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Priest in Residence  
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)

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

**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

**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.

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analumni@srls.org  
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**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**
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WE ARE GOD’S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God’s holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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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

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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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.

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Matthew Alatorre
Pvt. James Berru
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Ryan Loniero
Ronald Murphy
Ryan Osier
Juan Ignacio Rios
Kaplan Sharpe
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Alex Martin
Nicholas C. Moreno
Rafael Rodriguez

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Sgt. Christine Campo
Vincent Russo
Maj. Andrew Hull
Capt. Melissa Hull

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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 Sine
Chris Sinshheimer

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**“A time to be born...” Ecc 3:2**
Valeria D. Gallardo, Emma G. Meraz Moreno, and Alondra Pena

**“A time to heal...” Ecc 3:3**
And pray for one another.—James 5:13-18

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

**“A time to die...” Ecc 3:2**
Pray for the souls of all our beloved departed and their families.

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**“A time to be born...” Ecc 3:2**
Pray for our community.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday**
1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-23

**Tuesday**
1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

**Wednesday**
1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

**Thursday**
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Friday**
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

**Saturday**
1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

**Sunday**
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Our parish is privileged to be celebrating the Traditional Latin Mass on Monday, December 29th at 5:30 p.m. with Fr. Earl Eggleston. If you have any questions please contact Julia Dobrucki @ 915-4625.

We are very blessed to have 24 hr. Adoration here at St. Rose of Lima. Monday, 9:00am—Saturday, 3:00pm
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 301-8431

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

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

FREEDOM IN OUR LIVES

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

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 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.

R.C.I.A.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Becoming Catholic
We invite all adults interested in becoming Catholic or Baptized Catholics who need both the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation to join us on a Journey of Faith in the R.C.I.A. Process. We know there are many people who come to Mass with their families and are hesitant to take that first step. Our St. Rose of Lima R.C.I.A Team provides a welcoming environment where you questions are answered. We bring you on a faith journey with the Catholic Church; it’s beliefs, traditions, history and worship, and incorporate you into its life with Christ today. An Inquiry group will begin in mid-January. For information, contact Julia Dobrucki at 915-4625. We look forward to meeting you. Have a Very Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.
**CONNECT. GROW. GIVE.**

**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

**Young Adults**

- **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.*

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

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE LADIES TEA**  
Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 22, 2015** for the St. Rose of Lima Ladies “Great Gatsby” Tea.  
We are planning a wonderful event for the ladies of our community to come together to enjoy an afternoon of tea, luncheon, entertainment, great conversation, and a lot of fun.  
It’s never too early to start inviting your family and friends.
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RELIGIOUS ED & ADULT FAITH FORMATION

St. Rose of Lima will host a Virtus Training class on Tuesday January 6, 2015 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. Anyone coming into contact with minor children through Ministry, volunteering, or service is required by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to be Virtus trained and fingerprinted. To register for the class, or if you have any questions, please call 526-5513.

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 has passed. If you have not already done so, please come to the office as soon as possible to complete your registration form. A $25.00 late fee will now be added to the $175.00 retreat cost.

Upcoming service opportunities: Pro-Life Rosary 01/03/15. Call the office for more information 526-5513.

Life Night – If you need to make-up a Life Night, or need service hours, attend on Sunday Jan 4, 2015 after the 5:00 pm Mass and bring a donation of a baby item to be donated to the Life Center. Call the office for more details

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

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. BILL
Bible Study with Fr. Bill on Tuesday and Saturday will not meet this week. We will resume on Tuesday January 13 and Saturday January 17 respectively.

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.

Continuing Adult Faith Formation
First Monday of the month
7:00-9:00pm in room 9 of the school.
Presenter: David Brown, MA, Theology
ANNOUNCEMENTS

¿Sabia Usted?

Did you Know?

PRO LIFE ROSARY
The Knights of Columbus sponsors a Pro Life Rosary for the intention of bringing the evil of abortion to an end. We meet the first Saturday of each month. Come join us this Saturday, January 3, at 9:30am in front of the Memorial for the Unborn at the entrance of Assumption Cemetery, 1380 Fitzgerald Road. Some chairs are provided, or you may bring own.

FAMOUS FISH FRY DINNER
1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH—
JANUARY 2, 5:30PM—7:00PM
Knights Hall—1255 Patricia Ave.
The dinner includes: a delicious BBQ or fried fish with cole slaw, fried clams, French fries, mac & cheese, bread roll, coffee, punch & dessert. Bring friends & family...at only $8.00 for adults and $4.00 for kids 12 or younger.

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.

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.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO AN EVENING OF RECOLLECTION SPONSORED BY OPUS DEI ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, AT 7 PM, AT ST PASchal BAYLON CHURCH IN THOUSAND OAKS. THERE WILL BE TWO MEDITATIONS, A TALK, BENEDICTION AND TIME FOR CONFESSION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT MARISA SCHOEFFER 818-517-0951.

¿Sabia Usted?

Consejos de Seguridad al ir de Compras a Centros Comerciales
Es fácil que los niños se distraigan con todos los sonidos, las vistas y olores durante la temporada navideña. Es especialmente importante vigilars a sus hijos cuando los lleven a los centros comerciales durante la Navidad. Si los niños se separan de usted, enséñele a buscar una "persona segura" que les pueda ayudar. Por ejemplo, una mamá con niños o la persona detrás de la caja registradora puede ayudar a un niño que esté perdido. Evite decirles a los niños que vayan con el "gerente". Para un niño, cualquier adulto con un traje, que parece importante, puede verse como el gerente. Los niños deben ser advertidos de no salir del centro comercial o tienda hacia el estacionamiento en busca de usted. Hágalas saber a sus hijos que usted nunca saldrá afuera del centro comercial o los dejaría hasta que estén reunidos. No importa lo que otras personas les digan.

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

Tom & Julie Lafferty (1/7)

"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 January or February, please call the rectory.

Did you Know?

Shopping mall safety tips
It’s easy for kids to get sidetracked with all the sights, sounds, and smells surrounding us at holiday time. It is especially important to monitor your children when taking them through the mall during the Christmas season. If children become separated from you, teach them to look for a “safe stranger” who can help them. For example, a mom with kids or the cash register person can help a child who is lost. Avoid telling children to go to the “manager.” Any adult in a suit, who looks important, can look like the manager to a child. Children must be told never to leave the mall or store to go looking for you in the parking lot. Let them know that you would never go outside or leave until you are reunited -- no matter what anyone else tells them.
Is this film suitable for my children?

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puts on ADVERTISED clothes
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of ADVERTISED coffee
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He who has a thing to sell and goes and whispers in a well, is not so apt to get the dollars as he who climbs a tree and hollers.
**SOMOS LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE DIOS**

Las lecturas de Israel están repletas de relatos de parejas estériles a quienes Dios les concedió el milagro de tener hijos. Sin duda el relato más conocido es el de la primera lectura de hoy: Lucas se inspiró en este relato para contar el milagroso nacimiento de Juan Bautista, hijo de Zacarías e Isabel, y el nacimiento aun más milagroso de Jesús, hijo de María y José. En ambos casos, vemos ejemplos o modelos a seguir de personas que confiaron en Dios. Más que ser ejemplos de personas que confiaron, son modelos de entrega incondicional de sí. Abandonaron sus propios preconceptos y prejuicios sobre el funcionamiento del mundo y entregaron sus vidas a creer en un Dios que puede hacer que haya vida en lugares en donde era inconcebible que la hubiera; un Dios que puede convertir la muerte en una vida nueva e inimaginable; un Dios que puede, hoy, tomar a un niño de padres humildes en un pueblo insignificante y convertirlo en una luz para el mundo entero. Esto es a lo que se nos llama a hacer cada día como Sagrada Familia de Dios: confiar no sólo en nosotros mismos y en la manera en que pensamos que deberían ser las cosas, sino a abrirnos y entregarnos en fe a un Dios de promesa infinita.

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**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95): 1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35

Martes: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Sal 96 (95): 7-10; Lc 2:36-40

Miércoles: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95): 1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Jueves: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21

Viernes: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Sábado: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Sal 98 (97):1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Domingo: Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

Durante siglos, en el continente latinoamericano, el respeto a los ancianos ha sido la base social que nutre nuestras culturas. Lamentablemente este respeto empieza a desvanecerse por la invasión de una mentalidad occidental que valora sólo la juventud. A nuestro alrededor hay muchos de nuestros mayores menospreciados y olvidados por su avanzada edad y fragilidad. A su vez, vemos muchos niños vagabundeando y mal formándose por la falta de supervisión adulta. Es necesario que estos ancianos y niños se encuentren y se bendigan mutuamente.

San Lucas (2:22-40) recuerda dos bellos momentos en la infancia de Jesucristo: la bendición del anciano Simeón y el encuentro con Ana, la profetisa. Estos dos ancianos piadosos frecuentaban al templo de Jerusalén con la esperanza de ver al Mesías. Me imagino que José y María se sorprendieron mucho cuando se les acercaron estos dos viejitos. Pero la santa pareja no les negó su niñoito a los brazos de estos dos ancianos. El niño les alegró la vida y ellos glorificaron a Dios. La bendición que le dieron a Jesús lo acompañó toda su vida.

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Felicidades a Rosa Hernández fue la ganadora del cuadro de la Virgen de Guadalupe, muchísimas gracias a todos por su colaboración.

*Rosa Hernandez is the lucky winner in the raffle of the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe, thank you very much to all who bought tickets.*

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**Lecturas de la Semana**
Connor Flanagan is a musician and youth minister who has been actively involved in ministry for the last five years. Connor has spent the last several years traveling the country leading retreats and speaking at both youth conferences and parish events. In this presentation, Connor uses his own personal testimony to show how each one of us has what he calls a "God-Sized Hole" within our own hearts. For more information about Connor Flanagan's music ministry, please visit ConnorFlanaganMusic.com

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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

Protestant Confusion

At the Last Supper, Jesus fervently prayed for the unity of His Body – the Church. That it remain ONE – as He and the Father are ONE. This is recorded in the Gospel of St. John (John 17).

The greatest affront to the unity of the Body of Christ was the so-called Protestant Reformation that began in the 16th century, when flawed men decided that they had a better idea because of corruption within the Church. In their zeal to confront corruption, however, they began to systematically change doctrines and do away with the Traditions that were passed down by the Apostles. Unfortunately, the confusion that was caused by the Reformation continues to reverberate to this day. The tens of thousands of Protestant “denominations” continue to splinter day after day, year after year. The abandonment of the doctrines and precepts of God have given way to the doctrines and precepts of mere men (Matthew 15:8-9, Mark 7:6-7):

Some Protestant denominations believe in **baptismal regeneration**, while others do not.

Some believe in soul-sleep, while others do not.

Some believe in the total depravity of man, while others do not.

Some believe in the **Holy Trinity**, while others do not.

Some believe in doctrine of “**once saved, always saved**”, while others do not.

Some believe in a pre-tribulation “Rapture”, while others do not.

Some believe that only those who were **predestined** will make it to **heaven**, while others do not.

Some believe that some were **predestined** for **hell**, while others do not.

Some believe in a woman’s right to choose **abortion**, while others do not.

Some believe that practicing **homosexuality** is a sin, while others do not.

Most believe in **contraception**, while others do not – and the list goes on.

While, this is in no way an attack on any Protestant denomination – it is a presentation of the truth of God as preserved, protected and defended by His Church with the guidance of the Holy Spirit (John 16:12-15, 1 Tim. 3:15). The simple fact, however, is that every single Protestant denomination was started by a flawed sinful human being. By contrast, the Catholic Church was established by none other than Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity – God himself.

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