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**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 & Wednesday
9:00am—10:00am
Tuesday, Thursday, 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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English: 1st Sunday of the month
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WATCHING FOR THE MESSIAH

Today’s Gospel story of John and his disciples seeing and following Jesus sounds so simple and casual, it’s easy to miss the significant acts of faith that are made.

John points to Jesus: “Look,” he says, “there is the Lamb of God.” John’s faith in Jesus is evident, so evident that John’s disciples immediately leave his side to follow this Jesus.

The two disciples make their own act of faith. They follow Jesus, spend time with him, and are quick to spread the good news of their discovery: “We have found the Messiah.”

It is easy to forget that the expectations of generations, the hopes of many ages of faithful people were being fulfilled in these simple acts of faith. The Lamb of God, the Messiah, foretold by the prophets, had finally come. Nearly everyone among the Jewish people was watching for the Messiah back then; who in our own society watches for signs of the presence of the Messiah today?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

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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 be born…” Ecc 3:2

“A time to die…” Ecc 3:2
Pray for the souls of all our beloved departed and their families, especially...
Claire Andrews ♦ David A. Isaacs

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

“Revelations for the Week

SATURDAY, January 17
8:30am Members of the Millennium Club (I)
5:00pm Edward Gonzalez (I)
7:00pm Maria Elena Hernandez (D)

SUNDAY, January 18
6:00am Mercy & Dan McDougall (D)
7:00am Thomas Fabry (D)
9:00am Maria Benitez (D)
11:00am Joseph Jr. & Rosemary Savayano (D)
(Sp) 1:00pm Vidal Guillen (D)
5:00pm Elaine Daunhauer (I)

MONDAY, January 19
8:30am Juan Gonzalez (I)
5:30pm Adrienne Gardener (D)

TUESDAY, January 20
8:30am Albert Sanchez (I)
5:30pm Clarisa Beck (I)

WEDNESDAY, January 21
8:30am Ramon Arteficio (I)
5:30pm Paz Esquivel (D)

THURSDAY, January 22
9:00am Rico Arteficio (I)
5:30pm Ildefonso Litiati, Sr. (D)

FRIDAY, January 23
8:30am Bennie Lemos (D)
5:30pm Drew Lien (D)

SATURDAY, January 24
8:30am Members of the Millennium Club (I)
5:00pm Sandy Sison (I)
7:00pm Emerssor Malaver (D)

SUNDAY, January 25
6:00am Bennie Lemos (I)
7:00am Melania & Antonio Gomes (D)
9:00am Nieves Rasco (D)
11:00am Maria Martinez (D)
(Sp) 1:00pm Guillermina Charme (D)
5:00pm Jackie Garcia (I)

Revelations for the Week

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
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Readings for the Week

U.S. Army
Matthew Alatorre
Pvt. James Berru
Patrick Croy
John Gebert
Thomas M. Gonzalez
Josh Houseinger
Brian Kiely
Ryan Loniero
Rita Benites
Natasha Bashir
Patsy Ceniceros
Earl Craft
Billy Clay Driver, Jr.
John Erickson

U.S. Navy
Matthew Anaya
Gregg Bell
Krysten Bohen
Patrick F. Costa
Joseph Costanzo
Nicolas Costanzo
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

U.S.M.C.
Christian Ares
Raymond Bucci
Ryan Bucci
Nicolas Estrada
Paul Gebert
Sgt. Colton Haney
Matthew Hunt
Jim La Rosa
Brady Melson
Ricky Noone
Brian Olex
Sgt. Casey Pilkington
Lt. Col. Andrew S. King
Lt. Col. Andrew Sholtes
Jordan Sine
Chris Sinsheimer

National Guard
Sgt. Armando Peña, Jr.
Col. Marilyn Rios

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 die…” Ecc 3:2

“There are a number of readings for the Day of Prayer.

“The Day of Prayer” Ecc 3:2
Pray for yourselves and our families, especially...

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Ministries & devotions

Start the New Year with a resolution for life...1 hour each week in devotion to Our Blessed Lord.
Come to adore and glorify Him; come to humbly ask His forgiveness; come to thank Him for all your blessings; come to petition Him on behalf of others, as well as yourself. Just come.

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

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

Adorers are needed:
Wednesday 2am.

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

► All adorers are asked to contact their respective Team Leaders to update their e-mail and telephone number. Thank you.

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

FREEDOM IN OUR LIVES

This time of year 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.

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

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

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

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 your questions are answered. We bring you on a faith journey with the Catholic Church — Her beliefs, traditions, history and worship, and incorporate you into Her life with Christ today. An Inquiry group will begin January 21.

For information, contact Julia Dobrucki at 915-4625.
A great way to start a Joyous New Year! We look forward to meeting you.
You're invited to...

SubRosa Small Groups:

SubRosa Time In Adoration, EVERY TUESDAY 7-8pm (St. Rose Church)
*Join us as we spend silent time praying with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.
+Come any time during the hour.

SubRosa Women’s Group, Tuesday February 3, 7-9pm (Sisters of Notre Dame Center)
* We will be meeting ONCE A MONTH on the first Tuesday
*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 February 6, 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.

Find us on Facebook!
See you soon,
~The SubRosa Team~
St. Rose of Lima (SRL) 805-428-3755

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YOUNG ADULTS

Track Two Retreat!!!! January 16-18:
Please pray for our Confirmation teens and leaders as we spend the weekend in Santa Barbara learning more about our Catholic faith!

TGIF’s Family Night
Wednesday, January 21: Join us at TGI Fridays all day from 11AM to 1AM for our fundraiser. Family hour begins at 6PM! Please bring the YM flier in to help raise money for our youth ministry.

The Summit - Jr. High
Thursday, January 22: All Jr. High are invited to our meeting at 7PM-8PM to learn about the source and summit of our Catholic faith!

Night with the Gals Saturday, January 24: All young ladies are invited to join us for a fun sleepover! Please bring snacks, a sleeping bag, a pillow, toiletries, and anything else! There will be nail painting. NO BOYS ALLOWED!

Hangout Night! Sunday, January 25: Join us after the 5PM Mass for a hangout night!

Catholics Say What?? Friday, January 30: Join us at 6:30PM as we learn how to defend our Catholic faith. Learn how to talk with atheists and non-Catholics about our faith. Bring your questions and your friends!

Nun Run 5K and Breakfast Saturday, January 31: Join the STRLYM team as we complete a 5K with the Sisters of Notre Dame! Sign up online with the STRLYM group!

Sunday Life Night
Sunday, February 1: Join us after the 5PM Youth Mass for our Life Night to learn about our Catholic faith!

See you soon,
~The SubRosa Team~
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Save the date! Back by popular demand...The University of Notre Dame Glee Club is performing at St. Mary Magdalen Church! 25 Las Posas Road, Camarillo

Monday, March 9 @ 7:00PM
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Contact Eric Petrucci at (805) 390-9179 or EricMPetrucci@gmail.com. And GOOOOO IRISH!
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: Reconciliation Workshop Jan. 24; Pro-Life Rosary Feb. 7. Call the office for more information 526-5513.

Life Night – If you need to make-up a Life Night, attend on Sunday Feb 1 after the 5:00 pm Mass. Call the office for more details.

A Biblical Walk Through The Mass

Take a fascinating tour of the Mass in this new DVD study series of 30-minute sessions held on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the St. Rose School, room number 8. We will explore the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in Mass and the explanation of their profound significance. As participants in this study, we will come to know and understand the Mass like never before. We will see, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say, and do what we do every week at Mass. The words and gestures will be seen in a new light, leading us to a richer, more fruitful worship experience.

For more information, contact Neil Fanning, facilitator, at 805-217-4300 or Fanning@pacbell.net.

Continuing Adult Faith Formation

Kick off the new year by understanding more about our Faith. First Monday of the month at 7:00pm in room 9. Next session: Feb. 2. The topic will be The Sacrament of Reconciliation.

All adults are welcome. Presenter: David Brown, MA, Theology

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 reception of the Sacrament on May 9 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.
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 visit online at www.twocanlove.org. We help make good marriages better.

Southern California Presentation Reunion Luncheon
All friends of the Sisters of the Presentation and all alumnae of their schools are invited to a Southern California Presentation Reunion Luncheon, from Noon to 3:00 p.m., on Saturday, February 7, 2015, at Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California, 91754. Come catch-up with one another, remember old times or make new friendships. To RSVP or for more details log onto www.PresentationSistersSF.org.

Knights of Columbus Council 5803 Scholarship
The K of C of Council 5803 are offering five $500 scholarships. One will be placed at Alemany HS and La Reina HS. Three will be placed at Youth Ministry Office of St. Rose of Lima Parish. These scholarships are available to high school graduating seniors who are members of St. Rose of Lima Parish for at least the last year and are planning on furthering their formal education. The scholarship recipient will be selected, in part, by the following criteria: involvement in community services, school activities, parish activities, attitude and academics. Applications are available in the Rectory, YM Office or from your respective high school. Or contact PGK Herman Conant at 581-2332. Applications are due back by March 16, 2015.

RESPECT LIFE
Did you Know?
Instagram: Photo and Video Posting Dangers for Young People
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¿Sabia Usted?
Instagram: peligros para jóvenes al colocar fotos y videos en internet
Los adolescentes y preadolescentes publican a menudo fotografías en línea empleando sus teléfonos celulares. Una de las aplicaciones más populares para compartir fotografías en los dispositivos móviles se llama Instagram. Instagram permite que los miembros editen, descarguen y compartan digitalmente fotografías y videos cortos con otros miembros por medio del sitio web de Instagram, correo electrónico y otros sitios de los medios sociales como Facebook, Twitter, Foursquare, Tumbler y Flickr, todo con un solo clico. El mayor peligro para los jóvenes es que a las fotografías y los videos que publican otros jóvenes en Instagram puede tener acceso un sinnúmero de espectadores a los cuales no se destinan…lo que significa que cualquier persona del mundo puede ver las imágenes. Para el artículo completo de VIRTUS® con consejos para los padres y adultos que cuidan, manden correo electrónico a: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org
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El relato del Evangelio de hoy en el que Juan y sus discípulos ven y siguen a Jesús, suena tan sencillo e informal, que fácilmente pasan desapercibidos los importantes actos de fe que ocurren.

Juan señala a Jesús: “Miren”, les dice, “este es el Cordero de Dios”. La fe de Juan en Jesús es evidente, tan evidente que los discípulos de Juan inmediatamente se van de su lado y siguen a Jesús.

Los dos discípulos a su vez hacen un acto de fe. Ellos siguen a Jesús, pasan tiempo con él, y no demoran en compartir la buena nueva de su descubrimiento: “Hemos encontrado al Mesías”.

Es fácil olvidar que las expectativas de generaciones, las esperanzas de muchos siglos de fieles se estaban cumpliendo en estos sencillos actos de fe. El Cordero de Dios, el Mesías, anunciado por los profetas, finalmente había llegado. Prácticamente todo el mundo en el pueblo judío estaba a la búsqueda del Mesías en esa época; ¿quién de nuestra sociedad busca señales de la presencia del Mesías hoy día?

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Uno de los muchos títulos dados a Jesús en los evangelios es el de Agnus Dei (Cordero de Dios). La imagen de un cordero no era extraña en la Palestina del primer siglo cristiano, pues se encontraban ovejas y pastores por todas partes. El cordero es la oveja de menos de un año. Es reconocido como símbolo de mansedumbre e inocencia en muchas culturas.

Fue Juan Bautista quien le dio ese extraño título a Jesús (Juan 1:36). La imagen del cordero despertaba en los judíos, incluyendo a los que estaban esperando al Mesías, la memoria de los célebres eventos del Éxodo. Cada año las familias judías escogían un corderito y lo sacrificaban en la Pascua. La mitad de la carne del sacrificio se ofrecía a Dios y la otra mitad se comía la familia, de esta manera establecían una comunión con Dios. Designar a Jesús como Agnus Dei, era reconocer que él quitaría el pecado y que con su propia carne establecería una comunión entre Dios y la humanidad.

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Si usted padece de miedo, soledad, resentimiento, ansiedad, celos, temor, depresión, preocupación. Lo invitamos al grupo de neuróticos anónimos que se reúne lunes y viernes de 7 a 9pm en el salón 4 de la escuela de Santa Rosa de Lima.

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Do you struggle with living your faith at work? Is holiness possible? Does being ethical help or hurt the profitability of a business? These are just some of the questions Matthew Kelly answers in this presentation which was made to the Catholic Business and Ethics Conference.

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

The purpose of the Apologetics Section on our StRoseSV.com website is to inform Catholics about their faith so as to be prepared when questions are asked or doubts arise. The word, “Apologetics” does not mean that one should go around apologizing for being Catholic. It comes from the Greek term “apologia,” which we get from the first letter of St. Peter, where he says that we should “always be ready to give a reason for the hope that lies within us” (1 Peter 3:15). We must always be prepared to give answers to those who are seeking the truth. The only way to prepare for this is to understand why we believe what we believe. If we do not have a sufficient knowledge of our faith – how can we sufficiently share our faith with any of our friends or family members? How can we help them to understand the message of the Gospel if we don’t understand it ourselves? All Catholics should be informed on subjects such as the Real Presence, Salvation, Confession, Purgatory, Marian Doctrines and many others so that we can spread the Good News as Jesus commanded us (Matt. 28:19-20). In this section, we also hope to dispel many myths and falsehoods about the Church that have developed over time – to set the record straight. Our non-Catholics brothers and sisters also have a right to know the truth.

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