & Literature, Spanish, iPad 101, Art, and Anime, Cartooning & Comic Book Creation.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JULY 28-AUGUST 1, 2014
1-week program (5 instructional days)
For students entering Kindergarten-Grade 6 in Fall 2014

9:00 am-12:15 pm
A week of fun-filled Bible Adventures filled with: stories, games, crafts, music & much more! A great way for kids to enjoy the summer while exploring their faith!

To enroll in Summer Enrichment or Vacation Bible School: Download forms at www.srls.org or pick up forms at St. Rose of Lima School Office.

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Ascension Thursday
RESPECT LIFE

“whoever receives one little child like this in my name

Did you Know?
A healthy scrutiny of programs for kids helps create a healthy environment
It is not a best practice for a parent, guardian, employer, or manager to blindly trust everyone who works with children. Yet, paranoia of those who work with children is also not a best practice. There is a healthy balance. By regularly and frequently questioning the actions and motives of those who work with children, parents and other adults can audit the programs their children participate in and help keep caregivers accountable for their work. In this process, parents and other adults can creates a constant fear of being caught in the mind of a perpetrator. By channeling this kind of healthy scrutiny and suspicion into accountability, adults can create an environment where children are protected, quality care is emulated, and abuse is not tolerated. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article, “An ounce of healthy suspicion is worth a pound of prevention,” email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

Escrutinio de los programas de niños ayudaría a crear ambientes saludables
No es la mejor práctica para padres, guardianes, empleadores o gerentes el confiar ciegamente en todos los que trabajan con niños. Sin embargo, la paranoia con quienes trabajan con niños tampoco es la mejor práctica. Existe un balance saludable. El cuestionar regular y frecuentemente las acciones y motivaciones de quienes trabajan con niños, padres y otros adultos, puede servir de auditoría de los programas en los que sus niños participan y ayudar a mantener a los guardianes responsables del trabajo que hacen. En este proceso, los padres y otros adultos pueden crear un temor constante de ser sorprendidos con la mente de un perpetrador. Al canalizar este tipo de escrutinio saludable y asumir responsabilidad, los adultos pueden crear un ambiente donde los niños sean protegidos, donde exista calidad en el cuidado y donde el abuso no sea tolerado. Para una copia del artículo de VIRTUS®, “Una onza de sospecha saludable vale una libra de prevención” (An ounce of healthy suspicion is worth a pound of prevention), escriba a jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

Knights of Columbus

The Sisters, Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick celebrate 50 years of loving care and compassion to elderly ill residents. The Sisters invite you to join them in celebrating the Golden Jubilee of Mary Health of the Sick by attending a Mass of Thanksgiving, with His Excellency Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, Principal Celebrant on: Saturday, June 28 at 11:00 a.m. Luncheon Reception will follow Mass. Kindly RSVP to GoldenJubilee@MaryHealth.com or call 805-498-3644
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Catholic Movies at Home

“The Way of Saint James” - Streaming Video
Over the lovely “Camino de Santiago”, the Way of St. James, which is the ancient route leading from the Pyrenees to the famous and ancient shrine of Santiago de Compostela, this documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith, united only by a mysterious attraction towards the same spiritual destination.
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EL PODER DEL ESPÍRITU

¿Reconoces el sacramento que se celebra en la primera lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles? Cuando Pedro y Juan impusieron las manos en los que habían bautizado, recibieron el Espíritu Santo en el sacramento de la Confirmación. La lectura de la primera carta de Pedro, y el pasaje del Evangelio de Juan, consideran los resultados de nuestro bautismo y confirmación. Pedro nos recuerda que lo más probable es que tengamos que sufrir por nuestras creencias.


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En junio de 1885, las campanas de una modesta capillita anunciaron el recibimiento de una imagen de san Cono que llegó en procesión. Desde entonces esta costumbre italiana se fue haciendo parte integral de la devoción cristiana en Uruguay.

Cono fue el hijo único de una pareja anciana que vivía en la ciudad de Teggiano, Salerno. Según la leyenda, una noche mientras dormían, esta pareja soñó un cono de luz que brotaba de la madre. Al nacer el niño decidieron llamarlo Cono. Desde muy niño, Cono mostró un afán por las cosas de Dios y a los dieciséis años ingresó a un monasterio benedictino siguiendo el consejo de una voz interior que lo invitaba a consagrase al Señor. A los dieciocho, su monasterio se llenó de luz y una voz anunció su muerte, y al día siguiente falleció.

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La Solemnidad del Día de la Ascensión del Señor, la cual se celebra en algunas Provincias de Estados Unidos el día Jueves 29 de Mayo, es observada el Domingo 1 de Junio aquí en nuestra Provincia.

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CATHOLIC FAITH FACTS
For more apologetics, please visit: www.StRoseSV.com and click on “Faith Facts”.

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, Alphaeus) – 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.