“To evangelize and share the Gospel, walk with one another on our journey of faith, and draw others into Christ’s one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.”

**Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.)**

**Rite of Sending**

On February 22nd, the First Sunday of Lent, every Parish celebrates the “Rite of Sending”. Across the world, Catholic Bishops welcome to their Cathedrals, Catechumens (unbaptized) and Candidates (already baptized), sent by local parishes, to gather together with their Godparents and Sponsors, in what is known as the “Rite of Election” on February 22nd for Catechumens and the “Rite of Calling to Continuing Conversion” on March 1st for Candidates. The Rite of Sending offers the parish community, through their Godparents and Sponsors, an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress the Catechumens and Candidates have made, and send them forth to our Bishop with assurance of the Parish’s care and support.

In Sacred Scripture, the Book of Revelation makes reference to a “Book of Life” in which are written the names of those who have chosen to follow Christ and be baptized. We, who are already baptized, had our names written in the Book of Life at our Baptism. In the Rite of Sending, those preparing for Baptism are invited to come forward and sign the “Book of The Elect,” as a sign of their desire to be numbered among the chosen of God.

So we, the Parish Community of St. Rose of Lima Church, Send our Catechumens and Candidates to Archbishop Jose Gomez. We are asked to continue to pray for them as they enter into the final period of preparation for their Full Initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Celebration.
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Email: Parish@StRoseSV.com  
Ron Browne • 526-1732  
Parish Business Manager  
Website:  
www.StRoseSV.com

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Saturday: 9:00am—5:00pm  
Sunday: 8:00am—4:00pm

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**24 HR. LIFE CENTER HOTLINE FOR UNPLANNED PREGNANCY**  
Call 1-800-973-7334  
*All our services are FREE and information is kept strictly confidential.*

**SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN**  
Sandy Lemos 526-5513  
Interim Chair person

**SUB-ROSA YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**  
Adam Cross • Coordinator 526-8181

**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 Ilustrisimo  
304-0753

**Knights of Columbus Council #5803**  
Andy Prete, Grand Knight  
910-0347

**Serving Those in Need**  
Earl Todd  
581-0957

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**Mother Cabrini Circle**

**Gift Store**  
Located in the vestibule; open before & after morning Sunday Masses;  
Thursdays 12-3pm (seasonal hours)
Dear friends,

As we begin the great season of Lent, I thought it might be helpful to review a few things about this holy season. Aggie Catholics blog gives a good short summary.

When Does Lent Start in 2015?
Lent starts on Ash Wed, Feb 18 and ends with the start of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, which is the beginning of the Triduum. Easter Sunday is April 5.

What is Lent?
Lent is a time when the Catholic Church collectively enters into preparation for the celebration of Easter. Lent originally developed as a forty-day retreat, preparing converts to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. It is now a part of our Church’s liturgical calendar and a season of conversion for all. Conversion is the process of turning away from sin and turning to God.

Are Sundays a part of Lent?
Sundays are always a day of celebration of Christ’s passion and Resurrection, so we celebrate on these days. While still part of the season of Lent, they have a mixture of both celebration (because it is Sunday) and repentance (because it is Lent).

Does this mean I can “cheat” on Sundays?
Since Sundays are not part of the penitential season, you are not required to practice signs of penitence on these days. But, there is no reason you can’t do them either. If you feel you are “cheating” then it isn’t helping! Since the Church has some conflicting information (different documents state different things) I think you should do what you feel is best regarding the Lenten season and Sundays. In other words, follow your conscience.

Why forty days and not some other number?
Because 40 is a special number in the Bible. It signifies preparation for something special – as in the 40 day flood of Noah.

Moses stayed on the Mount Sinai forty days (Ex 24:18).
Jonah gives the people of Ninevah forty days to repent (Jon 3:4) – (there are many other Old Testament stories)
Jesus, before starting his ministry, spent 40 days in the desert in prayer and fasting (Matt 4:2).

So, as in the Bible, we spend 40 days in preparing ourselves to rejoice at the Resurrection of our Lord at Easter.

What is Ash Wednesday all about?
Ash Wednesday is so named because this first day of Lent is where we are marked with ashes to show the repentance of our sins and mourning. This is also a Biblical sign that we live today. We can see this in several verses.

“I turned to the Lord God, pleading in earnest prayer, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes” (Dan 9:3)
Other verses include: 1 Sam 4:12, Jon 3:6, Esther 4:1 and Matt 11:20-21

Today, ashes are still this same sign of repentance and mourning for our sins. They also represent our mortality.

“I am nothing but dust and ashes” (Gen. 18:27). We started as nothing and our bodies will become dust and ashes after our death. Reminding ourselves that nobody escapes physical death, we look forward to eternal life.

So, why are the ashes made into a cross on the forehead?
Because it is the ancient sign of being marked by Christ in our baptism. We are no longer our own, but Jesus Christ owns us. The book of Revelation tells us that all the elect will be marked by the sign of Christ – “On Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads.” (Rev 14:1)

Where do we get the ashes?
They come from burning the palms from last year’s Palm Sunday Masses.

Who can receive ashes?
Anyone can receive ashes on Ash Wed. While we have communion only for Catholics who are in good standing with the Church, all may receive ashes.

Is Ash Wed a holy day of Obligation?
No. But all Catholics are strongly urged to attend, because it is the start of the Lenten season.

Do we have to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wed?
Yes. This means that all Catholics from 14 and up are required to abstain from meat and Catholics 18-60 are required to eat only one average meal and two snacks without anything else. Children, the elderly and those who are sick are not obligated to do this.

Why fast?
Again, this is because we are called to by Jesus. By denying ourselves something good, we remember what the highest good of all is – GOD. We also practice self-discipline and self-mastery, which we need in order to achieve holiness. Jesus fasted in the desert and calls us to as well.

“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.” (Matt 6: 16)
“and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.” (Luke 2:37)
Fasting also helps focus us in our prayer. *Yet when they were ill, I...humbled myself with fasting.” (Psalm 35:13)

Why abstain from meat?
Because of the spiritual discipline it provides. “In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia...’I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over.” (Dan 10:1-3)
We give up meat, which still today is a luxury in some parts of the world, as a good thing that we offer up in order to remember that Christ is better than food and needed more by all of us than anything else.

Why is fish not considered meat?
Because it was the food of the poor who could not afford meat, yet could catch fish to sustain themselves.

So, what are the other days of fast and abstinence?
Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat, this is because Christ died on a Friday.

So, why do people “give up” things during Lent?
While we are not required to “give something up” we are required to do something penitential. Lent is a great time to break a bad habit and give it to the Lord. These sins and vices we should not take back after Lent. It is also a time to give something up that is good during this season. This is why people give up something they enjoy. In doing so we can draw closer to God by our temporary sacrifice. We should find an appropriate balance of giving something up and not completely cutting ourselves off of good things. We will find our need for God if we do it correctly.

What else then IS required during Lent?
The Church asks us to increase our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is assumed that we are already doing these things and should merely increase them.

Happy a glorious Lent!
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Joseph Shea
Welcome to the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Community!

Our community has been greatly blessed through the years by the many families who call St. Rose home. We are nourished and renewed as we journey on the path to discipleship. If you are a new parishioner or are visiting we welcome you, and thank you for joining us on the path to Christ.

If you would like to make St. Rose of Lima your new parish home we invite you to register.

By registering you will receive church mailings, personalized offertory envelopes and information about seasonal liturgies and events. It also allows Fr. Shea and our parish staff to better serve our growing community.

To register you can visit our website at www.StRoseSV.com or stop by the rectory during office hours to pick up a form. If you have any questions please call the Rectory at 526-1732.

“A time to be born…” Ecc 3:2
Andrew Almanza, Ivan Almanza, Cindy Cazarez, César Gonzalez, Kathy Gonzalez, Ashley Ortiz, Alessandra Recinos, Breanna Soriano and Ian Villegas.

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

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

U.S. Army
Matthew Alatorre
Pvt. James Berru
Patrick Croy
John Gebert
Thomas M. Gonzalez
Josh Houseanger
Brian Kiely
Ryan Loniero
Ronald Murphy
Ryan Osier
Juan Ignacio Rios
Kaplan Sharpe
Nicholas Timpe-Giehm
Pvt. Bryce Willey
Pvt. Carlo Zarcone
National Guard
Sgt. Armando Pena, Jr.
Col. Marilyn Rios

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
National Guard
Sgt. Armando Pena, Jr.

U.S.M.C.
Christian Ares
Raymond Bucci
Ryan Bunnell
Nicolas Estrada
Paul Gebert
Sgt. Colton Haney
Matthew Hunt
Jim La Rosa
Bradly Melson
Lt. Col. Andrew Sholtes
Jordan Sine

“A time to die…” Ecc 3:2
Pray for the souls of all our faithful departed and their families, especially:

Melanie Ruby Garcia
George Sprock

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday:
Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday:
Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday:
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday:
Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday:
Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday:
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
**MINISTRIES & DEVOTIONS**

**Singing Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Tuesday**

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**Saturday after 5pm Mass:**

bilingual Rosary for the healing & unity of families. In the chapel.

**Adorers are needed:**
Tuesday: 3:00am
Wednesdays: 6:00am & 11pm
Friday: 1:00am & 4:00am

**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

**We are very blessed to have**
24 hr. Adoration here at St. Rose of Lima.
If you are not able to sign up as a permanent Adorer please consider signing up to be an occasional substitute.

**Monday, 9:00am—Saturday, 3:00pm**

**MINISTRIES & DEVOTIONS**

**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

March 6

Contact: Jean Jenners (JosephM34@sbcglobal.net), call 526-1732 or visit: www.StRoseSV.com, click on Ministries to find Divorced Separated Widowed.

**FREEDOM IN OUR LIVES**

“**My grace is sufficient for you…”**

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Dr. Bennett Annan

**Presents…**

“**Am I Being Punished?”**

Friday, February 27th at 7:00pm. Room 11

**Do you suffer from:**

- anger    - fear
- anxiety  - hopelessness
- bad habits    - hung up with problems in your life?
- co-dependency    - hurts can’t deal with loneliness
- depression

We at your home parish, St. Rose of Lima, offer you... FREEDOM IN OUR LIVES, 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.
**Seeking God’s Dream for Me - Discernment Tools Day**
Saturday, February 28th from 9:00am to 5:00 pm (De Sales Hall - Bellflower, CA)
*$10 -light breakfast and lunch included (flyer attached)
*A retreat for 18-40 year olds
*Presented by Vocations California Saturday
*Featuring Fr. Christopher Nguyen
*To RSVP and for more info look up on Facebook: Vocations California; Email: vocationscal@gmail.com; or Call: 805-452-9699

**SubRosa @ Steubenville San Diego 18:23**
**Young Adult Conference**
Friday, Saturday, and Sunday — July 24-26, 2015
*WHO: Adults between the ages of 18 to 23-ish years old.
*WHERE: Shirley Theatre at University of San Diego
5998 Alcalá Park San Diego, CA 92110 Map
*Cost: $188 -with a group discount & early bird discount.
**A $40 deposit is due by March 10th!**
*Please make all checks out to ‘St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church' AND put 'SubRosa' in the memo!

**SubRosa Small Groups:**
**SubRosa Time In Adoration**
EVERY TUESDAY
7-8pm (St. Rose of Lima Parish, Simi Valley)
*Join us as we spend silent time praying with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.
+Come any time during the hour.
*Dates for the month of February: 24th

**SubRosa Women's Group**
Tuesday March 3rd, 7-9pm
(Sisters of Notre Dame Center in T.O.)
*We will be meeting on the FIRST TUESDAY of EVERY 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 Nights:**
**Night Hike**
Friday, February 27th from 6pm-9pm (Hike location tbd)
*Join us for a night out with some friends!
*We will meet at St. Rose of Lima to carpool.

**Track Two Retreat Reunion Today Sunday, February 22:** Join us after the 5PM Youth Mass for our Track Two Retreat Reunion! Come hangout with all your YM friends and learn about the different opportunities to get involved at St. Rose!

**Parent Meeting! Wednesday, February 25:** All parents of YM or confirmation teens are invited to join us at our parent meeting where we will go over the different life nights and all of our upcoming events.

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

**Knights of Columbus Council 5803 Scholarship**
The K of C Council 5803 is offering five $500 scholarships. One will be placed at each high school, Alemany and La Reina. Three will be placed at the 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 to further 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. Completed applications are due by March 16.
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.

Continuing Adult Faith Formation
First Monday of the month at 7:00pm in room 9.
Next meeting March 2.
All adults are welcome.
Presenter:
David Brown
M.A., Theology

BIBLE STUDY
Fr. Bill's Tuesday morning, February 24, study group will discuss The Last Discourse: Jesus' Farewell Address-Part 2
Virtus Training will be held in the church on Saturday, February 28. Therefore, Fr. Bill's Saturday Bible class will no meet this week.
Come and join us on the East side of the church. Everyone is welcome! For additional information, contact Annette Lercel at 805-584-3533.

A Biblical Walk Through The Mass
DVD study series of 30-minute sessions held on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the St. Rose School, room number 8.
For more information, contact Neil Fanning, facilitator, at 805-217-4300 or Fanning@pacbell.net.

On March 20 through 22, the parish retreat for men will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center. The retreat, which is preached by the Passionist Retreat Team, begins Friday evening and concludes early Sunday afternoon. The grounds and peaceful atmosphere of Mater Dolorosa make this a perfect spot for a weekend of spiritual renewal, growth and relaxation. The theme this year is “Holy Waiting”: so don’t wait...sign up now by getting a $50 deposit to the Rectory no later than Sunday, March 7.

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. 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; its beliefs, traditions, history and worship, and incorporate you into its life with Christ today. For information, contact Julia Dobrucki at 915-4625.
We look forward to welcoming you.

RELIGIOUS ED & ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Monday, February 23
The Indispensable Men: Peter & Paul - Their Missionary Adventure
Jim Bullock Our Lady of the Assumption, Mulcahy Center
Beyond the Holocaust: A Life of Thankfulness and Love
Sandro Vandor San Buena Ventura Mission, O'Brien Hall
The Arab Spring: Part 1, Rise of the Islamic State
Fr. Dave Heney St. Julie Billiart Hall
St. Paul's Bible
Dr. William Shaules St. Rose of Lima Church

Tuesday, February 24
Who are the Religious Minorities in the Middle East?
Rev. Alexei Smith Holy Cross Church
What Do Major Religions Believe? Living Spiritually in a Material World
Linda Lowe Padre Serra Parish Center
Catholicism: There's an App for That!
Daryl Hitt St. Mary Magdalen, Msgr. Hughes Hall
35 Years of Shroud Science: A Personal Perspective
Barnie Schwortz St. Paschal Hall

Wednesday, February 25
Dying He Destroyed Our Death
Don. Jim Carpenter Holy Cross, Rooms 21 & 22
Excavating Jesus: Part 1, Daily Life at the Time of Jesus
Fr. Dave Heney Padre Serra Parish Center
A Lenten Taizé Prayer
Vincent Dominguez St. Mary Magdalen, Msgr. Hughes Hall
I See You! The Mobility of Government Surveillance
Dr. Mark Fischer St. Peter Claver Youth Center

Thursday, February 26
The Just War Theory & Catholic Teaching on the Death Penalty
Fr. Chris Ponnet Our Lady of Assumption, Mulcahy Center
"Obligation" or "Taste of Heaven"?
Dcn. Don Huntley St. Jude the Apostle Hall
The Arab Spring: Part 2, Impact on Christianity in the Middle East
Fr. Dave Heney St. Julie Billiart Hall
How a Scientist Views Religion, God and Belief
Rabbi Michael Lotker St Max Kolbe Hall
Anger, Forgiveness & The Healing Process
Paul Brogan St. Paschal Hall

Friday, February 27
Food for Thought: The Prophets – Ancient People with Modern Messages
Fr. Bill Nicholas St. Pachal Hall
12:15-1:00 pm
Food for Thought: Praying the Scriptural Rosary
Gail Ireland St. Peter Claver Youth Center 12:15-1:00 pm
RESPECT LIFE

Did you Know?

Child abduction: taking action

A recent study of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® revealed that 83% of children who escaped their would-be abductors kicked, yelled, and pulled away to escape. Teach your child these and other abduction prevention skills, such as: Asking for permission before changing plans; asking for permission before approaching or getting into vehicles with anyone; recognizing the tricks would-be abductors use, such as offering rides or asking for help; telling a trusted adult whenever anything or anyone makes them uncomfortable. When it comes to keeping your child safe, YOU are your child’s best resource. The more you know about abduction prevention, the better protected your child will be. Use your knowledge to make conversations about personal safety a regular part of your family’s routine.

For more information, visit: http://www.kidsmartz.org/ChildAbduction.

The Knights of Columbus
Council #5803

will be holding their annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner on Tuesday, March 17th at St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall. Dinner will be served starting at 5:30 PM till 7:00 PM and it will be buffet style. The menu is Corned Beef and Cabbage, Baby Carrots, and whipped Potatoes. We will also serve Irish Soda Bread and Desert. The price is $10.00 for Adults and $4.00 for children 12 years or younger. For additional information contact Ron Huerth 805 231-3193.

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

Andrew & Ofelia Budinsky
3/10 (25yrs)

"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 March, please call the rectory.

Is God Calling you to be a Sister? Come and See!
Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul
Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat
Single Catholic Women ages 18-40.
April 10-12
Los Altos Hills, CA
CONTACT: Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C.
650-949-8890 or 213-210-9903
SrLisaDC@aol.com
www.DaughtersOfCharity.com

Save the date!

KNIGHT KNEWS

Back by popular demand
The University of Notre Dame Glee Club
is performing at St. Mary Magdalen Church!
Monday, March 9, 2015, 7:00PM
25 Las Posas Road, Camarillo
A glorious return after their sold-out concert in 2006.
Tickets are $20 Adult and $15 Senior (65+) and
Children (under 12)
Advanced purchase of tickets is highly recommended.
Want to buy tickets? Need more information? Interested in volunteering? Contact Eric Petrucci at (805) 390-9179 or ericmpetrucci@gmail.com. And GoooooO Irish!

Join us as we impart our Carmelite Spirituality of facilitating an encounter with God through extended and day retreats, classes, workshops, and conferences to individuals and groups of all ages. We seek to offer programs in keeping with the Magisterium of the Catholic Church by providing facilities for both silent and interactive retreat experiences. Upcoming events:
Petrus Teen Nights Conference in April; Saturday and/or Sunday conferences on various topics of interest (“The Courage To Be A Man”, “Fatima For Today”, “St. Teresa’s 500th Birthday”, and more).

www.SacredHeartRetreatHouse.com (626) 598-4389

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