

St. Rose of Lima Parish

Parroquia Sta. Rosa de Lima

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PRAY... GROW... SERVE / ORAR... CRECER... SERVIR

EUCCHARIST / EUCARISTIA

MONDAY-FRIDAY	8:30AM, HC
SATURDAY	5:00PM, CH
SUNDAY	9:00AM, CH
	11:00AM, CH
DOMINGO	1:00PM, CH

ADORATION / ADORACION

THURSDAY / JUEVES	9:00AM - 9:00PM, HC
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RECONCILIATION / RECONCILIACION

THURSDAY / JUEVES	7:00-9:00PM, HC
SATURDAY	4:00-4:30PM, CHRR
DOMINGO	12:30-1:00PM, CHRR

ROSARY / ROSARIO

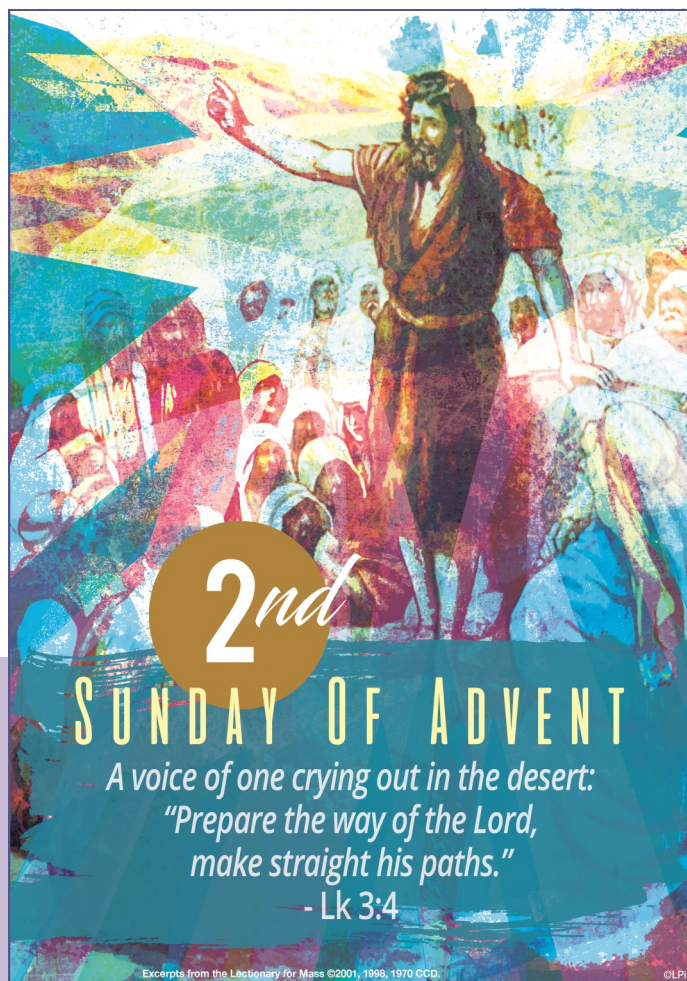
SUNDAY	10:20AM, HFPR
DOMINGO	12:30PM, CH

OUR MISSION:

Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Parish responds to God's mercy by growing disciples through encounter and evangelization. Our inclusive, intercultural community is called to holiness, formed by scripture, nourished by the Sacraments, and guided by the Holy Spirit to pray together and serve one another.

NUESTRA MISION:

La Parroquia Católica de Santa Rosa de Lima responde a la misericordia de Dios, formando discípulos mediante el encuentro y la evangelización. Nuestra comunidad, inclusiva e intercultural, es llamada a la santidad, formada por las escrituras, alimentada por los sacramentos, y guiada por el Espíritu Santo para orar juntos y servir los unos a los otros.



December 5, 2021

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

For God will show all the earth your splendor:
you will be named by God forever
the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. (Bar 5:4)

PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with
joy. (Ps 126)

SECOND READING:

And this is my prayer:
that your love may increase ever more and more
in knowledge and every kind of perception,
to discern what is of value,
so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of
Christ. (Phil 1:9-10)

GOSPEL:

*The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. (Mk 7:37)*

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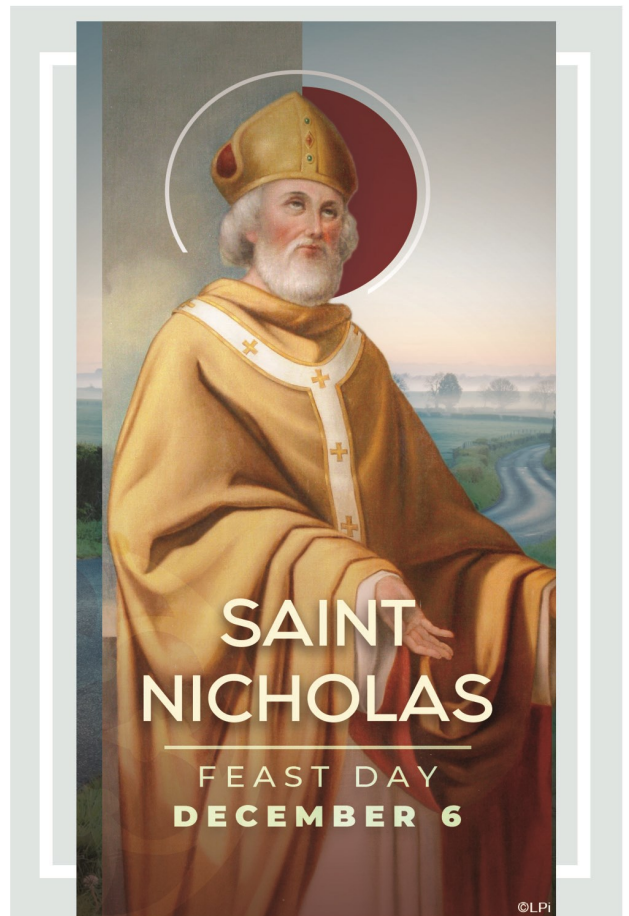
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Tuesday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Friday: Our Lady of Loreto
Saturday: St. Damasus I, Pope
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent



YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED!

The purpose of the Synod is
"to plant dreams" and "to journey together",
following the course of the Church
in the third millennium
with a truly synodal mentality.
Visit our website for more information.



Saint of the Week

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.

Next Week / La Próxima Semana

CALENDAR / CALENDARIO

Not all meetings & events appear on this calendar!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:30 pm Gr. 7-12 Religious Education (CHLL/LR/YR)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:30 am Advent Time of Reflection (BR)
6:30 pm Family Formation (CHLL/PCW/YR/CH)
7:00 pm Advent Time of Reflection (BR)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 am Mass (CH)
10:00 am Yarn Angels (STP)
12:00 pm Mass (CH)
7:00 pm Bilingual Mass/Misa Bilingüe (CH)
8:00 pm Knights of Columbus

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00pm (HC)
1:00 pm Jubilee Quilters (LR)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (CH)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:30 pm 1ra Reconciliación y Comunión:
Taller para Padres y Niños (LR/BR)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:30 am Lector Formation: Team B (CH)
8:00 pm Misa: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (CH)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 | ADVENT 3

9:30 am Gr. 7-12 Religious Education (CHLL/YR/LR)
12:00 pm Healing Prayer (HFPR)
12:15 pm New Members Meet & Greet (PCW)

LITURGY SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE LITURGIA

3rd Sunday of Advent / 3^{er} Domingo de Adviento
Dec. 11/12, 2021

Masses/Celebrants:

Sat., 5:00 pm (CH) Fr. Mel Blanchette
Sun., 9:00 am (CH) Fr. Agustin Mateo
Sun., 11:00 am (CH) Fr. Emanuel Lucero
Sun., 1:00 pm (CH) Fr. Emanuel Lucero (Español)

Scriptures (Year C):

Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18

Liturgical Ministers: Team B

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS

+ Deceased * Living

Mon., 12/6	8:30 am	+	Carlos Weill
Tues., 12/7	8:30 am	+	Loved Ones of Stephen F. Burt
Wed., 12/8	8:30 am	+	Madeleine Heuschling
	12:00 pm	*	Lauren Singer
	7:00 pm	*	Thanks Urock Juwaat Group Assn.
Thu., 12/9	8:30 am	+	Jim Wilberding
Fri., 12/10	8:30 am	+	Aurora Espada
Sat., 12/11	5:00 pm	+	Bernard Kenyon
Sun., 12/12	9:00 am	+	Gordon W. Rousseau
Sun., 12/12	11:00 am	+	Luigi Conte
Sun., 12/12	1:00 pm	+	Delia Turcios de Lovo
		+	Lady Sara Chavez Luna

BR = Byron Rooms / CH = Church / CHLL = Church Lower Level / DGN = Duggan Rooms / ELL = Ellipse / GS = Gathering Space /
HC = Historic Chapel / HFPR = Holy Family Prayer Room / LR = Lewis Rooms / PCF = Parish Centre Foyer / PCW = Woodlands Room /
PG = Parish Grounds / STJ = St. Joseph Room / STP = St. Peter Room / YR = Youth Room

Please Pray For... / Por Favor Rece Por...

THE SICK / LOS ENFERMOS

Cynthia Alexander, Heidi Alonso, Lilian Arias Zorilla, Jean Brady, Peggy Brady, Pablo Buitrago, Carmen Castro, Kathy Chiacchierini, Teresita De Reyes, Mary Ann Deak, Karen Eaton, Andrew Feldman, Bryan Figueroa Melgarejo, John Fletemeyer, Luis Flores, Christian Jonathan Garcia, Maggie Gifford, Gina Gueco, Brian Hammann, Evan Haning, Jack Hart, Dustin Hicks, Barbara Homon, Zaida Inchaustegui, Martha Johnson, Tommy Labelle, Jimmy Long, Dora Mayorca, Archie Miiller, Angelica Morillo Bravo, Julie Moyano, Chris Murphy, Mollie Sayers Nelson, Martha Ellen O'Malley, Marcelo Orellana, Ana Rojas, Irene Rovaina, Nelson Rovaina, June Paddock Sadrakula, Estela Saquicela, Patricia Sattalo, Amos Sawyer, John Schmitz, Lauren Singer, Gene Troyano, Barbara Wiley, Danielle Wines, all who are ill with the Coronavirus.

THE DECEASED / LOS DIFUNTOS

Julio Herminio Barrios, friend of Cesar Rovaina; Guy Berado; Joanne Campbell, mother of Ellamarie Campbell Brown; Rev. John A. Carroll SSJ, brother of Patricia Carroll; Sabino Cruz, uncle of Leda, Ivis, and Lin Lovo; all who have died from the Coronavirus.

SACRAMENT RECIPIENTS / LOS QUE RECIBEN SACRAMENTOS

Baptism: Alyssa Valentina Zeferino (12/5/21)

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Sometimes, especially when life gets overwhelming and difficult, we can find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable. Wallowing in this uncomfortable darkness seems to be our norm and it's difficult to see a way out of, or through, this experience. If we listen carefully enough, we will hear God's voice calling out deep within, beckoning us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Faith tells us that God has already begun the creation of a good work in us and is with us, bringing it to completion, until Christ Jesus comes again. It is this light of God's glory for which we are asked to pave the way and straighten the paths of our lives so that it can shine. With all that life can ask of us and bring to us, it is our task to constantly discern what is of value. So that we do not get so weighed down by things that we no longer see, or feel, God's salvation.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donations towards the cost of Christmas flowers may be made in memory of your loved ones.

FLORES DE NAVIDAD

Las donaciones hacia el costo de las flores de Navidad se pueden hacer en la memoria de sus seres queridos.

tinyURL.com/STR2021ChristmasFlowers

Kids Corner

READ THE
GOSPEL &
COLOR



At a river close to your church, John the Baptist says, "Turn back to God and be baptized." After your baptism, he gives you a backpack that says, "I Am a Forgiven

Child of God." Inside it are wisdom, love, and forgiveness. Wisdom shows the difference between good and evil roads. Love makes you strong enough to say, "Yes" to good, and "No" to evil ways. Be happy. God's love and forgiveness will welcome you into heaven.

PRAYER

Father, thank you for wisdom love, and forgiveness of baptism.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

If I hurt others, I will say, "I am sorry. Please forgive me."

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe



MISA EN ESPAÑOL

11 de diciembre

8:00pm en la iglesia
y transmisión en vivo
por YouTube

Una
manifestación
del amor
de Dios

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH / LA ILUMINACIÓN DE LA CORONA DE ADVIENTO

You and your household are invited to light the Advent Wreath before Mass. SIGN UP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e49aea629a1f94-advent1> / Usted y su familia están invitados a encender las velas de la corona de Adviento antes de la Misa. ANOTESE: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e49aea629a1f94-advent1>

ADVENT TIME OF REFLECTION

Tues., Dec. 7, 9:30-11:00am OR 7:00-8:30pm, Byron Rooms. During this time of prayer and reflection, we will look at ways to grow in our faith as we await the coming of Christ. SIGN UP: <https://strose-parish.org/waiting-in-darkness-advent-reflection>

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE/ RITO PENITENCIAL DE ADVIENTO

Tues., Dec. 14, 6:30-8:30pm (bilingual), Church. Priests will be available to hear confessions in English and Spanish. / Martes, 14 de diciembre, 6:30-8:30pm (bilingüe), en la iglesia.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult who has been baptized and received First Eucharist, but have not received Confirmation, our classes in English begin in January. For more information and to register, please visit our website at <https://strose-parish.org/adult-confirmation-on-line-registration>.

O.W.L.S. CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Tues., Dec. 14, 12:00pm, Duggan Room. Join the O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors) for a potluck/brown bag lunch. After lunch we'll sing Christmas songs. Bring a dish to share or your own lunch as you prefer. INFO & RSVP: Linda LeBlanc, stroseowls@gmail.com or 301-963-1269

NEW MEMBERS MEET & GREET NEXT SUNDAY

Sun., Dec. 12, after the 11:00am Mass, in the Woodlands Room. Those who have recently registered in the parish are invited to come and enjoy fellowship and light refreshments!



ADVENT SOULCORE

Join us via Zoom for a special SoulCore with Advent reflections on Thursdays in Advent, 7:00-8:00pm. SoulCore is a movement which combines the physical with the prayers of the rosary. All fitness levels are welcome. For more information, visit <https://strose-parish.org/news/a-special-advent-soulcore-offering>.

For more information about SoulCore, visit www.soulcore.com.

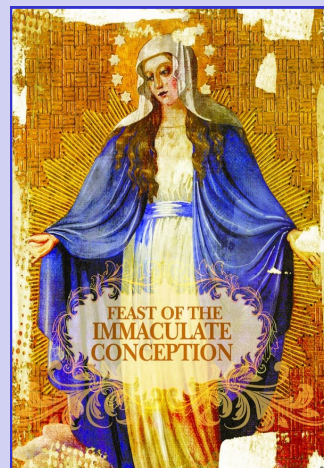
Immaculate Conception ~ La Inmaculada Concepción

Join us on this
Holy Day of Obligation.

Wed., Dec. 8, in the Church

English Masses:
8:30am & 12:00pm

Bilingual Mass/
Misa Bilingüe:
7:00pm



What does it mean to say that
Mary was “immaculately conceived”?

To understand the Immaculate Conception, one needs to first understand the nature of Original Sin. The words “Original Sin” typically recall the image of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden eating of the fruit of the tree from which they had been forbidden to eat. The truth that one receives from this Genesis account of humanity’s origin is that in the beginning our first parent chose to sin against God and from that first sin, human nature has been wounded and the wound has been transmitted down through the generations. Bishop Robert Barron has described Original Sin as, “arrogating to oneself what belongs in a privileged way to God” – namely the making “of the human will itself the criterion of good and evil.” Whenever we chose for ourselves what is good and evil and ignore the divine logic that God has written into human nature, we imitate the sin of our first parents. Bishop Barron offers a useful image of the human race being a “dysfunctional family,” meaning that whether we like it or not, we inherit the patterns of dysfunction of the family into which we are born. In the spiritual realm, we call this dysfunction “sin” and the tendency to sin “concupiscence.”

However, despite the fact that we have a tendency towards sin, we are not bound by it. Through the grace made available to us by Jesus Christ, we can overcome our sins. God is able, throughout our lives, to enable us to be refashioned into the image of what humanity was supposed to be had sin not entered into the world.

Returning to Wednesday’s feast – the Church has believed throughout the ages that, through a special grace, Mary was preserved from Original Sin from the moment of her conception. This means that she did not inherit the guilt and effects of Original Sin and that the humanity that she passed on to Jesus was similarly pure. As such, Mary becomes a model for what we are each called to become by allowing God’s grace to work in our lives.

~ Fr. Justin Huber, from a bulletin article in 2017

HELP THOSE IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS

Listed below are numerous opportunities to help our brothers and sisters in need this holiday season. INFO & SIGN-UPS: <https://strose-parish.org/st-rose-serves>

- **The Gifting Tree:** Holiday wish tags are on the Gifting Tree in the Gathering Space. Take a gift tag from the tree, purchase the requested item, wrap it or put it in a gift bag with tag affixed, then return it to St. Rose by Dec. 12th.
- **Gift Bags for Seniors at the Oaks at Towne Center:** Fill a 10-12 inch gift bag with goodies: gloves, hat, scarf, tea bags, cocoa, holiday treats/candy, toiletries, note pads, pens, coloring book/colored pencils, puzzle books, calendar, water bottle, mug, hand sanitizer, etc. Drop off gift bags in the Gathering Space before/after Masses by Dec. 12th.
- **Gift Cards for Refugee Families:** Please purchase VISA or MASTERCARD gift cards. Drop gift cards in the Refugee Family Christmas Gift Card box in the Gathering Space before/after Masses by Dec. 12th or drop gift cards off at the Parish Office during business hours by Dec. 10th.
- **City of Gaithersburg Holiday Giving:** Help financially support the City's Holiday Giving Program which reaches over 600 local families.
- **Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH):** Help provide a gift card or stockings for MCCH to distribute to families, individuals, seniors and veterans in need.
- **MCCH - Men's Emergency Shelter:** Help MCCH finish the new men's emergency shelter by providing financial support for the completion.

VIRTUAL FAIR TRADE SALE

Join us online for our Fair Trade Sale! Enjoy shopping for Holiday items from the comfort of your home. Visit our website for links to several of our Fair Trade partners and to learn more about Fair Trade.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

December 11/12

This annual collection benefits nearly 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests whose communities lack retirement savings. Place donations in the specially marked Poor Boxes or give online via ParishSoft Giving. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank You / Gracias

November 20 - 26, 2021

YOUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

We are deeply grateful for your ongoing generosity, which makes it possible for us to do the Lord's work.

Offertory\$22,887

OUR WEEKLY TITHE

In gratitude for our many blessings, we tithe 5% of our weekly Offertory to the Poor Box. These funds are used in a variety of ways to help those in need.

Poor Box\$1,144

St. Vincent de Paul Society\$500

FINANCIAL FACT

Our computer systems and network are absolutely critical to parish operations. After many years of service, two of our servers were in dire need of replacement. The total cost for this recent project was \$18,555. This one-time expenditure will serve us for years to come.

Become part of the story at the...

Door to Bethlehem

Add something new to your family's Advent traditions!
Tickets now available! Visit setonshrine.org to learn more.

Door to Bethlehem is the Seton Shrine's Christmas faith drama! You'll join Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem as they search for shelter. A guide will lead the tour to various locations on the grounds of the Seton Shrine. At each site, you'll witness the ways and excuses we may use to reject Christ. The end of the walk will bring you to our Basilica, where you will experience how Christ is welcomed in an unexpected way.

Dec. 10-11, 17-18

Cost: \$6 per person; free for children 6 and under.

Reserve your tickets today at setonshrine.org.

Stay informed!

Visit our website to sign up
to receive parish communications.



Welcome!

PARISH REGISTRATION: To receive registration materials, please contact the parish office. Not sure if you are already a member? Registered households receive contribution envelopes in the mail.

BAPTISM: Contact the parish office to begin the required preparation while pregnant or awaiting adoption. Baptisms will not be scheduled until preparation is complete.

MARRIAGE: Couples seeking marriage must make arrangements with a Priest or Deacon a minimum of six months before setting a wedding date. At least one party must be a registered member of St. Rose.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK & EUCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Please notify the parish of those who are in need of visitation.

TO BECOME A CATHOLIC: To participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) faith journey, please contact the parish office.

¡Bienvenido!

REGISTRO PARROQUIAL: Para recibir los materiales de inscripción, póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial. ¿No estás seguro de si ya eres miembro? Los hogares registrados reciben sobres de contribución por correo.

BAUTISMO: Póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial para comenzar la preparación requerida cuando este embarazada o esperando una adopción. Los bautismos no se programarán hasta que se complete la preparación.

MATRIMONIO: Las parejas que buscan el matrimonio deben hacer arreglos con un sacerdote o diácono con un mínimo de 6 meses antes de fijar una fecha para la boda. Al menos una persona debe ser miembro registrado de Sta. Rosa.

UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS & EUCHARISTIA PARA AQUELLOS QUE ESTÁN EN CASA: Por favor, notifique a la parroquia de aquellos que necesitan visitas.

PARA CONVERTIRSE EN CATÓLICO: Para participar en el viaje religioso Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RICA), comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.

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