Easter is a day of celebration because it represents the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. St. Paul wrote that, unless Christ rose from the dead, our faith is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:17). Through his death, Christ saved mankind from bondage to sin, and He destroyed the hold that death has on all of us; but it is His Resurrection that gives us the promise of new life, both in this world and the next.
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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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Dear friends,

The other day I read a beautiful short story that an old black woman told. It is entitled “the Gift.” It reads as follows:

*When I was a little girl, I loved getting gifts. I loved birthday presents, Christmas presents. And I encouraged my parents to celebrate other holidays, including my half-birthday.*

*I particularly liked Easter because it usually involved chocolate. I love chocolate way too much, but I do!*

*One Easter when I was eight, my parents brought out an exquisite looking gift. It was perfectly wrapped with shiny, gold wrapping paper, neatly cut, folded and taped. It was so perfectly wrapped that you couldn't even see the tape, and, on top, sat a red ribbon that was just waiting to be untied.*

*I asked if it was for me. My Daddy said it was and that it was a very special gift. I was so excited to open I could barely stand it.*

*When Easter morning arrived, I was bursting with excitement. I asked if I could finally open it. And my parents said I could.*

*So I quickly took the present in my hands, untied the ribbon, ripped off the top and looked inside the box. I stared in disbelief at what I saw, before letting out a big, old wail…that's right, I cried.*

*Fortunately, my parents knew what I probably hoped it would be and so they also handed me a bag of chocolates and a stuffed Easter bunny. That’s what I really wanted…the important stuff!*

*I mean, what do I know? Who knew that one day I would see that beautifully wrapped present for what it was—the greatest gift I could ever receive. What’s even better is that this is a gift for you, as much as it is for me. Hopefully you won’t cry when you open it because, you see, the greatest gift you and I ever received…it was empty!*

What did that old lovely black woman mean when she said the gift was empty? What was she referring to? In an inspiring way, she was saying that the tomb was empty because Jesus had risen from the dead.

Yes, that is the greatest gift of all. Why? Because the Resurrection tells us that Jesus truly is God and all His promises to us are true and will come true if we just believe.

And what are those promises? They can be summed up in three ways. Because of Jesus’ Resurrection wonderfully, incredibly…

1) *we got a new life.* The resurrection of Christ assures us God has accepted Christ's sacrifice for our sins and that the Risen Lord will forgive all our sins if we just ask Him…

2) *we are getting a new life.* The risen Jesus, who now sits at the Father’s right hand in glory will intercede, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to give us the grace to live a new life and to live as God requires, and…

3) *we will get a new life.* The resurrection of Christ assures us that there is life after death, that, like the risen Lord, we will have a glorified body which will enable us to live forever with a perfect life and happiness with God in heaven.

Like that old black woman, the greatest gift we can receive or have received is that Jesus’ tomb was empty. And His empty tomb declares: because Jesus rose from the dead, we got a new life, we are getting a new life now, and one day we will have a brand new life forever with Christ in heaven.

*Happy Easter to you and your loved ones!*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Fr. Joseph Shea*
What Does Jesus Expect of Me?
Jesus calls you to follow him. 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 register on our website:
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“A time to be born…” Ecc 3:2

“A time to heal…” Ecc 3:3

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

“A time to die…” Ecc 3:2

Pray for the souls of all our faithful departed and their families.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 4
8:30am  Morning Prayer
7:00pm  EASTER VIGIL

SUNDAY, April 5
6:00am
7:00am
9:00am
11:00am
1:00pm
5:00pm
MONDAY, April 6
8:30am  Olivia & William Pohl (D)
5:30pm  Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, April 7
8:30am  Emily Gonzalez (I)
5:30pm  Jacinto Garcia (I)

WEDNESDAY, April 8
8:30am  Richard Talik (D)
5:30pm  Paula Osorio (D)

THURSDAY, April 9
8:30am  Elizabeth Agnes Huff (D)
5:30pm  Ricardo & Carmelita Sasedor (D)

FRIDAY, April 10
8:30am  Rose Apel (D)
5:30pm  Anabel Jenks (I)

SATURDAY, April 11
8:30am  Millennium Club
5:00pm  Danny Sherwood (D)
7:00pm  Rafael & Maria Bernabe (D)

SUNDAY, April 12  Divine Mercy
6:00am  Amanda Simbala (D)
7:00am  John Vieira (D)
9:00am  Steve Wieczorek (D)
11:00am  Donald Nickels (D)
1:00pm  Castro Garcia Family (I)
5:00pm  Beth, Don, Chloé Asidera (I)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:  Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:  Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
Lk 24:13- 35

Thursday:  Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9;
Lk 24:35- 48

Friday:  Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:  Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21;
Mk 16:9-15

1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31
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**

**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
- 6pm-9pm Spanish Prayer Group
- 9pm-10pm Vietnamese Prayer Group

**Saturday after 5pm Mass**
- Bilingual Rosary for the healing & unity of families.

**FREEDOM IN OUR LIVES**

Join us on Friday, April 10 and April 24 when Dr. Bennett Annan will present “Codependency”

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

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.

**Do you suffer from:**
- anger
- anxiety
- bad habits
- co-dependency
- Depression
- fear
- hopelessness
- hung up with problems in your life?
- hurts
- can’t deal with loneliness

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, please contact Julia Dobrucki at 915-4625.

*We look forward to welcoming you!*
**You're invited to...**

*SubRosa @ Disney California Adventures!*

**Saturday April 11th 7am-11pm**

*Join us for a day of fun at California Adventures!*
*We will meet at St. Rose at 7am and Carpool*
*Tickets are $99 online or at the door.*

**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: Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego 5998 Alcalá Park San Diego, CA 92110 Map*
*Cost: $200 -with a group discount & early bird discount.*
*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 April: 7, 14, 21, 28*

SubRosa Apologetics
FRIDAY April 10th 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.
+We will have a Special Guest Speaker talking about the Crusades!

Bowling night
Friday April 17th 7pm (Harley’s Simi Bowl)
* It’s $5.95 per game
* We will see you at Harley’s!

In Christ,
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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

Registration for the 2015/2016 formation year will begin in June.
Parent information sessions will begin in May. Continue to check the bulletin or visit us on Facebook (St Rose of Lima Faith Formation) for more information.

Attention Confirmation Students:
Upcoming service opportunities:
First Communion Workshop
04/11/2015.
Respect Life Breakfast
04/12/15 Call the office for more information 526-5513.

Life Night
Mandatory Life Night for Track 1 and Track 2, 04/19/2015. Attend the 5:00 pm Mass then go to the Parish Hall. Our training year is coming to close, so there will not be a “make-up” date for this Life Night. Attendance will be taken throughout the evening.

Conejo Youth Fest
Track 1 students will be attending Youth Fest on June 20, 2015.
Visit their website www.conejoyouthfest.com for more details.

Continuing Adult Faith Formation
First Monday of the month at 7:00pm in room 9.
April 6:
“Holy Orders”
All adults are welcome.
Presenter:
David Brown, M.A., Theology

Bible Study with Fr. Bill
There will not be a Bible Study on the following dates:
Saturday, April 4 ~ Holy Saturday
Tuesday, April 7.
For more information, please call Annette Lercel at 584-3533.

Coming Soon!
“A Quick Journey Through the Bible”
by Jeff Cavins & Sarah Christmyer
Jeff Cavins takes a chronological walk through the Bible story in a way that reveals God’s plan for His Creation; what went wrong at the beginning; and how God worked through history to reconcile his lost children to Himself while building His kingdom.
Come and see how the major people, places, events, and themes of the Bible fit together within the central story woven throughout Scripture.
Thursday, April 9 at 7pm in Room 8 (St. Rose School)
For more information, contact Neil Fanning, facilitator, at 805-217-4300 or Fanning@pacbell.net.

FAITH FORUM
BACK TO BASICS WEEKLY DISCUSSION TOPICS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES
For returning, perplexed or occasional Catholics
Both morning and evening groups are 90 minutes each, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, February through May 13.
Please contact Madeleine Sorensen for further information.
This is a complimentary, in-home presentation, with refreshments served.
522-6107 or madeleine.k.sorensen@gmail.com

The Divine Mercy Novena at St. Rose of Lima Parish
Easter Sunday ~ April 5, at 10:00am.
Monday through Friday ~ April 6 to 10, following the 8:30am and 5:30pm daily Mass in Church. Saturday ~ April 11, following the 8:30am Mass.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12
The Image of the Divine Mercy will be venerated at all Sunday Masses. A Solemn Mass of the Divine Mercy will be celebrated at 9:00am with Procession, Blessing and Veneration of the Image and conclude with The Litany of the Divine Mercy following Communion.

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"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 wedding anniversary acknowledged in the bulletin in the month of April, please call the rectory.

CIVILLY MARRIED?
Would you like to have your Marriage Blessed?

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OPUS DEI

All women are invited to an evening of recollection sponsored by Opus Dei on Monday, April 6, at 7 pm at St. Paschal Baylon Church, 155 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA. We will have two meditations and a talk. There will be time for prayer and confession, ending with Benediction at 9 pm. For more information call Marisa Schoeffer 818-517-0951.

¿SABÍA USTÉ?

Abril es el Mes Nacional para la Prevención del Abuso de Menores

Abril es el Mes Nacional para la Prevención del Abuso de Menores. Es adecuado que el mes de Prevención para el Abuso de Menores sea durante el tiempo de Pascua. No hay una mejor temporada que la Pascua para celebrar la protección de nuestro más valioso regalo de Dios, nuestros niños. Para obtener más información sobre cómo informarse y tomar acción en la protección de todos nuestros niños, solicitar información sobre el folleto del 2015, “Trabajando Juntos para Prevenir el Abuso Sexual de Menores”, por favor visite nuestra página Web: http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard

KNIGHT KNEWS

Pro-Life Champagne Brunch Spectacular!
The Knights of Columbus Council 5803 is sponsoring Pro-Life Champagne Brunch on Sunday (4/12) after the 7:00 & 9:00 a.m. masses. The cost is $8.00 for people over 12, $5.00 for kids 6-12 years of age and a $30.00 Family max (for immediate family). Children under 5 are free.

Back by popular demand, we will be having a spectacular Champagne Breakfast with mimosas and a gourmet coffee station. You won’t be able to find a better deal ANYWHERE in town – and you’ll be helping to support the most important cause of our times. Bring your family, your friends, your appetite – and most importantly – your donations for this awesome and delectable buffet. See you all there!

Knights of Columbus International Dinner for our Seminarians.
Come join us for our 21st Annual Knights of Columbus, Council #5803 International Seminarian Dinner, to be held at St. Rose of Lima parish Hall on Sunday, April 19th, 2015. The time will be from 2:00 to 4:00pm. All proceeds from this dinner will help support Seminarians.

We invite all parishioners to attend our Seminarian and Vocations dinner or participate by cooking 40 samples of your favorite ethnic dish and bring your meals and desserts to St. Rose of Lima parish hall between 1:15 PM & 2:00 PM. For those attending the event, dishes will be only $2.00 per serving or six serving for $10.00! We will also have a no host bar. For further information or to volunteer to bring a dish, please call Cliff & Paula Wirtz at 805-208-8970.

The Knights of Columbus continue to remind us that the work of the Church and vocations must be the work of all Catholics, to support and encourage vocations for our parishes and religious orders, vocations that will continue to evangelize in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer for Vocations
O Father, you desire all of us to be happy. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many men and women. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves, their lives, their time and their talents to the service of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord and Savior, and to His Holy Church. May more men and women go forth as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters to bring the truths of our Catholic faith to all others so that soon they, too, may know You better and love You more... and serving You, be truly happy. Amen.

Did You Know?

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month
April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God – our children. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, and to learn more about the 2015 pamphlet, “Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse,” please go to:
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Estimados Amigos,

El otro día leí una historia corta y hermosa que una mujer anciana negra contó. Titulada “El Regalo”

*Cuento de una anciana*

Cuando era pequeña, me gustaba mucho recibir regalos. Me encantaba recibir regalos de cumpleaños, regalos de Navidad. Y animé a mis padres que celebraran otros días de fiesta, incluyendo mi mitad-cumpleaños.

Me gustaba particularmente la Fiesta de Pascua porque por lo general incluía chocolates. ¡A mí me encanta los chocolates! Una Pascua cuando yo tenía ocho años de edad, mis padres me trajeron un exquisito regalo. Estaba envuelto perfectamente con papel brillante, dorado, cuidadosamente envuelto. Fue envuelto tan perfectamente que usted no podría ver la cinta adhesiva, tenía un moño de listón rojo esperando que ser desatado.

Pregunté si era para mí. Mi papá dijo que sí y que era un regalo muy especial. Estaba ansiosa de abrirlo que apenas me podía contener.

Cuando llegó la mañana de Pascua, estaba yo que estallaba de entusiasmo. Pregunté si podría finalmente abrirlo. Y mis padres dijeron que sí.

Tomé tan rápidamente el presente en mis manos, desaté la cinta, y mire dentro de la caja. Miré fijamente en incredulidad lo que vi, antes de echar fuera una gran lamentación...sí, yo lloré.

¿Qué sabía yo? Quién sabía que un día vería ese presente maravilloso envuelto por lo que realmente era--el regalo más grande que podría recibir. Y lo mejor es que este es un regalo para usted, tanto como para mí. ¡Espero que usted no llene cuando lo abra porque, usted ve, el regalo más grande que usted y yo hemos recibido...estaba vacío!

¿Qué quiso decir esta anciana tan encantadora cuando dijo que el regalo estaba vacío? ¿A qué se refería? De una manera inspirante, ella decía que la tumba estaba vacía porque Jesús había resucitado de entre los muertos.

Sí, ése es el regalo más grande para todos. ¿Por qué? Porque la Resurrección nos dice que Jesús es Dios verdadero y todas Sus promesas son verdades y serán verdad si nosotros creemos.

¿Y cuáles son esas promesas? Pueden ser resumidos de tres maneras. Debido a la Resurrección de Jesús maravillosamente, increíblemente...

1) **conseguimos una nueva vida.** La resurrección de Cristo nos asegura que Dios ha aceptado el sacrificio de Cristo por nuestros pecados y que el Señor Resucitado perdonará todos nuestros pecados si apenas le preguntamos...

2) **estamos consiguiendo una nueva vida.** Jesús resucitado, que ahora se sienta a la derecha del Padre en gloria intercederá, por medio del Espíritu Santo, para darnos la gracia para vivir una nueva vida y para vivir como Dios lo requiere, y...

3) **conseguiremos una nueva vida.** La resurrección de Cristo nos asegura que hay vida después de la muerte, que, como el Señor resucitado, nosotros tendremos un cuerpo glorificado cuál nos permitirá vivir por siempre una vida y una felicidad perfecta con Dios en cielo.

Como esa anciana, el regalo más grande que podemos recibir o hemos recibido es que la tumba de Jesús estaba vacía. Y su tumba vacía declara: porque Jesús resucito de entre los muertos, hemos conseguido una vida nueva, estamos consiguiendo una vida nueva, y un día que tendremos una vida nueva por siempre con Cristo en cielo.

¡Feliz Pascua a usted y su seres queridos!

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Padre Shea
St. Rose of Lima School’s 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend  
April 25-26, 2015

Saturday, April 25
Anniversary Gala
5:00 – 10:00 pm
Ronald Reagan Library’s Learning Center
*Enjoy a tour of the Library’s Current Exhibit,*  
*Dinner, Auctions, & Entertainment!*
$75.00 per person, Cocktail Attire

Sunday, April 26
Anniversary Mass & Picnic
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
St. Rose Church & School
*Mass Picnic, Concert & Open House*
Reservations required. Donations accepted.
Bring your chairs and blankets for outdoor seating
11:00am Mass, 12:00pm lunch, 1:00pm concert/program

Contact: Teresa Runyon alumni@srls.org, 805.732.5603

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