

# St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

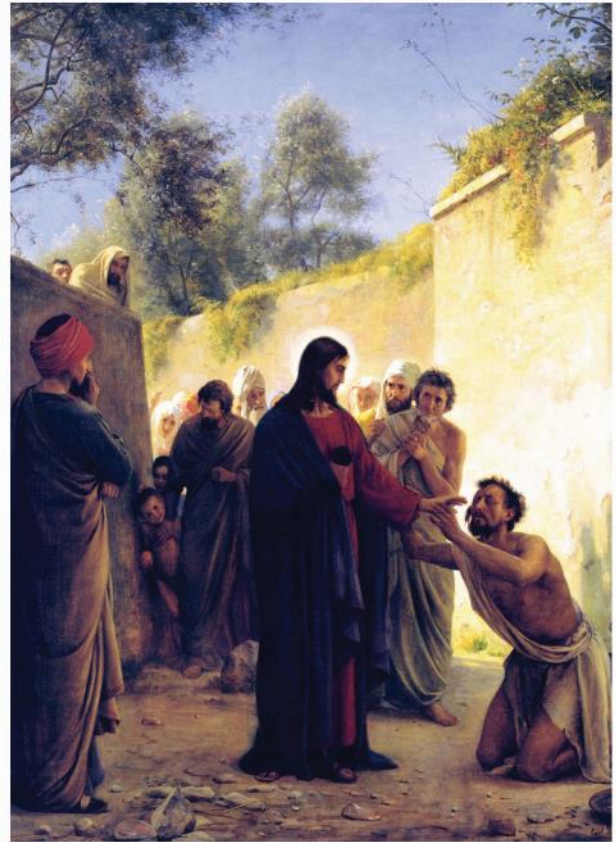
Fourth

## Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

John 9:39



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Msgr. Michael Reed  
Pastor

Rev. Henry Lech  
Parochial Vicar

### Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, and Friday  
at 8:00 am

Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 8:00 am, 10:30 am  
and 4:00 pm

Mass in Spanish at 1:00 pm

## Readings for Sunday

**First Reading** -- As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

**Psalm** -- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** -- You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).

**Gospel** -- The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

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## Readings for Next Week

**Monday:** Lenten Weekday, *St. Turibius of Mogrovejo*  
Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Lenten Weekday  
Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD  
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday:** Lenten Weekday  
Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Lenten Weekday; Abstinence  
Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Lenten Weekday  
Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday:** FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;  
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**Mass Intentions will still be offered  
by our Priests as they offer their private daily Masses.**

## Mass Intentions for Next Week

### Saturday, March 21st

4:00 pm + Daniel S. DeGuzman  
+ Elfriede Krammer

### Sunday, March 22nd

8:00 am For the intentions of Victoria  
For the intentions of Harve Shiplett  
10:30 am For the people of our parish  
1:00 pm + Paul Lyon  
+ Michael Lyon  
4:00 pm + Linda Rauch  
+ Bob Grundhoefer

### Monday, March 23rd

8:00 am + Walter and Mildred Sweeney  
+ Lillian Keiper

### Tuesday, March 24th

8:00 am + Andrew Warrick  
+ Christopher Sholly

### Wednesday, March 25th

7:00 pm + Encarnacion Alvarez

### Thursday, March 26th

8:00 am + Lourdes Valerio  
+ James Matson

### Friday, March 27th

8:00 am + Martha Troxler  
6:00 pm For the people of our parish

**Fertility Awareness Ministry** - Our parish has two Creighton Model System Practitioners, and you can find help and support through this ministry by attending classes. Please contact:  
Jenny at [jenny@emmausroadfertility.com](mailto:jenny@emmausroadfertility.com) OR  
Bernadette at [bcensley@emmausroadfertility.com](mailto:bcensley@emmausroadfertility.com)

***Pregnant and need help?*** Call the option line at 1-800-712-HELP (4357) or visit [www.PregnancyCenters.org](http://www.PregnancyCenters.org), which will connect the caller to the nearest Pregnancy Resource Center or gives you a listing of those closest to you. Loving help is available, you just need to reach out!

**Project Rachel Ministry**  
**Interviews Available! March 24th - June 16th**  
**6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

If you or a friend is hurting from an abortion, your calls and email will be held in confidence.

Helpline: 877-214-7911, or at [rachel@cc.ptdiocese.org](mailto:rachel@cc.ptdiocese.org). You can also visit the website at: [hopeafterabortion.com](http://hopeafterabortion.com).

## Tax Statements

To request a financial statement for 2019 filing, please call the office at 623-3600.



March 9th through 15th, 2020

**In Pew \$11,223.97 Online Giving \$4,090.00**

**Total \$15,313.97 *THANK YOU!!***

March 18, 2020

Dear St. Rose Family,

These are challenging times! The Corona Virus (COVID-19) has prompted the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to issue some difficult guidelines that we are all asked to follow. Stopping the spread of the virus and saving lives should always be our first priority.

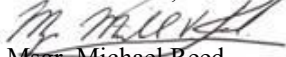
Catholics throughout the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee are dispensed from the obligation of attending weekend Mass until further notice.

In the meantime, as a member of St. Rose you have access to the "My Parish" app which is a great resource for following the daily and weekend Mass readings. "My Parish" app also provides prayers and other information that will be helpful during this time of social distancing. There is even a "Corona Virus Novena" in the prayers section. So, please pray daily and know that Fr. Hank and I will continue to celebrate private Masses for you, your families and our community as we go through these tough times.

Fr. Hank and I will still be available for anointing of the sick and will pastorally respond to any other concerns you and your family may have.

Remember always, as Catholics and Christians, we are called to be people of Hope!

Yours in Christ,

  
Msgr. Michael Reed  
Pastor

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## Prayers

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

- Pope Francis

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

- US Council of Catholic Bishops

March 18, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the Lord. I write to inform you of important decisions I am making in light of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. As Christians, we place all our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, knowing that our God is always with us and will always watch over us. As citizens of the state, we must do what we can to abide by the rules set up by legitimate authorities in order to promote (and protect) the common good.

After a great deal of prayer and discernment, and in communion with all of the bishops of Florida, I am making the following pronouncements:

- ☐ All public Sunday and weekday Masses are suspended in the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, beginning at noon on Friday, March 20, 2020, until further notice. While I pray that we will be able to reverse this course as soon as possible, I would rather not put a limit on it right now, only to have to update it in a few days.
  - ☐ All Catholics in the Diocese are hereby dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass while this suspension remains in effect.
  - ☐ All other regularly scheduled liturgies and gatherings in our churches will be canceled as well. Hence there will be no Reconciliation services or Stations of the Cross at this time. If a parishioner requests Confession, a priest will do what he can to fulfill that request.
  - ☐ It is my hope that our churches be open for private prayer and devotion at this time. Each pastor will decide if that is possible, as well as what may be offered when the church is opened (i.e., Adoration, recorded prayers or homilies, or simply quiet time with the Lord in front of the Blessed Sacrament). However, no communal services may be scheduled.
  - ☐ I am asking all of our priests to celebrate daily Mass (without a congregation) for the intentions of the faithful, even though they are not physically present. I will be doing the same at the Pastoral Center or in the chapel in my house.
- There are many options for participating in a Mass through TV or the Internet. Please see our webpage for links and times ([www.ptdiocese.org](http://www.ptdiocese.org)). It is not possible to receive Holy Communion in this format, of course, and I am deeply saddened by this. At the same time, it gives us an opportunity to receive “Spiritual Communion,” which as Saint Thomas Aquinas wrote, is “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.”

You can use the following prayer from St. Alphonsus Liguori to make a “spiritual communion”:

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

Not being able to attend Mass is a great sacrifice for us. We all hunger and thirst for the Real Presence in the Eucharist, and it is very difficult to have to forego that even for a little while. Let us unite our sense of longing with those who rarely or never have the opportunity to receive the Eucharist due to religious persecution, sickness, or the lack of priests.

I strongly encourage you to continue to “keep holy the Sabbath,” by reflecting on the Word of God (especially the readings for the day), reciting the rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet together, praying the Stations of the Cross, or in another manner. We are all one in the Body of Christ. Let us pray for each other during this time of crisis and uncertainty.

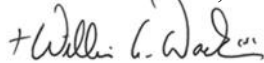
Please join me in praying for our brothers and sisters who are isolated or who are sick. We pray as well for the brave medical personnel and first responders, and all who are caring for the sick and quarantined. And let us not forget those who are lonely, afraid, depressed or anxious at this time.

I know that there will be questions regarding the sacraments (Baptism, Marriage, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick) and funerals, and I know that our priests will be able to minister to everyone in due time. They have always been there for us in the past, and they will certainly be with us in our need now.

Please pray for your priests. In addition to feeling the anxieties and concerns that we all have, they are dedicated to the spiritual care of all of us – even if that means putting themselves in harm’s way. This is a new situation for them just as it is for me, so please be patient with us and help us to come together as people of faith.

Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida will continue to provide services to those in need in our community. For updated information on seeking help, please visit [www.ccnwfl.org](http://www.ccnwfl.org). You remain in my daily prayers. Thank you for your prayers for me.

In Christ’s Peace,



Most Reverend William A. Wack, CSC  
Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee

**All events and activities at St. Rose of Lima parish are suspended until further notice.**

### **Pray for our Military Members**

#### **Army**

PFC William Bercot; WO1 Randy Huter; CPT Kara M. Krant;  
SSGT Christopher Brunst; MAJ Judith Fuentes Bryant;  
CPT Kayla Christopher; SGT Ben Diarrassouba;  
CPT Michael Krant; MAJ Hans Mogelgaard;  
COL Sean O'Connell; WO2 Tyler Stewart; SPC Scott McKenna

#### **Navy**

LT Christian Barresi; LT Andrew Best; LT Brianna Best;  
FCA2 Logan Bradberry; STS3 Jay Browder; LCDR Peter Field;  
LT Alethea Flores; LCDR Mark Klein; AE1 Nathaniel Klein;  
ENS Allen J. del Rosario; LT Veronica del Rosario;  
LCDR Brandon Sartain; LCDR Kara Sartain;  
CMDR Scott Griffin (USNR)

#### **Air Force**

M/Sgt Brad Atwater; T/Sgt Justin Baker; T/Sgt Daniel Brown;  
M/Sgt Lawrence Barresi; S/Sgt Kyle Burton;  
Cpt Jason Christopher; Cpt Carlos Flores; S/Sgt Kyle Swann;  
COL Ronald Llantada; SrA Julien Llantada; T/Sgt Andrew Vu

#### **Marine**

Cpt Nicholas Aufderheide; LCPL Christopher Root;  
Christopher Hood; Cpt Jason Schnitker

#### **Coast Guard**

Cpt John F. Barresi; LCDR Raymond Jamros; Chief Joseph Kerr

### **Live Stream Mass**

Watch Mass live on [St. Dominic Catholic Church's Facebook page](#).

Monday through Saturday, 5:30 pm  
Sunday, 10 am and 12:30 pm (Español)

#### **EWTN Daily Mass Live**

Mass times are at 7:00 am CT. It is re-aired  
at 11:00 am CT and 6:00 pm CT.  
<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>

#### **Word On Fire**

<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>

#### **Mass vis Podcast from the Catholic TV Network**

Mass can also be viewed any time at  
<https://www.watchthemass.com>



### **Pray for Healing**

Rowland Nicholson, Niko Webster, Dawn Rheam, Ed Wason, Linda Kaiser, Inga Heilman, Irene Shields, Adelfa Dale, Margaret Beasley, Beth Olson, Bob Haring, Nils Matolay, Randall Butler, Connie Armstrong, Fr. Angel Paris; for those in hospitals, in Hospice care, those battling cancer, those affected by COVID19 and for all in need of prayer.

*"We are all one in the Body of Christ. Let us pray for each other during this time of crisis and uncertainty. Please join me in praying for our brothers and sisters who are isolated or who are sick. We pray as well for the brave medical personnel and first responders, and all who are caring for the sick and quarantined. And let us not forget those who are lonely, afraid, depressed or anxious at this time."*

*- Bishop Wack.*

# Spiritual Communion

When unable to attend Mass, we encourage you to make an act of “spiritual communion,” especially on Sundays. Saint Thomas Aquinas defined spiritual communion as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” You can use the following prayer from Saint Alphonsus Liguori to make a spiritual communion:

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## Spiritual Tips & Ideas

- Family rosary at home for coronavirus victims
- Praying the divine mercy chaplet for an end to the pandemic
- Read the daily readings
- Live-stream the Mass (many places are offering this)
- Pray the Divine Office as a family
- Use social media to share how your family or community is praying
- Host a video live-stream for members of your parish to pray the rosary
- Take time on Fridays to pray the stations of the cross on your own, connecting your struggles with isolation with Jesus' solitude in carrying his cross to Calvary
- Watch a movie about the life of Christ and spend time reflecting on this image of Jesus and what it can teach you about your faith and your life

## Reach Out

- Call or email (or socially network with) your parents and grandparents, relatives, and any friends who may feel isolated, living alone, or who may be susceptible to the Coronavirus to provide a kind word, to see what help they need, or to provide your love and support in these challenging days.
- Offer to get groceries or other necessities for those who cannot go out.
- Check on friends who live alone to see if they need anything
- Have compassion for those most at risk and advocate for vulnerable populations in society (the elderly, those in poverty, homeless persons, persons with disabilities, those already sick or hospitalized, those with compromised immune systems, among others)