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Administered throughout the year. Please call the Rectory any time in case of serious illness or going into surgery.

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

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

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915-4625
PARTNERS IN THE PROMISE

As a society, during these days we can be in something of a “postpartum” depression. Our celebrations of Christmas and the New Year are over, and after today many of us will put away the decorations and the last visible remnants of the celebrations of the past weeks. The apostle Paul today uses the expression “partners in the promise.” This is an uplifting phrase for us to reflect upon, and to think of as our own calling in these days following the birth of the Lord. What is this promise? We can find it in the gifts the magi bring: it is a promise of being a royal priesthood (gold), a holy nation (frankincense), a people set apart for self-giving (myrrh). We find more of the promise in Isaiah—a light shines upon us! In the psalm we know a promise of a world of flowering justice, profound peace, the poor rescued, pity for the lowly and the poor. This is the promise; and one of the best ways for us to lift ourselves out of any possible low spirits we may be suffering is to live out our partnership in this promise each and every day.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
Monday: St. John Neumann
Tuesday: St. André Bessette
Wednesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; Julian Calendar Christmas

THE HOLY STAR

O Father, may that holy star Grow every year more bright And send its glorious beams Afar to fill the world with light.

—William Cullen Bryant

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Epiphany celebrates the wake-up calls of life, the showings of God’s majesty and power in the person of Jesus. The feast alerts us to look for signs of the Lord’s grace and action in our lives today. In this context, the call of the Second Vatican Council to reform the sacramental life of the Church, including our pattern of care for the sick, is indeed a holy awakening.

Prior to the 1960s, our care for the sick had collapsed in the popular imagination into something everyone called “last rites.” An immensely complicated ritual, with anointing accompanied by quickly muttered Latin prayers, was enacted for a marginally conscious person at “death’s door.” By the time a priest was called, the sick person might not be able to receive viaticum, or derive much personal benefit from the ritual. The healing effects of the sacrament, investing suffering with the dignity of a link to Christ’s cross, and the immense assurance of forgiveness for a person reviewing the life journey, were hidden. Suddenly, an epiphany swept through the Church, and the way we care for the sick was utterly transformed. It took several centuries, however, for the Church to reach that moment of renewal.

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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

“A time to die…” 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  Alexey Baikov  Manuel Barrera  Joe Benites  Rita Benites  Patsy Ceniceros  Earl Craft  Billy Clay Driver, Jr.  John Erickson
Lisa Fahooome  Herberto Faire  Patrick Healy  Ruth Ann Hochleutner  Margaret Jimenez  Beth Kehoe  Henry Lopez  Celia Mora  Edwin Morales  Christina Morelli  Louie Moses
Robert Nelsen  Berry Nelson  Fr. Joseph Shea  Terianne Soria  Todd Southwell  Kenneth Thompson  Theresa St. Pierre  Irene Velasquez can we pray for you?

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

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“A time to be born…” Ecc 3:2

“A time to be born…” Ecc 3:3

Monday:
1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday:
1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday:
1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday:
1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday:
1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday:
1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday:
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Can we pray for you?

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, January 3
8:30am Members of the Millennium Club (I)
5:00pm Ronald Wayne Polcyn (D)
7:00pm Maria Elena Hernandez (D)

SUNDAY, January 4
6:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00am Ramona Carreon (I)
9:00am Lucy Aguilar (D)
11:00am Jorge Morales (D)
(Sp) 1:00pm Saint Gayctano (I)
5:00pm Mickey Schied (D)

MONDAY, January 5
8:30am Severo Gomez (I)
5:30pm Dale Miller (I)

TUESDAY, January 6
8:30am Augustine Lemos (I)
5:30pm Larry Faulkner (D)

WEDNESDAY, January 7
8:30am Carmen Gonzalez (I)
5:30pm Ellie May (D)

THURSDAY, January 8
9:00am Frances Ortega (I)
5:30pm Bang Luthong (D)

FRIDAY, January 9
8:30am The Kitchen Angels (I)
5:30pm Ellie May (D)

SATURDAY, January 10
8:30am Members of the Millennium Club (I)
5:00pm Patty Hayden (D)
7:00pm Maria Elena Hernandez (D)

SUNDAY, January 11
6:00am Josephine Gallagher (D)
7:00am Yolanda Prudencio Cedeño (D)
9:00am Victoria Supala (D)
11:00am Manuel Pinon (D)
(Sp) 1:00pm Francisco Angel Garza (D)
5:00pm Peggy Bowman (D)

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

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Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
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 501-8431

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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.

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**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. 16 — “Setting Healthy Boundaries”, Pt. 3

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

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**FREEDOM IN OUR LIVES**

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

**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.
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

PRO-LIFE MOVIE NIGHT
Today 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.
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, 2015at 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.

Adult Confirmation
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, 2015 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
Kick off the new year by understanding more about our faith. Join us as we look at the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on Monday, January 5 at 7 PM in room 9. All adults are welcome.

Presenter:
David Brown, MA, Theology
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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](http://www.OneLifeLA.org).

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HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!
Dominick & Trudy Costanzo 11/26 (59yrs)
Tom & Julie Lafferty (1/7) (48yrs)

"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.

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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](http://www.twocanlove.org). We help make good marriages better.

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¿Sabia Usted?

Always keep an Up-to-Date Photo of your Child

Picture this: A good photo could save a child’s life. One of the most important tools for law enforcement in the case of a missing child is an up-to-date (take a new one every six months), good-quality photograph. The photograph should be a recent head-and-shoulders color photograph of the child in which the face is clearly seen. It should be of school-portrait quality, and the background should be plain or solid so it does not distract from the subject. When possible, the photograph should be in a digitized form and available on a compact disk (CD), as opposed to just a hard copy. This minimizes the time necessary to scan, resize, and make color corrections before disseminating it to law enforcement. The photograph should have space for accurate, narrative description useful to identify the child, such as name, nickname, height, weight, sex, age, eye color, identifying marks, glasses, and braces. For more information please visit: [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com) or call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children office: 213-637-7227.

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Did you Know?

Siempre Mantenga Una Fotografía Actual de Sus Hijos

Una fotografía actualizada y en buenas condiciones es una de las herramientas más importantes que las autoridades pueden utilizar en el caso de un niño perdido. La fotografía del niño debe ser reciente, de cabeza a hombros la cara bien visible y a color. Debe tener la calidad de un “retrato escolar”, y el fondo debe ser claro a de color oscuro para que no distraiga del sujeto. Se es posible, la fotografía deberá estar disponible no solamente en papel, sino también en forma digital y en un disco compacto (CD). Esto disminuirá considerablemente el tiempo necesario para cambiar el tamaño, copiar, y corregir el color de la fotografía antes de entregarla a las autoridades. La fotografía debe ser actualizada por lo menos cada seis meses para los niños menores de 6 años y después una vez el año o cada vez que los niños cambian de aspecto. Para obtener ayuda, llame a la Oficina del Ministerio de Ayuda al (213) 637-7650.
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PARTICIPANTES EN LA PROMESA

Las celebraciones de Navidad y Año Nuevo se han terminado, y después de hoy Día de los Reyes Magos, muchos de nosotros guardaremos las decoraciones y los últimos vestigios de las celebraciones de las semanas pasadas. El apóstol Pablo usa la expresión “participantes de la promesa”. Esta es una frase digna de reflexionar, y de pensar que es nuestro llamado en estos días después del nacimiento del Señor. ¿Cuál es esta promesa? Podemos encontrarla en los regalos que traen los magos: la promesa de ser un sacerdocio real (oro), una nación santa (incienso), un pueblo escogido para dar de sí (mira). Encontramos otro aspecto de la promesa en Isaías —una luz que nos alumbrará! En el salmo encontramos la promesa de un mundo en donde florece la justicia, la paz profunda, los pobres rescatados, piedad para los humildes y los pobres. Esta es la promesa; y una de las mejores maneras de continuar el espíritu de generosidad navideña es vivir día a día nuestra parte como participantes en esta promesa.

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Cuando un alma generosa responde “sí” a Dios, Él baja al mundo, se hace Epifanía.

—Anónimo

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El Evangelio de san Juan comienza con una extraña revelación. Nos declara que al principio, Jesús no sólo estaba con Dios, sino que Jesús es Dios (Juan 1:1). Dependiendo de nuestra traducción de las Sagradas Escrituras, Jesús es nombrado ya sea “Palabra” o “Verbo” en el primer pasaje de Juan.

Según una canción de Ricardo Arjona “Jesús es verbo, no sustantivo”. Y tiene razón. Hay que recordar que Juan no escribió en español, ni siquiera en inglés. El evangelista escribió en griego y aplicó el concepto filosófico del logos a Jesús. El logos, de la filosofía griega se manifiesta en Jesús de Nazaret. Para los griegos esta noticia era asombrosa, porque logos quiere decir palabra activa, es decir, el verbo que actúa y por el cual todo es creado. Juan declara que Jesús es este Verbo, él es el Dios que lo hizo todo y en el cual todos tenemos vida si actuamos como él.

El Evangelio de Juan nos desafía a vivir el verbo que es Cristo, no sólo diciendo que somos cristianos, sino actuando como Jesús, cual Verbo Di-
Well-known Catholic theologian Dr. Scott Hahn explains Christ's Paschal Sacrifice on the cross as the fulfillment of the traditional fourth cup used in the celebration of the Jewish Passover meal. He draws a symbolic parallel to the Last Supper and Christ's death on Calvary. Through his scholarly insights and important biblical connections, Mass will come alive for you as never before!

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

Why We Genuflect

Have you ever wondered why we genuflect at various times during a Mass or inside the church in general? If you have - you’re not alone. Many Catholics, it seems, are not familiar with the various appropriate gestures that are to be observed when in a Catholic church.

Whereas, a reverent or profound bow may be appropriate in certain situations, genuflecting is usually reserved for the Holy Eucharist. According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), “A genuflection, made by bending the right knee to the ground, signifies adoration, and therefore it is reserved for the Most Blessed Sacrament, as well as for the Holy Cross from the solemn adoration during the liturgical celebration on Good Friday until the beginning of the Easter Vigil” (274).

Genuflecting is not only reserved for the laity - priests are also bound by certain rubrics during Mass. The GIRM (n. 233) notes, “Three genuflections are made during Mass: after the showing of the Eucharistic bread, after the showing of the chalice, and before Communion. If there is a tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament in the sanctuary, a genuflection is made before and after Mass and whenever anyone passes in front of the Blessed Sacrament.”

Unfortunately, some people make only a half-hearted attempt to genuflect before the Blessed Sacrament, resembling a quick curtsy while others will stop briefly to bow or make a speedy sign of the cross. There are those who will genuflect or kneel before a statue of the Blessed Mother or other saint when entering or exiting the church – yet they will ignore the Blessed Sacrament. Finally, there are some who will completely forego any gesture and simply walk on by as if Jesus wasn’t even there. Some people might not be able to genuflect at all due to physical limitations, which is permissible in those cases.

As Catholics, we cannot ignore the fact that our Lord is physically present (body, blood, soul and divinity) on the altar, in the tabernacle or the monstrance. His presence is as real as if he were to walk into our homes and sit down at the table. Would we simply whisk by him and ignore him if this were the case? Or, would we fall prostrate before him with awe and respect, paying him the proper homage and adoration reserved for God alone?

In the Gospels, Jesus said, “This is my Body” and “This is my Blood” (Matt. 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20). St. Augustine may have said it best for all of us when he stated, “What you see is the bread and the chalice, that is what your own eyes report to you. But what your faith obliges you to accept is that the bread is the body of Christ and the chalice is the blood of Christ.” (Sermons 227 [A.D. 411]).