"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."

July 3, 2016
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

On behalf of St. Rose of Lima priests and staff we hope you have a happy and safe Fourth of July weekend.
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**MONDAY, FOURTH OF JULY**
**MASS SCHEDULE**

9:00AM MASS

NO CONFESSIONS

NO EVENING MASS

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PEACE

The greeting of peace at Mass adds substance to a message of today’s readings: peace is relational. When we greet in peace the person near us at Mass, we share the touch of a handshake or embrace, sincere eye contact, and friendly words.

The scriptures speak of a similar peace. The first reading from Isaiah describes the peace of the holy city, Jerusalem, a place of prosperity and comfort where the “LORD’s power shall be known to his servants” (Isaiah 66:14c).

The Christian understanding of peace changes slightly. Paul writes of the “peace and mercy” on all who are created anew. Jesus describes a feeling of peace that will rest on those who accept his disciples and their message.

Peace is both an absence of strife and a personal blessing. May we always and sincerely bring peace to our own lives as we share it with others.

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July 3, 2016
May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
—Galatians 6:14

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Some say tomato—and some say tomahto—you know the old song. What do you say when you arrive at church and see a font prepared, a baby in the wings, the paschal candle burning? Well, maybe you will say that “we’re having a baptism today,” or maybe you say “we are having a christening.” The proper term is baptism, since that is the name of the sacrament. But the persistent use of “christening” in our culture, probably from due to the influence of the Episcopal Church, is interesting.

Baptism, an ancient word, is from the Greek meaning to dip or to dunk. Christening is an Old English word that describes perfectly well that more than getting splashed with water, the person being baptized is being “Christ-ed.” No matter what you call it, there’s always water involved, and then an anointing with chrism—fragrant olive oil consecrated as a sign of Christ’s presence—poured upon the brow as we say, “As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.”

So, in being Christ-ed, you are conformed to his image, your life is expected to be a retelling of his life in miniature and you—even though you may be squirming or sleeping—are commissioned to be a priest, a prophet, a king. This means that you are called to be one who worships, you are called to speak the truth, you are called to shape the world and exercise right judgment. That is the deepest treasure of our tradition, and every time you gather to celebrate a baptism, you renew your vows precisely so that you can be more “Christ-ed.” No matter what vocabulary you assign to the liturgy, the key is transformation of the human person in the community of the Body of Christ.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
All are welcome.
We welcome all new parishioners and are thankful God has sent you to us.
No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church,
No matter what your current family or marital situation,
No matter what your past or present religious affiliation,
No matter your personal history, age, background, race, etc.,
No matter what your self-image or esteem.
You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Community.

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

U.S. Army
Pvt. James Berru
Patrick Croy
John Gebert
Thomas M. Gonzalez
Brian Kiely
Ryan Loniero
Macrorie Miller
Ronald Murphy
Ryan Osier
Omar Ramirez
Juan Ignacio Rios
Kaplan Sharpe
Nicholas TimpeGiehm
Pvt. Bryce Willey
Pv2. Gino Zarcone

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

U.S. Navy
Matthew Anaya
Gregg Bell
Krysten Bohen
Joseph Costanzo
Nicolas Costanzo
Jose T. Fernandez
Alex Knott
Nicholas C. Moreno
Rafael Rodriguez
Sgt. Christine Campo
Vincent Russo
Major Andrew Hull
Capt. Melissa Hull

U.S.M.C.
Christian Ares
Michael Duran
Nicolas Estrada
Paul Gebert
David Geller
Sgt. Colton Haney
Cole Hunt
Matthew Hunt
Jim La Rosa
Bradly Melson
Ricky Noone
Brian Olex

U.S. Air Force
Tanner Aurand
Sgt. Col. Andrew Sholtz

USCG
Kenneth Jacobskard

Names on this list will be deleted after 3 months, unless the rectory staff is notified.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 2
8:30am Millennium Club
5:00pm Elizabeth Vasquez (D)
7:00pm Luz Elena Barreno (D)

SUNDAY, JULY 3
6:00am Maxine Gardner (I)
7:00am Sue Thomas (D)
9:00am Laura Altieri (D)
11:00am Josephine Vieira (D)
1:00pm Ana Maria Recinos (D)
5:00pm David Spaulding (D)

MONDAY, July 4
9:00am Rafael & Carmen Torres (I)

TUESDAY, July 5
8:30am Robert Goerisch (D)
5:30pm Charles Wilbur Wiese (D)

WEDNESDAY, July 6
8:30am Esperanza Garcia (D)
5:30pm Nick Wirtz (I)

THURSDAY, July 7
8:30am Claire Favis (D)
5:30pm Sam Ortega (D)

FRIDAY, July 8
8:30am Maria Pham (D)
5:30pm Maria Radon (D)

SATURDAY, July 9
8:30am Millennium Club
5:00pm Gary Joseph Hall (I)
7:00pm Ramon Ponce (D)

SUNDAY, July 10
6:00am Irene & Raymond Pohl (D)
7:00am Phillip Tieman (I)
9:00am Frances Lemos (I)
11:00am Angelo Julio Gayo (D)
1:00pm Francisca Garcia (D)
5:00pm Joyce Fisher (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9;
Mt 9:18-26; or, for Independence Day,
young readings from the Mass “For Public
Needs,” nos. 882-889, or “For Peace and
Justice,” nos. 887-891

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16;
Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17;
Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34,
36-37; or Ps 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk
10:25-37
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Rigorous, full-spectrum core curriculum includes regular enrichment courses in all grades, including PE, Music, Art, Spanish, Hands-on Science Labs, and more! Our graduates are high achievers in high school and beyond!

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

Technology is fully integrated at all grade levels. All rooms are equipped with state-of-the-art technology systems; Grades 4-8 have 1:1 iPads; Kindergarten-3rd Grade have iPad stations in classrooms for student use.

FAITH & CHARACTER BUILDING

We teach Catholic beliefs and strong moral values to help instill faith for a purposeful life; we encourage students to actively and joyfully bring faith to life and life to faith. We emphasize service & becoming valuable citizens.

STRONG COMMUNITY

Our close-knit, faith-based family community allows children to learn and thrive in a safe & loving environment.

RECYCLE! RECYCLE! RECYCLE! AN EASY WAY TO HELP OUR SCHOOL

Please bring any bottle or can that has the CRV (California Redemption Value) symbol on it. It is not just good for the planet but also for our school. St. Rose School has raised over $2000 dollars a year solely on the recyclables that you generously donate so please continue to bring in any containers with the CRV seal on them.

NOW ENROLLING: APPLY ONLINE AT WWW.SRLS.ORG

For all Young adults 18+
“Encouraging young adults to encounter Christ & foster discipleship.”

Stay Tuned:
www.thirdministries.org coming soon!

Want More?
Facebook: Third Ministries
Twitter: IAMThird_YA
Instagram: iamthird_ya
Flocknote: Third Ministries
Contact: Hannah Lemos (805) 501-1098

"All teens are invited to a Youth Ministry BBQ and game of capture the flag Today, July 3rd after the 5PM Youth Mass."

Summer Schedule:
June 22nd – July 15th 3:00-8:30pm
Wednesdays – Water Wars
Thursdays – Sports & Scripture
Fridays – Mass & a Movie

Vacation Bible School – Volunteer Needed
August 1st-5th 7:30am-1:00pm
Join us and be a leader at this year’s VBS: Cave Quest!
Volunteer and registration forms available in the YM Office.
Phone: (805) 526-8181 Email: ym@strosesv.com
**Ministries & Devotions**

**Perpetual Adoration at St. Rose of Lima**
Come and enjoy a peaceful hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
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

**Adorers are needed:**
Wednesday 12midnight
Friday 1:00am

**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

**TEAM ADORATION**
Would you like to join in a team adoration on Wednesday at midnight once a month? Please e-mail Tom Lafferty at tlafferty6@yahoo.com

**Singing Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel/Church**

**Monday**
NEW 7:00-9:00pm St. Rose of Lima Community Prayer

**Tuesday**
3:00-3:30pm Divine Mercy
7:00-8:00pm SubRosa
8:00-10:00pm Spanish Rosary

**Wednesday**
6:00pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
7:00pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour and Benediction with Deacon Ed

**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

*“My grace is sufficient for you”*

We meet 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.

Join us for Part 1 on July 8th and part 2 on July 23rd for a presentation by Dr. Bennett Annan.

*“How to live within a budget”*

We meet the 2nd & 4th Friday each month, in room 11 of St. Rose School at 7:30pm

## DIVORCED SEPARATED WIDOWED

We are a Christ-centered, self-help program. We meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month in Room 11 of the school from 7:00-9:00pm. Our speaker is Dr. Bennett Annan. Friday, July 15th — ‘How to Accept The Unacceptable Of The Death Of My Spouse, My Divorce, Or My Separation, Part 3, by Dr. Bennett Annan

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

Office of Family Life presents...

*“47 Tips and Techniques for Healing after Loss” Workshop*

Saturday, July 30, 2016 — Registration 8:45am to 9:15am—Tour, Mass & Workshop: 9:30am to 4:00pm.
Cost: $25—RSVP by July 25, 2016 (includes Lunch & Materials) Parking $8 (not included in registration).
Conference Room #6 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels 555 West Temple St. Los Angeles, CA 90012
Presenters: Monsignor Jim Gehl and Lorrain Watkins. Contact: Julie Auzenne (213) 637-7249
E-mail: jmonell@la-archdiocese.org
**ALL FAITH FORMATION**

Registration for the 2016-2017 catechetical year is now open for 2nd year First Communion preparation and continuing Faith Formation only.

Registration for 1st year preparation for both Confirmation and First Communion will begin at the Parent Information sessions to be held in August.

**CONFIRMATION**

**T1 Candidates desiring to progress to T2**

6/16 through 8/16 - Call the Office to make an appointment for your Conversation of Faith. Dates and times are limited.

**Please prayerfully consider becoming a Catechist, it is a rewarding ministry that enables you to intentionally live out your Discipleship. If you, or someone you know, has a gift or talent for sharing the faith please visit the Office of Faith Formation for more information.**

Dynamic Catholic is offering a free summer program called “Summer of Mercy”

How do I sign up? Register at dynamiccatholic.com

When does it start? Look for your first email which was sent on Sunday, June 19.

How long is the program? You’ll receive 3 emails per week for 7 weeks, ending Thursday August 4.

What can I expect?

Every Tuesday and Thursday you will receive an email with a 1-2 minute video from Matthew Kelly and other leading Catholic voices of our time. Every Sunday you will receive a short email that recaps the week, making it easy to view and read any videos and reflections that you missed.

How can I get the most out of my experience?

The book *Beautiful Mercy* is the perfect companion for Pope Francis’ Year of Mercy and the *Summer of Mercy* program and is available through Dynamic Catholic. All program videos feature *Beautiful Mercy* authors, and all reflections contain a *Beautiful Mercy* excerpt.

**Are you interested in the Catholic Faith?**

Have you been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, and wish to look deeper into the Catholic faith? Were you baptized Catholic as an infant but have not gone to church since childhood and are interested in learning more about the faith? We have begun a new “inquiry session” to help you with your questions and to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to come and learn what the Church teaches, and be introduced to some of our parish members. These sessions also are opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. The inquiry sessions are on **Wednesday evenings.**

Feel free to come and join us. If you have questions or seeking further information, please call Julia at 805-915-4625 or email at julia@strosesv.com. We also have a website: www.strosesv.com

**EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

**THE CATHOLIC FAITH AS YOU’VE NEVER EXPERIENCED IT BEFORE**

Witness the most significant story ever told. For the first time, in breathtaking, high-definition cinematography, the beauty and truth of the Catholic Faith is illustrated in a rich, multimedia experience. Journey with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian **Bishop Robert Barron** to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth’s people. From the sacred lands of Israel to the beating heart of Uganda, from the glorious shrines of Italy, France, and Spain, to the streets of Mexico, Kolkata, and New York City, the mystery of CATHOLICISM is revealed.

We meet every Thursday at 7:00pm in Room 8. For more information: **Dr. Neil Fanning**

(805) 217-4300.

**OPUS DEI**

All women are invited to an Evening of Recollection sponsored by Opus Dei. It will take place at St Paschal Baylon Church in Thousand Oaks on **Monday, July 11, at 7:00pm.**

There will be two meditations, a talk and time for prayer and Confession. It will end at 9 pm with Benediction. If you have any questions call Marisa Schoeffer 818-517-0951.
Parents should avoid lecturing and start talking

Lecturing teenagers may feel like the right path to take, especially if they are starting to develop bad habits or make poor choices, but lecturing is usually the least effective way to get your message across. Children tend to see lectures as condescending and abstract, and this detracts from the wisdom and advice you are trying to provide. Instead of lecturing, try to engage your child in calm, open conversation that addresses the issue while allowing you both to talk about what’s going on. For more tips and a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Communication Tip No. 11: Why Lecturing Doesn’t Work,” email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call (213) 637-7227.

DID YOU KNOW?

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Rafael & Carmen Torres
July 4 (7 years)

Nathan & Evelin Howard
July 10 (15 yrs)

Ty & Terry McDermott
July 14 (37 yrs)

Tom & Debra Punch
July 15 (16 yrs)

Gerald & Jean DeMill
July 23 (33 yrs)

To have your wedding anniversary acknowledged in the bulletin please call the rectory at 526-1732.

MISSIONS OF MERCY!

St. Peter Claver Community invites you to share your time and talents with local organizations such as the Troops, Many Mansions the Samaritan Center, Habitat for Humanity and many others. Registration for July Missions of Mercy can be done online at spcfaithformation.org There will be a mandatory orientation on Wednesday, July 13th or Sunday, July 17th.

If interested please call Lois at 805 526-0680.

SABIA USTED?

Los padres de familia deben evitar sermonear y comenzar a platicar

Sermonear a los adolescentes puede sentirse como el mejor camino a seguir, especialmente si ellos comienzan a desarrollar malos hábitos o a hacer malas decisiones, pero sermonear es usualmente la forma menos efectiva para transmitir su mensaje. Los niños tienden a ver los sermones como altivos y abstractos, y esto le quita valor a la sabiduría y consejo que usted está tratando de dar. En lugar de sermonear, trate de involucrarse con su hijo/hija en una conversación calmada y abierta, en la que trate el asunto de una forma que les permita a ambos hablar sobre lo que está pasando. Para más consejos y una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® “Communication Tip No. 11: Why Lecturing Doesn’t Work” (Consejo de Comunicación No. 11: ¿Por qué sermonear no funciona?) escriba un correo electrónico a bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org o llame al (213) 637-7508.
LA PAZ

El saludo de la paz en la Misa fundamenta un mensaje de las lecturas de hoy: la paz es relacional. Cuando le damos la paz a la persona que está cerca de nosotros en la Misa, compartimos el roce de un apretón de manos o un abrazo, el contacto visual sincero y palabras amistosas.

Las Escrituras hablan de una paz similar. La primera lectura de Isaías describe la paz como la ciudad sagrada, Jerusalén, un lugar de prosperidad y de consuelo donde “Los siervos del Señor conocerán su poder”.

El entendimiento cristiano de la paz cambia ligeramente. San Pablo escribe sobre “la paz y la misericordia” para todos los que son nuevas criaturas. Jesús describe un sentimiento de paz que se posará sobre los que aceptan a sus discípulos y a su mensaje.

La paz es tanto la ausencia de conflictos como una bendición personal. Que siempre y sinceramente traigamos paz a nuestras propias vidas mientras la compartimos con los demás.

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En muchos santuarios de Latinoamérica y Europa se pueden encontrar diversas ofrendas que han dejado los fieles a través de los siglos. Entre estas ofrendas es de particular relieve el exvoto. Exvoto (una frase en latín que se traduce “del voto”) es el regalo que se le presenta al santo o a la santa en reconocimiento del favor recibido. Esto también se llama “manda”.

Los exvotos o mandas toman varias formas desde pequeñas medallas en forma de la parte del cuerpo que fue sanado hasta pinturas del milagro concedido. El exvoto más antiguo en América es de una pintura mandada a hacer por Hernán Cortés en honor de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de Extremadura (España). Esta imagen reconocía el hecho de ser salvado del pique de un alacrán mientras estaba en México. Lamentablemente esta pintura se extravió en el siglo XIX.

En realidad el santo o la santa no necesita el exvoto pero los creyentes sí. Estas mandas nos recuerdan el poder de la intercesión divina en la vida humana. También nos invitan al agradecimiento de los favores que Dios nos hace.

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