R.C.I.A. Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming
Sunday, October 19 - 9:00am Mass

“I, The Light, have come into the world, so that whoever believes in me need not remain in the dark any more.”

This weekend at the 9:00am Mass, we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming with those seeking to join our Catholic Faith Community. Assembling publicly for the first time, our new Catechumens (unbaptized) and Candidates (baptized Catholic or in another denomination) have completed the Inquiry phase of their journey and now declare their intention to join the Church, and the Church in turn, carrying out its apostolic mission, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members. They now enter into a deeper level of study, prayer and spiritual growth. As the Body of Christ, please pray for our Catechumens and Candidates. May the Holy Spirit guide them as they continue their “Journey of Faith” to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil Celebration.

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. To observe this celebration, Priests for Life invites you to join our Novena for Priests.

(Prayer for Priesthood Novena)

Father,
You sent your Son Jesus Christ
To be our High Priest,
And you gave us the gift of the priesthood
To continue his saving work.
Bless our priests, and give us more of them.
Make them holy.
Strengthen them to proclaim the Gospel of Life,
And to defend the rights of all,
Especially the unborn.
Bring us, your priests and people
To the life that never ends.
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priesthood Sunday is coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International, an organization of lay men and women whose mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the USA.

Next Sunday, October 26

Please see page 3 for details.
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Sandy Lemos 526-5513
Interim Chair person

SUB-ROSA YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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Rev. Joseph P. Shea
Associate Pastor
Fr. Bill Nicholas
(www.FrWCNicholas.com)
Priest in Residence
Fr. Jim Maher

DEACONS
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)

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
English: 1st Sunday of the month
Spanish: 3rd Sunday of the month
By appointment; please call or visit the Rectory.

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)
Julia Dobrucki • 915-4625

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR
with BENEDICTION
NOVENA
Mother of Perpetual Help
Wednesdays at 6:00pm

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
Dot Goerisch • 526-5640

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP
Ched & Lumi Cruz
584-6160

COUPLES FOR CHRIST
Joanne & Erwin Iliustrisimo
304-0753

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #5803
Andy Prete, Grand Knight
910-0347

SERVING THOSE IN NEED
Earl Todd
581-0957

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
For information on the Catholic Faith and the process of inquiry, please call:
Julia Dobrucki

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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MOTHER CABRINI CIRCLE
GIFT STORE
Located in the vestibule; open before &
after morning Sunday Masses;
Thursdays 12-3pm (summer hours)

St. Rose School Alumni

RCIA
Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his Incarnation.

Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love, and with conviction in defense of life.

Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. Amen.
**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 326-1732, or stop by during office hours or visit our website: www.StRoseSV.com

“A time to be born…” Ecc 3:2

**Mass Intentions**

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**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday:** Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday:** Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3; 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

**Friday:** Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

**Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40
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.
All adults are welcome!
Talks by Dr. Bennett Annan

Friday, November 7, "Setting Healthy Boundaries, Pt. 1"
Friday, Nov. 21—no meeting, Happy Thanksgiving

Contact: Jean Jenners
(JosephM34@sbcglobal.net), call 526-1732 or visit:
www.StRoseSV.com/DSW.html

FREEDOM IN OUR LIVES

Do you suffer from loneliness, anger, depression, co-dependency, fear, hopelessness, anxiety, bad habits you want to change, hurts you can’t deal with, and are hung up with problems in your life? FREEDOM IN OUR LIVES, is a Faith-based Beatitudes program to help you realize how to let God’s healing power into your life. We meet the 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month, in room 11 of St. Rose of Lima School. We gather at 6:30pm for dinner, and the meeting begins at 7:00pm. Please join us, bring your friends and relatives and gain a new perspective in your life.

Catholics in Conversation Series:
Touched by Incarceration

Padre Serra Parish, Camarillo, invites anyone touched by a story of incarceration to join us in conversation as we integrate our life experiences with our Christian call to love one another as children of God in the midst of the most difficult times. Topics in this 6-week series, beginning October 30, are intended for mature Catholics to dialogue in hope of gaining greater understanding and empathy. Join us as we look to the future for ourselves, our families and our friends. Participants will meet on Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm in the San Juan Bautista room. Please contact Deacon Luc Papillon at (805) 444-1563 or email deaconlucp@gmail.com.

2013-2014
THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY

We invite you to come join us every Saturday evening after the 5:00pm Mass to pray a Rosary in the Chapel inside the church for the Healing and Unity of families. (Bilingual)
SubRosa @ Halloween Horror Nights!  
SATURDAY, October 25 (NEW DATE)  
*Join us for a scare-filled night!  
*We will be Carpooling from St. Rose  
*Tickets are $57 > turn it no later than October 4th!  
**Hurry tickets sell out fast, RSVP to let us know you're coming!  
*More information to follow, stay tuned!  
*Email us with any comments, questions, or concerns!  

Rosary for the Unborn, WEDNESDAY  
October 29 -  
9-10pm (St. Rose Church chapel)  
*Join us as we spend silent time praying with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament  
*We will be praying a rosary for Respect Life Month  
+Come any time during the hour.  
+Email/message us for the code to get in  

SubRosa Time In Adoration, EVERY  
WEDNESDAY 9-10pm (St. Rose Church)  
*Join us as we spend silent time praying with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament  
+Come any time during the hour.  
+Email/message us for the code to get in  
*Dates for the month of October: 22, 29  

SubRosa Women's Group, Tuesday  
November 4, 7-8:30pm (Sisters of Notre Dame Center)  
*We’re back! With some exciting changes!  
* We will be meeting ONCE A MONTH  
*The group will be led in meditation and discernment by the Sisters of Notre Dame  
*Join us for some great sister bonding time as we delve deeper into what it means to be women of God  
*RSVP to let us know you're coming!  

SubRosa Apologetics, Friday November 7 -  
7-9pm (Room 8, St. Rose of Lima School)  
"Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting of the hope that is in you." 1 Peter 3:15  
*Join us as we discuss relevant topics & questions we are faced with as Catholics today  
*Including how to strengthen & defend our faith, core basics, etc.  

Knights of Columbus Homeless Dinners,  
Thursday November 13 - 4:30-6:30pm  
(Knights of Columbus Hall Simi Valley)  
*Come join us as we serve our community!  
*We will be going every 2nd Thursday of the month  

TONIGHT Life Night - Loud and Clear  
Sunday, October 19: Join us after the 5:00pm Youth Mass to learn about how Sacred Scripture plays a role in the Liturgy!  

Catholics Say What? Teen Apologetics  
Friday, October 24: Join YM (once a month) for Apologetics at 6:30pm in the YM office! Bring your questions about life, science, theology, etc. and we will discuss and learn how to explain and defend our Catholic faith.  

Halloween Party! Sunday, Oct. 26: Join us for a night of tricks and treats! There will be a scare maze, so come over after the 5pm Youth Mass in your best Halloween costume!  

Life Night - Cross & Altar  
Sunday, November 2: Join us after the 5PM Youth Mass to learn about how Mass helps us unite our daily lives to Christ.  

Six Flags - INSPIRATION! Saturday, November 8:  
Come spend the day at Six Flags Magic Mountain with us! Permission slips are required! The cost is $50 which includes your ticket, transportation, and free shirt!  

TALENT NIGHT!  
Sunday, November 9: Sign up for our talent night and come show off your craziest talents after the 5PM Youth Mass!  

Youth Ministry is currently looking for someone who would be willing to assist with sound during the 5PM Youth Mass! No experience needed, just need to be committed to serving each Sunday!  

Call the YM Office for more information at 526-8181.  

Chaminade College Preparatory High School is having its annual OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, November 16th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Families are invited to tour the campus, meet the faculty and administrators, and experience all that Chaminade has to offer. For more information call Chaminade’s Admissions office at (818) 347-8300 extension 355 or visit Chaminade on the Web at www.chaminade.org.
TWO EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

1. Save the **Box Tops** found on many of the products you already buy, bring them to the back of the church and place them in the designated box.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

2. Target supports schools through their **Take Charge for Education** program. Get a **Target** Red Card, enroll in **Take Charge for Education** and Target will donate 1% of your purchases to our school when you shop at Target or Target.com and use your Red Card.

You can choose from three types of Red Cards: Target Debit Card, Target Credit Card, or Target Visa Card. Get started in person at any Target store or visit: [www.target.com/redcard](http://www.target.com/redcard)

If you already have a Target Card, please register on the Target website and select “St. Rose of Lima School” so that our school benefits on every purchase.

It’s easy to enroll and there is no cost.

If you are already participating, we thank you!

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**RELIGIOUS ED & ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Faith Formation Classes**

Our office hours will fluctuate for the next few weeks as we look for a new assistant. Please call ahead (526-5513) for hours or to make an appointment.

We appreciate your patience!

If your child ages 7-17 has not yet been Baptized, received First Holy Communion, or been Confirmed and you would like information about the process please call 526-5513.

- **Attention Confirmation Students:** Upcoming service project opportunities- Pro-Life Breakfast 10/26/14; Pro-Life Rosary 11/01/14. If you worked the Dream Cuisine, make sure to submit your Service Reflection to the Office. Call the office for more information 526-5513.

- **Attention ALL Parents of Students:** The next mandatory Parent Class on the Mass is Sunday November 9th at 9:45 AM in the Parish Hall. The Religious Education Office is looking for a Part-Time (25 hours per week), Bi-Lingual Administrative Assistant. For more information, or to apply, please call our office at 526-5513.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH**

**FR. BILL**

**The Gospel of John**

You are most welcome to join us!

Tuesdays or Saturdays at 9:15am in the church. Call Annette Lercel at 584-3533 with any questions.

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**The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic**

by Matthew Kelly

Do you want to be a stronger, more active Faith-filled Catholic? A discussion group book review is held **Thursdays at 7pm at the School, Room #8.** Facilitated by Neil Fanning with assistance from Deacon Terry Reibenspies. For more information call Neil: 805-217-4300.

**Continuing Adult Faith Formation**

Next meetings:

- **November 3 – Confirmation**
- **December 1 – Eucharist**

Classes are the first **Monday** of each month at 7pm in room 9.
**ETHICAL CARE AT THE END OF LIFE SEMINAR**

Hear national experts discuss end of life issues, do not resuscitate, organ donation, stealth euthanasia, and more.

**THIS SATURDAY, OCT. 25**
8:00am to 12:45pm

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH**
3175 Telegraph Road, Ventura
MULCAHY CENTER

**FREE PARKING, FREE ADMISSION.**

**A FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE APPRECIATED.**

**SEATING IS LIMITED; RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED. PRE-REGISTER WITH NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER TO:**
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Sponsored by Defenders of Life of Ventura Co.
Hosted by Our Lady of the Assumption Church
Presented by: Scholl Institute of Bioethics

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**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Please contact the Rectory to let us know when you will celebrate your anniversary in the following month so we may acknowledge it in the bulletin. (Is your anniversary in November?)

"Marriage is a covenant by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring", and which "has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a Sacrament between the baptized."

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**Tooksci **

Knights of Columbus will be on the patio after all morning Masses today selling Tootsie Rolls to raise funds for those with developmental disabilities.

Get your tootsie rolls!

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**30th Annual Christmas Boutique at Holy Cross Church, Moorpark**

**Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9am—6:30pm**
**Sunday, Nov. 9 from 8:30am—3:00pm**

The two day event is free to the public and will feature a variety of craft booths, large prize give away, our famous homemade burritos, baked goods and pictures with Santa. A variety of raffle items including the grand raffle of $1,500 cash. Plan on doing some early holiday shopping! For more information, call Marie S. at 529-0350.

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The entire legal community is invited to 32nd annual Red Mass Tuesday, October 21 at 5:30pm at the Cathedral of the Angels. For more information please call (626) 914-8492.

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**Did you Know?**

To know, follow the school’s security measures sets an example to your kids

“Back-to-school does not have to mean back-to-worrying. Though safety inside school is ultimately the responsibility of the principal and school staff, parents can take a few basic steps to ensure a safe school experience.” Know and follow school security and safety measures. These might include signing in when visiting the school, being escorted when walking through the building, or wearing a visitor pass. Following these procedures also sets a great example for your kids. For more information, please visit http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/parent-teacher-partnerships/6-rules-school-safety

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**¿Sabía Usted?**

Conocer, seguir medidas de seguridad de la escuela es ejemplo para sus hijos

“El regreso a la escuela no tiene que significar regreso a la preocupación. Aunque la seguridad adentro de la escuela es finalmente la responsabilidad del director y del personal de la escuela, los padres de familia pueden tomar unos pocos pasos básicos para asegurar una experiencia escolar segura”. Conozca y siga las medidas de seguridad de la escuela. Esto puede incluir registrarse a la entrada al visitar la escuela, ser acompañados cuando se camine por el edificio, o usar un pase de visitante. Seguir estos procedimientos es un gran ejemplo para sus hijos. Para más información, por favor visite http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/parent-teacher-partnerships/6-rules-school-safety
## Lecturas de la Semana

| Lunes: | Ef 2:1-10; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 12:13-21 |
| Martes: | Ef 2:12-22; Sal 85 (84):9ab-14; Lc 12:35-38 |
| Miércoles: | Ef 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lc 12:39-48 |
| Jueves: | Ef 3:14-21; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lc 12:49-53 |
| Viernes: | Ef 4:1-6; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 12:54-59 |
| Sábado: | Ef 4:7-16; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Lc 13:1-9 |
| Domingo: | Ex 22:20-26; Sal 18 (17):2-4, 47, 51; 1 Tes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40 |

## Champagne Brunch

Los invitamos al desayuno del próximo Domingo para apoyar el Respeto a la Vida. Después de Misa de 7:00 y 9:00am.

- Adultos & niños de 12 años: $7
- Niños de 6-12: $5
- Familia máx.: $30

(para la familia inmediata solamente)

## CORO DEL SABADO

Si Dios te ha dado el don de la música o el canto, nos gustaría invitarte a formar un coro para la Misa de los Sábados, por medio del Bautizo fuimos integrados a la familia de Dios y por tanto es nuestra obligación evangelizar y que mejor hacerlo por medio de la música. Favor de llamar a Belén Quezada al 279-5735 o a Mario Flores al 468-5528.

## 2013-2014

### EL AÑO DE LA FAMILIA

Recemos juntos el Rosario para la Unidad y Sanación de las Familias

Los invitamos a rezar el Rosario todos los sábados a las 6:10pm en la Capilla dentro de la iglesia por la Sanación y Unidad de todas las familias. Hacemos una invitación especial a los jóvenes y a las familias. (Bilingüe)

### LA FAMILIA

Así como la familia avanza, así avanza la nación y así avanza todo el mundo en el que vivimos.

—Beato Juan Pablo II

## PALABRAS Y OBRAS

Cuando la gente nos oye hablar sobre la palabra de Dios, se maravillan ante su hermosura y poder; cuando ven cuan poco impacto tiene en nuestra vida diaria, se ríen y hacen bromas sobre lo que decimos.

—anónimo del siglo II d. C.
Do you want to be the #1 influence in your teen’s sexual behavior? In this presentation, Jason Evert provides parents with 10 powerful strategies to safeguard the innocence of their children and effectively communicate the benefits and beauty of chastity to their family. Jason has spoken about chastity to more than one million people around the world and is the author of more than a dozen books.

A Catholic Bible and a “Catechism of the Catholic Church” are a must for every Catholic home! (Available in our gift shop.)

God gives us His word in the Bible, and the Magisterial Teachings of the Catholic Church provide us with direction to follow it. Another way to be a well-informed and a vibrant Catholic is to visit the USCCB website listed below where you will find a wealth of practical information.

USCCB.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/toolkit/index.cfm

Contraception

It’s interesting to note that virtually every Protestant denomination held the same position on contraception as the Catholic Church before 1930. That was the year the Anglican Church parted with the rest of the Christian world at their Lambeth Conference, declaring that contraception was acceptable in some circumstances. Soon afterward, they caved in completely and in the years that followed, virtually every Protestant denomination also accepted this practice.

It should be noted that the current secular view of contraception was born of racism and intolerance. Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood and an avowed atheist, was the mother of the artificial birth control movement who embraced the Eugenics movement, a doctrine that some people (including the poor, physically challenged, ethnic minority groups) had no reproductive rights. It is from this movement that Sanger proliferated the practice of artificial birth control as a means of controlling the population of these groups.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2370, 2399) deems any practice that “renders procreation impossible” as intrinsically evil. Anything that places barriers or hurdles before God is intrinsically evil, not simply because it is an action that is devoid of faith - but because it is diametrically opposed to faith itself. Early Protestant leaders such as John Calvin and John Wesley also spoke out against this practice.

We must remember that God is the author of life. We must put our complete faith and trust in God, who knows our needs even before we do (Matt. 6:8, Ephesians 3:20). Children are gifts from God – not punishments, as some of our political leaders would have us believe.

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