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The Buffet features champagne and 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!

HEALING MASS
Monday, October 22, 2018
Time: 7:00 PM
ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH
Celebrant: Fr. Budi Wardhana
Deacon: Pete Wilson
Parish Information

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HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Vigil: 5:30pm & 7:00pm
Holy Day: 6:00am; 8:30am; 12:00pm;
5:30pm; 7:00pm (Spanish)

LITURGY SCHEDULE
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)

PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018
Mass Time Celebrant Priest
5:00 PM Fr. Joseph Shea
7:00 PM Fr. Gregorio Hidalgo

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2018
Mass Time Celebrant Priest
6:00 AM Fr. Joseph Shea
7:00 AM Fr. Gregorio Hidalgo
9:00 AM Fr. Joseph Shea
11:00 AM Fr. John Moloney
1:00 PM Fr. Gregorio Hidalgo
5:00 PM Fr. Joseph Shea

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
Arrangements must be made prior to Baptism.
Español: 3rd Domingo del mes
Es necesario hacer arreglos con anticipación.

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

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FOR ADULTS (RCIA)
If interested in becoming Catholic or if you are a baptized adult in need of Confirmation and First Communion please call: 526-5513

SERVING THOSE IN NEED
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SEWING THE SEED
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MOTHER CABRINI CIRCLE GIFT SHOP
Located in the vestibule; open before & after morning Sunday Masses & Thursdays 12—3pm
Dear friends,

Once again, I can’t thank all of you enough for your incredible support of the Simi Valley Dream Cuisine. It was a tremendous success. The proceeds will go a long way to care for the poor and needy of Simi Valley.

First, I want to thank Cliff Wirtz and his extraordinary festival committee for planning and presenting this fabulous festival. You cannot believe the amount of hours they put in to make this event happen.

Second, I want to express my deep gratitude to all the volunteers from the parish and the parents of the school who helped to set up, decorate, serve at the festival, and clean up the festival grounds after the event.

Third, I want to express my gratitude to our school parents and the St. Rose of Lima School Staff for arranging and presenting our silent auction. It was the best ever!

Finally, I want to thank the generosity of all our vendors—the restaurants, the wineries, the breweries, and dessert companies—who joined us at this year’s festival. In gratitude for their generous donations, I ask you the parishioners to please support their businesses during the rest of the year.

May God bless all of you for your goodness!

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Joseph Shea

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Today—World Mission Sunday: Propagation of the Faith

This year we are invited to act in solidarity with the missionaries. Every day, faithful missionaries are reaching out in the name of Christ, offering practical, emotional and spiritual care to communities, children and families in desperate need, bringing the light of Christ to the darkest of circumstances. During this year’s 90th anniversary, World Mission Sunday celebration relates its theme to the Year of Mercy, “Mercy Changes the World.” Pope Francis notes, “The mercy of God is His loving concern for each one of us…. As the Father loves, so do His children. Just as He is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other.” Your prayers and financial support is greatly appreciated.
**Mass Intentions**

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20
- 8:30am Millennium Club
- 5:00pm Josef Schrall
- 7:00pm Cruz Maria Recinos

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21
- 6:00am Lourdes & Tirso Jarellana
- 7:00am Kathy Badgett
- 9:00am Psalm Isidora
- 11:00am Linda Lucy Allard
- 1:00pm Jorge Rodriguez
- 5:00pm Dolores Martino

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 22
- 8:30am Dolores Martino
- 5:30pm Isabella Valentina

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23
- 8:30am Ethel Stashuk
- 5:30pm Werner (Vern) Schmidt

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24
- 8:30am Consuelo Carvajal
- 5:30pm Albrecht Muller

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25
- 8:30am Francisco Pineda
- 5:30pm Fr. Gregorio

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26
- 8:30am Daisy Adams
- 5:30pm Uriel & Inacia Sanchez

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27
- 8:30am Millennium Club
- 5:00pm Theresa & Terry Wong

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28
- 6:00am Richard (Dick) Foster
- 7:00am Dorothy Errett
- 9:00am Martin Padgett
- 11:00am Anna Oboza
- 1:00pm Mary & Heinz Spiekermann
- 5:00pm Ging Quintos

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday:** Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday:** Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

**Friday:** Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

**Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52
Come To Me, Visit Me Before the Blessed Sacrament
Why come to Eucharistic Adoration
Those who visit the Most Blessed Sacrament for at least one half hour and go to Confession, Communion and pray the Creed, the Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory Be for the intentions of the Pope will receive a Plenary (complete) Indulgence.
To become a scheduled Adorer please contact Tom Lafferty 805 404-9420.

Men’s Group
2nd Friday of the Month
7:00 - 9:00pm at a local home (email us for the location)
All men are invited to a monthly men’s group with food, Bible study, and fellowship!

Want More Information? Like us on Facebook at St. Rose Young Adults or email ya@strosesv.com!

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Life Nights:
Sundays: 6:30-8:30pm in the Church Hall/School Hall
STRL YM meets Sundays in the hall for dinner, a talk, activities & discussion. Each night is something new!

Halloween Party – Today—October 21st

Adult Core Team
Are you looking to mentor and walk with teens in the Catholic faith? STRL YM has a great adult team that helps lead discussions, plan events, and chaperone. Contact the YM Office for an application and more information.

Disciple Groups forming!
Men’s or women’s faith sharing groups for high school students. Disciple groups meet once a month and are hosted by our adult facilitators. Disciple groups help your teen take the next step in the faith and can be hosted by parents! Contact us to sign up your teen today or register at: strlyouthministry.weebly.com
Phone: (805) 526-8181 Email: ym@strosesv.com

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Adam Cross M.A. is an Associate Marriage & Family Therapist #89628 and works for Stillpoint Family Resources seeing teens, adults, couples, and families.
Adam is supervised by Esther Bleuel, MA, MFT, MDR (#31181)
**R.C.I.A.**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

**Becoming Catholic**

We invite all adults interested in becoming Catholic, and 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 many of you come to Mass with your families and are hesitant to take that first step. Our St. Rose of Lima R.C.I.A. Team provides a welcoming environment where the Teachings of the Church are presented and your 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.

Inquiry sessions are beginning. There is no obligation in the early phase of the Process. Join us! For more information, please call the Faith Formation office at 526-5513.

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**Adult Confirmation**

- Are you an adult who has been baptized, but has not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation and/or Eucharist?
- Are you engaged and would like to be married in the Church with a Mass?
- Have you been asked to be a Godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation but need to be Confirmed first?

Please call the office of Faith Formation at 805-526-5513. Come and join us on this very special journey of faith.

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**How to Get the Most Out of Mass**

Dr. Scott Hahn takes us through the awesome grandeur of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, from the entrance song to the dismissal. With great clarity, he takes us through a basic outline of the structure of the Mass, explaining how the Sacred Liturgy transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary and the earthly into the heavenly. A must-have for every Catholic and non-Catholic who wants to know what the Mass is all about.

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**Parishioner Comments**

Your whys and wherefores will be answered!

*Carrie - Columbus, OH.*

Dr. Hahn helped me see the beauty that has been right in front of my eyes all these years!
**DEVOTIONS**

**24 Hr. Perpetual Adoration at St. Rose of Lima**

*Come and enjoy a peaceful moment with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.*

**ADORERS NEEDED**

**Thursday:** 1:00am, 
**Friday:** 10:00pm 
**Saturday:** 10:00am, 12:00pm & 2:00pm

**Team Leaders**
- 12am-5am Theresa Wong — 428-0942
- 6am-11am Cathy Sullivan — 526-7628
- 12pm-5pm Anita Koller — 526-9910
- 6pm-11p Kathy & Frank Cross - 501-8431

If you are not able to sign up as a permanent Adorer, please consider signing up to be an occasional substitute Monday 9am through Saturday 5pm.

*Please call the Team Leader pertaining to the time you wish to sign up for.*

Perpetual Adoration is an angelic service, an act of profound faith and fervent love toward the Most Holy Eucharist. It draws priceless blessings on mankind for time and eternity. It is a special satisfaction to the Divine Heart of Jesus, a great comfort to the Church Suffering in Purgatory, a source of strength to the Church Militant on earth, and a cause of joy to the Church Triumphant in Heaven. Those, indeed, perform a most God-pleasing work who by their charitable contributions make it possible for Perpetual Adoration to flourish.

**Every 2nd & 4th Monday**
- **7:00-9:00pm** St. Rose of Lima Charismatic Prayer Group
  - Praise, Worship, Teaching, Intercessory Prayer, Petition.
  - *All are Welcome!*

**Every Monday**
- **4:45-5:30pm** “Rosaries for Life” Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet for saving babies from abortion.

**Tuesday**
- **8:00-10:00pm** Spanish Rosary.

**Wednesday**
- **6:00pm** Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena.
- **7:00pm** Divine Mercy Holy Hour.

**Friday**
- **3:00-4:00pm** 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.
- **6:00-9:00pm** Spanish Prayer Group in the church.
- **9:00pm-10:00pm** Vietnamese Prayer Group.

**Every Saturday**
- **after 5:00pm** Bilingual Rosary for the healing & unity of families.

**Legion of Mary Apostolate**

The function of the Legion of Mary is to develop the holiness of each individual member & the sense of a lay vocation. We participate in any & every form of social service within the parish community. Interested? For further info please contact Cathy Sullivan 526-7628.

**Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers to the Home Bound**

We are seeking parishioners who would like to be involved in taking Holy Communion to the home bound. If you feel called to participate in this beautiful ministry, please call Todd and Lesley Sanders at 805 558-5192. Bilingual Spanish speakers especially needed.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**CARE AND PREPARE: End-of-Life Issues**

On Nov 7, starting at 7 PM in the Church, the Office of Life, Justice and Peace from the Archdiocese will be sponsoring a 2-hr discussion to include

- Accessing quality care
- Protecting loved ones
- Church teaching on end of life and
- Caring pastorally at end of life

It is important to be aware of issues and the various important decisions we may have to make for ourselves, or close loved ones, as we approach the end of life here on earth.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

For all confirmed travelers to Italy, there will be a meeting with our representative from Collette Tours on October 24 at 6:30 on the rectory patio. We will learn the final details of our upcoming trip, hear some travel tips and suggestions and meet all of our fellow pilgrims. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

For more information please contact Annette Lercel Cecil at amlercel@gmail.com or (213) 703 7831.

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 Nov 2-4 in Ventura. For more information contact Ed and Jo Lara at 818-848-6729 or go online at www.twocanlove.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Did you Know?

Parents are in a unique position to know about not only their own children, but their children’s friends. If you are a trusted parent, your child’s friend may come to you with secrets. What do you do if a child tells you about abuse? As an adult, it’s critical that you remain calm, and don’t overreact. Child victims are often frightened and confused, and your confusion and anger does not help their situation. Your concern and support, however, will affirm the child in important ways and can help begin the healing process for a child victim who has suffered at the hands of a predator.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
We urgently need more volunteers.

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired more than 750,000 volunteers!

Here’s how to take part:

• Vigil location: Planned Parenthood Clinic
  1200 W. Hillcrest Dr., Thousand Oaks.
• Vigil hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
• Monday—Sunday.

Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign at the address below!
40daysforlife.com/Thousand Oaks

Smartphone app available for scheduling
Parking available in nearby locations
Coordinator: Leonore Schuetz 805-527-4444.

SERVING THOSE IN NEED

We are still very much in need of Baby Diapers (size 3, 4, 5 & 6) and Baby Wipes. Please bring the diapers and wipes to the rectory. Thank you, Penny.

Necesitamos Pañales Desechables (tamaño: 3, 4, 5 & 6) y Toallitas Limpiadoras de Bebe. Favor de traer los pañales y las toallitas a la rectoría. Gracias, Penny.

SEWING THE SEED ... APRON SALE!

TODAY Sunday, October 21st, we are once again selling our aprons. These make excellent gifts for host/hostess. We have a variety of Thanksgiving and Christmas prints and lots of colorful prints. Due to increase cost of cotton we will be selling them for $15 each. The money raised will go toward the new priest’s house & renovation of the rectory for parish ministries.

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Patrick & Cathy Sullivan 
Oct. 4 (49 yrs.)

Ted & Elaine Seonbuchner 
Oct. 8 (47 yrs.)

Paul & Adelina Friedeborn 
Oct. 14 (29 yrs.)

Scott & Marilyn Olson 
Oct. 20 (45 yrs.)

Mo & Dindy Nitsch 
Oct. 26 (55 yrs.)

Terry & Theresa Wong 
Oct. 27 (28yrs.)

To have your Wedding Anniversary acknowledged in the bulletin please call the rectory at 805 526-1732.
LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ef 2:1-10; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 12:13-21
Martes: Ef 2:12-22; Sal 85 (84):91b-14; Lc 12:35-38
Miércoles: Ef 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lc 1 2:39-48
Jueves: Ef 3:14-21; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 11 -12, 18-19; Lc 12:49-53
Viernes: Ef 4:1-6; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 12:54-59
Sábado: Ef 4:7-16; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Lc 13:1-9
Domingo: Jer 31:7-9; Sal 126 (125):1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mc 10:

¿Sabía Usted?

Los padres de familia se encuentran en una posición única para conocer no sólo a sus propios hijos, sino también a los amigos de sus hijos. Si usted es un padre confiable, el amigo de su hijo puede acercarse a usted con secretos. ¿Qué hace usted si un niño le cuenta sobre un abuso? Como adulto, es fundamental que permanezca calmada y no reaccione de forma exagerada. Las víctimas infantiles a menudo están asustadas y confundidas, y su confusión y enojo no ayudan a la situación. Su preocupación y apoyo, sin embargo, reafirmarán al niño de maneras importantes y pueden ayudar a comenzar el proceso de sanación de un niño víctima que ha sufrido bajo las manos de un depredador.

¿Esta buscando ayuda de una terapeuta católica?


Disfruta la Experiencia de Criar a Tus Hijos

Aprenderás sobre los siguientes temas:
- Desarrollo infantil y qué les afecta
- Manejo de Conflictos
- Depresión
- Medios de Comunicación
- Disciplina Positiva
- Los Niños y la Violencia
- Manejo del Enojo
- Estilos de Crianza

Asiste al curso gratuito de 8 semanas donde aprenderás sobre cómo crear un ambiente seguro para tus hijos con amor y comunicación.

Fecha: Lunes 15 de Octubre al Lunes 22 de Noviembre, 2018
Lugar: Salón #11 de la escuela de Sta. Rosa de Lima.
Hora: 7:00pm —9:00pm
Tendremos cuidado de niños/niñas
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Para más información llamar a Belen Quezada al 805 279-5735.

CALEARIO DE ACTIVIDADES

LUNES: NUEVA ALIANZA (Neuróticos Anónimos) 7:00pm a 9:00pm. Salón #5. Llamado a Monica Chavez 805 501-5275
Alanon 7:00pm a 9:00pm. Salón #4
Servidores de la Santa Cruz Grupo de Hombres 7:00pm a 9:00pm. Salón #13
Coordinado por el Diacono Louis Fernández

MARTES: Rito de Iniciación para Adultos RICA. Para información favor de llamar al 805 526-1732
Miercoles: Clase de Biblia 7:00pm. Hall Parroquial
JUEVES: Plaza Comunitaria 7:00pm a 9:00pm. Salón #12

VIERNES: Grupo de Oración Carismático 7:00pm a 9:00pm en la iglesia
Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial 7:00pm a 9:00pm. Salón #8
NUEVA ALIANZA (Neuróticos Anónimos) 7:00pm a 9:00pm. Salón #5

Acompáñenos los Sábados antes de la Misa de 7:00pm a las 6:15pm a rezar el Santo Rosario para la Sanación y Unidad de las Familias. (Bilingüe)
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Once a militant opponent of the Catholic Church, Dr. Scott Hahn highlights the key misunderstandings people have about the Eucharist. In this powerful presentation, he explains the Church’s teaching from a scriptural and historical perspective in an entertaining and thorough fashion.

Parishioner Comments
This is an absolutely brilliant outline giving biblical proof of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist!

Mike - Bogota, NJ

Leaving Mass Early
Have you ever felt the need to leave Mass early for whatever reason? Maybe you are running late for a brunch with friends or you have a ballgame to attend – or NFL Sunday is about to begin. Have you ever thought that if the situation were different, you might not be so inclined to step out before the final blessing? What if it was dinner at your CEO’s house or you were on a date with somebody you cared for very deeply? Would you walk out early on those people?

Leaving before the final blessing or last hymn is largely a Catholic phenomenon. This early exodus is rarely seen in Protestant services or even those in Mormon Tabernacles and Jehovah’s Witness halls. Why many Catholics so eager to make a beeline for the door before the Mass and the hymns are completed? We rush out of the Church and practically run each other over in the parking lot in an effort to be the first ones off the property. Is this behavior indicative of faithful Christians or of those of us who simply feel that there are more important things we can be doing with our time? God must be first in our lives – everything else is secondary.

Part of the problem may be that since attending Mass on Sunday is an obligation, some feel that they can leave as soon as the obligation is met. One should never see Mass simply an obligation - but as an opportunity. At every Mass, we are brought to Calvary as the eternal sacrifice of Jesus is re-presented before us. It is truly an honor and a blessing that we are witnesses to this sacrifice. It is, after all, this sacrifice that redeemed the world and allows us to obtain eternal salvation and be with God in heaven. We should see Mass as something we get to do – not something we have to do.

If we are in a situation where we have to be somewhere else while Mass is taking place – perhaps it would be better to attend Mass at a different time. On any given Sunday, there is a Mass being celebrated every half-hour within driving distance. Many parishes also offer Saturday night vigil Masses or on Sunday evenings. Is our post-Mass appointment so urgent that it is necessary for us to leave the physical presence of our Lord with such haste? Are we like the sleeping Apostles who abandoned Jesus in his hour of need in the Garden of Gethsemane in Matt. 26:36-46? Jesus said to them, “So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

As faithful Catholics, it is our obligation to attend Sunday Mass. When we finally realize that it is our supreme honor to be present – perhaps we will stop being like the Apostles in Matt. 26:36-46 and instead, give our Lord the attentive worship he deserves. For more information, please visit us on the Parish Website at:

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