Merry Christmas

Christmas is divine love tugging humanity back to God with the powerful grip of a tiny hand reaching out from a bed of straw in a manger. As the Bible says, ‘God, invisible in his own nature, became visible in ours. Beyond our grasp, he chose to come within our grasp.’

And this is the intimately personal nature of Christmas: God gave us his Son for our sake. ‘For God so loved the world,’ says John’s Gospel, ‘that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life’ (John 3:16).

He loved the world so much that He gave us the most precious, personal, profound, practical gift—a gift that we could never dream up—a dream that reveals the height, the breadth and the depth of God’s love for us. It is beyond our comprehension.

May you and your loved ones experience the joy of that divine love during this Christmas Season, from your family here at St. Rose of Lima Church.
1305 Royal Avenue
Simi Valley, CA 93065
526-1732 • 526-0067 (fax)
Email: Parish@StRoseSV.com
Ron Browne • 526-1732
Parish Business Manager
Website:
www.StRoseSV.com

**HOURS**
Monday to Friday: 8:00am—8:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am—5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am—4:00pm

**Facilities Manager**
Norm Ouellette • 551-3704

**PARISH OFFICE**

**SECRETARY**
Norm Ouellette • 551-3704

**PARISH COUNSELING CENTER**

**Drama Ministry**

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

Vigil: 5:30pm
Holy Day: 6:00am; 8:30am; 12:00pm; 5:30pm; 7:00pm (Spanish)

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL**

1325 Royal Avenue
Simi Valley, CA 93065
John P. Sanders, Principal
Website: www.srls.org
526-5304 • 526-0939 (fax)

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

577-8208
St. Rose School Alumni
Teresa Moran Runyon
alumni@srls.org
www.srls.org/alumni

**MOTHER CARMEN HOUSE**

Located in the vestibule; open before & after morning Sunday Masses;
Thursdays 12-3pm (seasonal hours)

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA MINISTERS**

**PASTOR**
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 of Adults (RCIA)**

Julia Dobrucki • 915-4625

**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR with BENEDICTION**

**NOVENA**
Mother of Perpetual Help
Wednesday at 6:00pm

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

Dot Goerisch • 526-5640

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP**

Ched & Lumi Cruz
584-6160

**COUPLES FOR CHRIST**

Joanne & Erwin Iliastrisimo
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
915-4625

**RCIA**
What’s the best gift we could give Jesus on his birthday?

Christmas is of course a time to exchange gifts with loved ones. But let us not lose sight of what we are celebrating by doing so. The birth of Jesus should remind us that lasting satisfaction comes only from taking pleasure in what we can give, and why not give to Jesus the gift of our time? Come feast on His word and grow in Your faith. You will discover that as you give to Jesus the gift of your time you will receive in turn many gifts, the greatest of these is His love and His Peace. So let us start our week with Sunday Mass and give God one hour of our time before all the business of the week begins. Or visit the Chapel anytime during week.

Our website: [www.StRoseSV.com](http://www.StRoseSV.com). We’re also on Facebook!

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FAMILY PRAYER AROUND THE ADVENT WREATH

**Fourth Week** (fourth candle)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Light all the candles)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You sent your Son to be the Light of the world and to spread his light of love to all. Bless us and this wreath of light made from our hands. May their ever increasing brightness be a sign to us of the approaching nearness of your Son, that we might prepare in joy for his humble birth in a manger and be ready to receive him at his coming again in glory. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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Shop the gift store in the vestibule of our own church!
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 and His Body, 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

“A time to be born…” Ecc 3:2

Names on this list will be deleted after 3 months, unless the Rectory staff is notified. If you are a family member and wish to add or renew a name, please notify the office.

“A time to heal…” Ecc 3:3

...And pray for one another.—James 5:13-18

Corinne Anderson
Sue Arrigoni
Alexy Baikov
Manuel Barrera
Joe Benites
Rita Benites
Patsy Ceniceros
Earl Craft
Billy Clay Driver, Jr.
John Erickson
Lisa Fahoome
Heriberto Fraire
Patrick Healy
Margaret Jimenez
Beth Kehoe
Henry Lopez
Edwin Morales
Christina Morelli
Louie Moses
Robert Nelsen
Berry Nelson
Mary Romano
Fr. Joseph Shea
Teriannia Soria
Todd Southwell
Theresa St. Pierre
Irene Velasquez

U.S. Army
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Pvt. James Berru
Patrick Coy
John Gebert
Thomas M. Gonzalez
Josh Houseinger
Brian Kiely
Ryan Loniero
Ronald Murphy
Ryan Osier
Juan Ignacio Rios
Kaplan Sharpe
Nicholas Timpe-Giehm
Pvt. Bryce Willey
Pvt. Carlo Zarcone
National Guard
Armando Peña, Jr.

U.S. Navy
Matthew Anaya
Gregg Bell
Krysten Bohn
Patrick F. Costa
Jose T. Fernandez
Alex Knott
Alex Martin
Nicholas C. Moreno
Rafael Rodriguez

U.S. Air Force
Tanner Aurand
Sgt. Christine Campo
Vincent Russo
Maj. Andrew Hull
Capt. Melissa Hull

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Pvt. Bryce Willey
Pvt. Carlo Zarcone
National Guard
Armando Peña, Jr.

 “…war and a time of peace…” Ecc 3:8
Pray for those serving in the military.

U.S.M.C.
Christian Ares
Raymond Bucci
Ryan Bunnell
Nicolas Estrada
Paul Gebert
Sgt. Colton Haney
Matthew Hunt
Jim La Rosa
Bradly Nelson
Ricky Noone
Brian Olex
Sgt. Casey Pilkington
1st Lt. Andrew S. King
Lt. Col. Andrew Sholtes
Jordan Sin
Chris Sinheimer

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 20
8:30am Members of the Millennium Club (I)
5:00pm Virginia Dickmann (I)
7:00pm Libia Perez (I)

SUNDAY, December 21
6:00am Concetta Stephenson (D)
7:00am Angela Farnsworth (D)
9:00am Herb & Sal Delgado (D)
11:00am Cecilia Crutchfield (D)
(Sp) 1:00pm Edgar Otero (D)
5:00pm Pete Wilson & Family (I)

MONDAY, December 22
8:30am Flora Tayag (I)
5:30pm Gabriel Pineda (D)

TUESDAY, December 23
8:30am Victor Tayag (D)
5:30pm Esperenza Arteficio (D)

WEDNESDAY, December 24
8:30am Violeta Zavala (I)
4:00pm Christine Perida
12:00 Midnight Mass

THURSDAY, December 25
6:00am The Nativity of the Lord
7:00am The Nativity of the Lord
9:00am The Nativity of the Lord
11:00am The Nativity of the Lord
(Sp) 1:00pm The Nativity of the Lord
5:00pm The Nativity of the Lord

FRIDAY, December 26
8:30am Leward Thompson
5:30pm Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, December 27
8:30am Members of the Millennium Club (I)
5:00pm Raymond & Irene Pohl (D)
7:00pm Carlos Robles Osorio (D)

SUNDAY, December 28
6:00am Concetta Stephenson (D)
7:00am Tomas Tan (D)
9:00am Musse Moller (D)
11:00am Dan Mattcox (D)
(Sp) 1:00pm Javier, Sandra, Oscar & Maye Fernandez
5:00pm Pete Wilson & Family (I)

“READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8a; 2nd: 24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-9; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-9; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25];

Dawn: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25];

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

“A time to die…” Ecc 3:2
Pray for the souls of all our beloved departed and their families.
Christmastime can be difficult for some people. 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? We at your home parish, St. Rose of Lima, offer you... FREEDOM IN OUR LIVES, is a Faith-based Beatitude 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.

We are very blessed to have 24 hr. Adoration here at St. Rose of Lima. We thank Fr. Shea, our Pastor, for giving us this great gift.

**Adorers are needed:**

Monday 2pm; Tuesday 3am & 11am; Wednesday 2am. Thursday 9pm.

**Visitors and scheduled Adorers, please be sure to sign in.**

**Team Leaders**

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

**DIVORCED, SEPARATED, WIDOWED**

We are a Christ-centered, self-help program.

We meet the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month in Room 11 of the school from 7:00-9:00pm.

All adults are welcome!

Inspiring talks by Dr. Bennett Annan

† Friday, Jan. 2 — no meeting

† Friday, Jan. 16 — “Setting Healthy Boundaries”, Pt. 3

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

**Singing Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Tuesday**

3:00-3:30pm Divine Mercy

7:00-8:00pm Spanish Rosary

**Wednesday**

6:00pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

7:00-8:00pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour and Benediction with Deacon Ed Posvar

**Friday**

3:00-4:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to the Sacred Heart and Stations of the Cross

6:00pm Family Novena in Honor of the Holy Infant Jesus of Prague

6:30-9:00pm Spanish Prayer Group

9:00-10:00pm Vietnamese Prayer Group

Our parish... St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church is on Facebook! www.facebook.com/StRoseSV Follow us for updates, Saint biographies, & more!
SubRosa Time In Adoration, EVERY WEDNESDAYS: 9-10pm
*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.

SubRosa Women's Group 7-8:30pm (Sisters of Notre Dame Center)
* 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!

~The SubRosa Team~
e: curious@subrosafamily.org
p: 805-428-3755

HELP ST. ROSE OF LIMA WITH THIS EASY FUNDRAISER!
1. Buy your Christmas Tree from Stu Miller’s lot in Simi Valley or Thousand Oaks. (Ask for a duplicate receipt.)
2. Put the original receipt in the collection basket at Mass on Sunday.
3. St. Rose will mail the receipts to Stu Miller’s and receive a check from them for 10% of the total purchase!

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or call Monica (877) 788-6657 ext 102
njohnson@seasonaladventures.com

Catholic Tip:
Don’t take down your Christmas tree until after the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 2015!

TONIGHT
Christmas Party!
Sunday, December 21: Join us for our annual Christmas Party! We will have a bonfire, ugly sweater contest, desserts, and more! So bring a $5 gift for our white elephant gift exchange!

Pro-life Movie Night, Sunday, January 4: Join us after the 5pm Youth Mass for a movie during Respect Life Month.

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

6 Reasons to go as a family to daily Mass as often as possible (try it in the New Year!)
1) Daily Mass teaches your family self-discipline
2) Repetition makes the liturgy something familiar and loved
3) Hearing Scripture Everyday
4) Sacramental Grace
5) Family Unity
6) Renewing the Church

Read the entire article:
www.churchpop.com/2014/09/13/6-reasons-take-family-daily-mass-often-possible/

IF THE WORLD HATES YOU, REMEMBER IT HATED ME FIRST...
UNTIL I MODERNIZED TO GET WITH THE TIMES AND CHANGED ALL MY TEACHINGS SO THEY WOULD BE EASIER TO FOLLOW. THEN EVERYONE PRETTY MUCH LIKED ME AGAIN.
#THINGSJESUSNEVERSAID
RELIGIOUS ED & ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Classes
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:
The deadline for registering for the Track 2 Retreat was December 18. Registration after that date will now include a $25.00 late fee.
Upcoming service opportunities: Pro-Life Rosary, January 3. Call the office for more information 526-5513.

Attention ALL Parents of Students: The next mandatory Parent Class on the Mass is Sunday January 11, 2015 at 9:45am in the Parish Hall.

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. BILL
There will be no Bible Study the weeks of December 21 and 28. Classes will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 13 and Saturday, Jan. 17.
We want to thank everyone for their enthusiastic response to these studies offered by our own Fr. Bill. And we wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas season.

Are you in full communion with the Catholic Church? If you are still in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation we will be offering sessions starting Monday, February 2 for twelve weeks, culminating in receiving the Sacrament on May 9, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. If you are 18 years of age or older, and God has impressed upon your heart that you need to continue your faith journey, please contact Julia Dobrucki at 915-4625.
In conjunction with RadiateLA, please help represent our parish on **Saturday, January 17, 2015** for *OneLife LA*, the first-ever large-scale event celebrating the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. **10:00am** at The Kiosko at La Placita Olvera in downtown L.A. For more information and FREE registration, please visit **www.OneLifeLA.org**.

**HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!**

"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."

If you would like to have your anniversary acknowledged in the bulletin in the month of December or January, please call the rectory.

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**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Your love as husband and wife is a gift to one another as well as a gift from God. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to receive the tools needed to make the most of this precious gift. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next WWME weekend **February 6-8** in Ventura. Contact Jeanine and Russ Walker at 805-648-4244 or go online at www.twocanlove.org. We help make good marriages better.

**Marie Callender’s Pies**

Boy Scout Troop 605 along with Venture Crew 9605 will be selling Marie Callender’s pies after Masses. Order your pies through the troop/crew and save the drive to Camarillo or Chatsworth to order your favorite pies. If you live in the Simi Valley & Moorpark areas, deliveries are available for a small fee. Following are the dates members of the troop/crew will be on the patio:

- **Sunday December 14 and 22** from 6:15am —12:15pm and 4:45-6:15pm.
- **Saturday: December 20** from 4:45-6:15pm.
- **Pie pick up dates: Monday, December 22** from 1-8pm and if needed, **Tuesday December 23** from 7am-noon.

You may also pick up a pie order at the rectory during business hours. If you have any questions please call Kathy Quinn at 791-3377.

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**¿Sabía Usted?**

**Consejos para elegir juguetes seguros para los niños**

Existen millones de juguetes en nuestra sociedad y cientos de juguetes nuevos llegan a las tiendas cada año. Los juguetes son una parte importante del desarrollo de cualquier niño. Pero cada año, decenas de niños son tratados en las salas de emergencia de hospitales por lesiones relacionadas con juguetes. Aquí hay algunos ejemplos generales a tener en cuenta al comprar juguetes:

- Juguetes de tela deben ser etiquetados como resistentes al fuego. Los juguetes de peluche deben ser lavables. Juguetes que estén pintados deben de ser cubiertos con pintura sin plomo. Materiales de arte no deben ser tóxicos. Los paquetes de lápices de colores y pinturas deben de decir ASTM D-4236, lo que significa que han sido evaluados por la Sociedad Americana para Pruebas y Materiales. Para más información, visite **www.kidshealth.org**.

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**Did you Know?**

**Tips for choosing safe toys for kids**

Millions of toys are out there, and hundreds of new ones hit the stores each year. Toys are supposed to be fun and are an important part of any child’s development. But each year, scores of kids are treated in hospital emergency departments for toy-related injuries. Here are some general guidelines to keep in mind when toy-shopping: Toys made of fabric should be labeled as flame resistant or flame retardant. Stuffed toys should be washable. Painted toys should be covered with lead-free paint. Art materials should say nontoxic. Crayons and paints should say ASTM D-4236 on the package, which means that they've been evaluated by the American Society for Testing and Materials. For more information, please visit **www.kidshealth.org**.
Cuarto Domingo de Adviento: Analizando la presencia de Jesucristo en la vida familiar

Para empezar: En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. Amén.

Celebración de la Corona de Adviento

Vela: Se encienden las cuatro velas.

Oración:

Para empezar: En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y el Espíritu Santo. Amen.

Cuarto domingo de adviento: Ser mejor en familia. Para empezar: En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. Amén. Se encienden las tres velas de los domingos anteriores y se lee la lectura del Evangelio según San Mateo 7, 24-25:

Aquel, pues, que escucha mis palabras y las pone por obra, será el varón prudente, que edifica su casa sobre roca. Cayó la lluvia, vinieron los torrentes, soplaron los vientos y dieron sobre la casa; pero no cayó, porque estaba fundada sobre roca.

-Esta es palabra de Dios.

-Gloria a Ti Señor Jesús.

Para reflexionar:

Guardar unos minutos en silencio y hacer la siguiente pregunta: ¿De qué manera se ha manifestado la presencia de Dios en nuestra familia durante el año? ¿Lo hemos dejado actuar o le hemos estorbado? Cada uno podrá responder si desea.

Para terminar: Te damos gracias Señor por tu amor, por venir a nosotros y habitar en nuestro hogar, en nuestros corazones y en nuestros semejantes. Te adoramos y te glorificamos. Recemos juntos un Padrenuestro.

Para cantar: "El camino que lleva a Belén".

- El camino que lleva a Belén  
  baja hasta el valle que la nieve cubrió.  
- Los pastorcillos quieren ver a su Rey,  
  le traen regalos en su humilde zurrón.  
  Ropo pom pom, ropo pom pom.

- Ha nacido en un portal de Belén  
  el Niño Dios.  
- Yo quisiera traer a tus pies  
  algún presente que te alabe Señor  
  más Tú ya sabes que soy pobre también,  
  y no poseo más que un viejo tambor,  
  ropo pom, pom, ropo pom, pom.

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Christmas – A Time for Celebration

As Christians, Christmas means far more than a national holiday with all of the traditional trimmings. Presents, decorations, a tree with lights and delectable treats are all wonderful but they are merely reminders of the most important birth in the history of the world – the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, Jesus Christ.

Christmas hasn’t always been celebrated by all Christian sects throughout history. For the Puritans, it was a time of fasting and self-denial, for pondering their sins. The Calvinists in Scotland went even further by completely abolishing Christmas as a holiday. Some groups still adhere to these austere anti-celebratory practices. Some go so far as to say that Christmas is a pagan celebration of winter solstice and that Jesus was not even born in the winter, lending credence to their claim.

Whereas, the precise date of the birth of Jesus is a mystery, memorializing this and other events of his sacred life, death and resurrection are anything but new. In the early centuries, pagan temples were replaced by cathedrals and churches. Pagan holidays were replaced by Christian remembrances of the saints and God, signaling a new time where paganism had been conquered by Christianity. The practice of worshipping false gods gave way to worshipping and giving thanks to the Almighty God.

In Luke’s Gospel, when Mary visits her kinswoman Elizabeth, John the Baptist leaped with joy in his mother’s womb (Luke 1:41), just as David danced and leaped in front of the ark (2 Sam. 6:14). Even as an unborn child, John was moved by the Holy Spirit to celebrate the coming of the Christ – the Bread of Life.

Elizabeth then says to Mary, Who am I, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? (Luke 1:43), in the same way David inquired about the Ark of the Covenant, How can the ark of the Lord come to me? (2 Sam. 6:9). The ark contained the urn of manna, the bread from heaven, similarly, Mary’s womb carried Jesus, the Bread of Life.

At Christmas, we celebrate our freedom from the captivity of sin through the incarnation of our Savior, Jesus Christ – the Bread of Life!

For more information, please visit us on the Parish Website at: http://www.strosesv.com/faith-facts