Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church

Companions on the Journey
December 13, 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

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Celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist

Weekdays in Mary's Chapel: Monday—Friday 8:30 AM **(Winter: read page 8 for times)**
Saturday 5:00 PM ■ Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 AM
First Fridays: Anointing of the Sick/Eucharistic Adoration in the main Sanctuary
Holy Days: Call the parish office or check the parish calendar at www.strosereno.com for mass times

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 PM or by appointment.

Saint Rose of Lima Staff

Our parish staff can best serve you if you call ahead or set up an appointment.

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Celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist

Tridentine Mass Schedule

Every First Saturday of the month ■ 9:30 AM ■ Sunday 8:30 AM
Confessions heard half hour before each Mass

Mission Statement

Saint Rose of Lima is a Catholic family of believers guided by the Holy Spirit in the saving work of Jesus Christ. We are a pilgrim people of God, companions on the journey to eternal salvation. Called by God, we are priestly people dedicated to proclaiming the Good News, ministering God's love to each other and to a spiritually hungry world. As a community of Christian believers, we are committed to bringing about the reign of God. We believe in the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the word, the breaking of the bread, prayer and fellowship. We dedicate our lives to His service.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

• **Baptism** • We welcome all families with young children. For your first step, you must become a registered, practicing, contributing member of St. Rose of Lima for at least 4 months with proven Mass attendance. Your second step is to contact Kathy in the office, 851-1874, to schedule and get a baptism packet. **Be sure you provide all the necessary documents 10 days prior to the baptism class**. Baptism class is the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6 PM. ***Reservations are needed for the class***. At least one godparent must be a practicing Catholic. All baptisms are celebrated on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sunday of each month at 12 noon, after the 10:30 Mass.

• **Matrimony** • At least one party must be a registered, practicing member of St. Rose with at least 6 months active proven attendance at Mass. After this is accomplished, please call Jane Lucero to make an appointment to begin your 6 month marriage preparation process. *Please make no arrangements until after this appointment.* You may pick up a marriage packet in the parish office. *Engaged Encounter* weekend is required: www.renoee.org for dates, times and registration.

• **Anointing of the Sick** • It is best to call at the *beginning* of a serious illness or when surgery is first scheduled.

• **Funerals** • Upon the death of a loved one, please call the Parish Office to make arrangements, 851-1874.

Parish Governance
Parish Pastoral Council • Hugh Ricci • 851-1874
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Welcome! Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered or have a change of address/phone number, please fill out this form and place in the collection basket, mail or simply notify us via email. If you are new to St. Rose, Kathy will then mail you our registration form to fill out. Please return the form to the office or place in the collection basket. Thank you.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP_____ **PHONE:** _____

EMAIL: _____

( ) New Registration **( ) Contact info change**
( ) Moving-Remove from List **( ) Please send envelopes**

SNOW BIRDS: To temporarily stop envelopes while you are away:
Departure: _____ **Return:** _____
or notify by email: srl@strosereno.com

Gift shop open during office hours and after weekend masses.

PARISH MINISTRIES & CHAIRPERSONS

If you would like to volunteer in our ministries, please call the chairperson listed. Thank you!

Altar Servers • Geraldine McFadden • gmmcfadden1962@att.net
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Music—8:30 AM Sunday Mass • Kevin Brett • 851-1874
Music—10:30 AM Sunday Mass • Teri Iaconis • 849-0750
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PARISH SCHEDULE

SACRAMENTS AND LITURGY

•Monday through Friday: 8:30-9A Mass in Mary's Chapel
•Second Thursday: 6P Baptism Class
•First Friday Mass: Main Sanctuary: Anointing of the Sick • Eucharistic Adoration • Benediction
•First Saturday-Patriotic Rosary after 5P Mass in Mary's Chapel

ACTIVITIES

•First Sunday: St Vincent's collection of canned/non-perishable food
•Third Sunday-After all Masses
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
•Third Monday-Caramella Hall-6pm: WSR Monthly Meeting
•Tuesdays: Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 10-11:30A
Bible Timeline Study, 6P to 8P-St. John
•Second Tuesday: Altar Society meets, 6P
•Thursdays-9:30-11:30A: WSR Faithsharing Group
•First Saturday: Rosary of Reparation at West End Women's Ctr-9A
Saturday-Sunday, December 12-13
⇒Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious
⇒Youth Group-Decorate a Ginger Bread House Event-Please read page 9 for more information
Dec. 14, 28 & Jan 11-6:45 pm to 8 pm
Find your Catholic Faith workshop
Sunday, December 20—3:00 pm-Sanctuary
TOCCATA Tahoe Symphony—MESSIAH-See page 8

Bulletin Cover—Today's Gospel John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

Worship

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

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CELEBRATE

This Sunday, God rejoices and sings because of us. We read in Zephaniah today that God "will sing joyfully because of you, / as one sings at festivals" (Zephaniah 3:18). We know plenty about singing at festivals. Already our ears are ringing with the songs and carols that anticipate the Christmas season.

Paul reminds us of the source of our own double rejoicing: God is the mighty savior who is in our midst (in Zephaniah's words). Because this is so, says Paul, we can rejoice and be at ease. We don't have to worry, for God's peace will stand guard over our hearts and minds.

A medieval carol depicts Christmas as "my dancing day" and urges us to enter into the dance. Why all the merrymaking? Because "the Lord is near," as Paul reminds us (Philippians 4:5). He then points to another reason for the dancing: the dawn of the promise of peace, the peace beyond all understanding, that is now within our grasp.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Third Sunday of Advent

Pope Francis chose to inaugurate the *Jubilee Year of Mercy* last Tuesday because December 8 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of Vatican II. That council, Pope Francis reminds us, inaugurated a new phase in the Church's history. The Spirit called the Church to tear down the walls that for far too long had made it a fortress, and to proclaim the gospel in a new, more accessible way. Pope Francis quotes Saint John XXIII in declaring the Church's preference for "the medicine of mercy," and Blessed Paul VI in proposing the Good Samaritan as our model for discipleship (*Misericordiae Vultus,* 4). Pope Francis adds that God's mercy is "the beating heart of the Gospel," and that mercy "must penetrate the heart and mind" of every disciple (*MV*, 12). Three times today's Gospel asks, "What should I do?" Pope Francis would say: Imitate Jesus, who came not wielding the fiery judgment that John the Baptist had threatened, but instead imparting healing, compassion, forgiveness—mercy! —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc. Papal quotes Copyright © 2015, *Libreria Editrice Vaticana.* Used with permission.

December 12—December 18, 2015

Mass Intentions

Sat.	**12**	**5:00 PM**	**†FEDERICO & MAFALDA RICCI** By Hugh & Pamela Ricci
Sun.	**13**	**8:30 AM**	**END TO ABORTION** Save the Holy Innocents
		10:30 AM	**PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**
Mon.	**14**	**8:30 AM**	**†JONATHAN OTIS** By Armand & Elizabeth Otis
Tue.	**15**	**8:30 AM**	**†NORRIS RATH** By Marshall
Wed.	**16**	**8:30 AM**	**†WILLIAM SHUMAN** By Jacque & Ralph Woolbright
Thu.	**17**	**8:30 AM**	**†RODNEY RICHARD BEVERIDGE** By Roy & Frances Kemp
Fri.	**18**	**8:30 AM**	**†JOYCE MAZENKO** By Don Mazenko

St. Rose of Lima

Advent and Christmas Schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, December 13 and 19: 3:45 PM to 4:45 PM

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM: Family and Children's Mass
Celebrant: Father Larry Morrison, Pastor

6:00 PM: Vigil Mass
Celebrant: Father Joseph Abraham

9:30 PM: Caroling

10:00 PM: Late Night Mass
Celebrant: Father Tom Donnelly

Christmas Day

8:30 AM Mass:
Celebrant: Father Larry Morrison, Pastor

10:30 AM Mass:
Celebrant: Father Joseph Abraham

Please pray for the soul of Dotty McDyre, parishioner of St. Rose, who was called home to God on November 23rd. Please keep her husband Danny and their family in your prayers.

If you wish **assistance in the receiving of Holy Communion**, please notify one of our ushers so that the celebrant or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will come to where you are seated.

Our Parish

Let's get to know each other over a cup of coffee! Did you know that we have coffee and doughnuts in Caramella Hall after the Sunday morning Masses? It's a great time to meet and welcome new parishioners to St. Rose!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13842

The **Knights of Columbus** at St Rose of Lima Catholic Church hold their **regular meetings** on the **2nd Thursday** of each month in the St Rose classrooms. They start at 7 PM and are usually over at 8 PM. To attend, a membership card is required as the meetings are closed to those who have not attended a 1st degree to learn about the Knights of Columbus. ■ Upcoming events scheduled are on the Knights' website: vianneyknights.org

***Membership*:** John Murphy: 852.3721 john@kolesartax.com

Women of St. Rose Calendar

The Women of St. Rose meet on the third Monday of each month in Caramella Hall. The business meeting starts at 6P followed by social time at 6:45P, and the program portion of the meeting starts at 7:15P. Every woman of St. Rose is automatically a member and invited to attend one or both parts of the meeting. For future events, go to **strosereno.com** and click on the **Women of St. Rose** link under *Ministries.*

Dec 21 Meeting: Potluck, bring a White Elephant Gift, $5 limit to exchange.

Thursday AM Faithsharing-9:30-11:30A Caramella Hall. Call Mary Ghera, 852-6919

The WSR Book Club-The WSR Book Club is now reading The Gift Counselor by Sheila Cronin. We will discuss it Dec 16 off site. More info, call Elizabeth Steen at 997-5969.

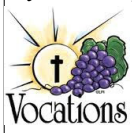
•**SUNDAY MORNING TELEVISION MASS:**
KOLO, Channel 8, 9A
•**SUNDAY MORNING RADIO MASS:** KIHM-920 AM Radio, 5A & 9A
•**24 hour Catholic Programs on Immaculate Heart Radio:** 920A
The Catholic Channel: SiriusXM Radio Channel 129

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Invitation to make a Holy Hour in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
Location – Main Sanctuary
Date – Every 1st Friday
8:30 AM Daily Mass—Anointing of the Sick

Please join us every Sunday at the 10:30 Mass for our Children's Liturgy!
(Not during Christmas & Easter Vacation)

In celebration of the Eucharist and in your own personal prayer, please remember…Maxwell McKilligan, Patrick Coyne, Miriam King, Dennis Price, Liz Bennet, Pam Almiranez, Brent Quiring, Joan Lynch, Joel Rivera, Betty Shenk, Debbie Dykes, Joshua Etchegoyhen, Connie Maynard, Mauricio Gomez, Pam Dobrowski, Glorya Gill, Valente P. Baltazare, Don Brown, Mary Paulson, Matt Dobrowski, Kevin Farwell, Norman & Karen Freyling, Mike Shank, Franke Weintz, Michael Anthony Price, Robert & Dorothy Call, Tynan Phillips, Maryanne Welchert, Rita Boland and Elizabeth Dahm.



Please pray for our current seminarians…
Joey Walsh, Patrick Klekas, Lucio Zuniga, Owen Mora, Chris Kanowitz, Eduardo Guttierez, and Jesus Gonzalez.

Please pray for our brave military men & women! We honor those who serve! Thank you... Sgt Joseph Steinlage, USA, Cpt A. J. Steinlage, USA, TSgt Justin M. Baldivia, USAF, , 2nd Lt Christine Shirley, USAF, Pvt 3rd Class Patrick Veal, USAF, and Loren Greenlund, SA USCG

Please pray for the repose of souls of our loved ones…Jacquie Obos, Eve Dooley, Elizabeth Sotero, Elizabeth Price, Roger Golitz, Jonathan Otis, David Fontenot, Tony Shimizu, Maria Bonaldi, Leonard Corsentino, Gordon Naisbitt, Warren & Helen Wheatley, Joyce Mazenko, Karen Johnstone, Patrick Mulrooney, Barbara Kenny, Beau Bartholomew, Eugene Mueller, Bruno Menicucci, Joseph Byrnes, Harvey Castro, Anisa Potts, Carolina Mora, Sabas De Los Santos and may the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Tuesday Morning: Come to Know Jesus!
Join us, 10:00-11:30 a.m. at St. Rose as we gather to pray, to share and to study following the Catholic Liturgical Calendar ***(no meetings Dec 22 & 29).***
PRAY BEFORE YOU SPEAK SO YOU CAN GO FORWARD AND SPREAD THE WORD OF GOD!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week, our celebration of Advent makes a transition in ritual and texts. Beginning December 18, the countdown of nine days (a novena) to Christmas sees a heightened sense of expectation, and also a turning from the call of the Baptist in the wilderness to the events leading up to Jesus' birth. In ancient Spain, December 18 was once celebrated as the "Feast of the Expectancy," and customs grew up to heighten readiness in the homes.

Some customs arise from monastic life and practice and spill over into our parish life. Beginning tonight, those who pray Vespers will sing in the opening phrase a beautiful title of Christ. These titles belong to a collection of opening phrases called the "O Antiphons" after the awe-inspired "O" sung on the first note. There's a playful code in the titles: O Wisdom, O Lord, O Flower of Jesse, O Key of David, O Dawn, O Ruler, O Emmanuel. When you take their Latin names—*Sapientia, Adonai, Radix*, and so on—the titles form an acrostic when you read them backwards: "ERO CRAS." In Latin, that is translated as "I will be there tomorrow!" It's as if Christ were answering the prayers of the waiting people in the words of the prayers themselves. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Stewardship ~ Time, Talent, and Treasure

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offertory needed each week is $15,732 to reach budgeted amount for 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

December 6: Weekly Offertory…$15,5910.44

Christmas…$50 Youth…$620 Build the Future…$43
Catholic Ed…$5 Music…$5 Aid to Syria, Gaza, Iraq…$5
Pastor's Charity Fund…$1265 Mission Co-op…$10
Mission Sunday…$26 Immaculate Conception…$160
Billboards…$177 Retirement Religious…$25

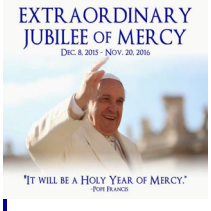
2015 CSA Assessment: $125,504.03
As of November 30, 2015
294 families have pledged $132,965
Down payments received $126,820
We have over 1000 registered families.

Thank you for your generosity,
Father Larry Morrison

Thanks to all of you who have participated in the 2015 CSA pledge. Out of $132,965 that's been pledged, the pledge assessment of $125,504.03 has been paid. The remaining amount is our rebate that we will apply to our *Build the Future* fund. The difference of the goal is $7,460.97 which will be the rebate once all pledges are fulfilled. As of this date $7,460.97 is all we have remaining. So please do your best to fulfill by December 31, 2015 so you can deduct your gift on your taxes or, fulfill by the cutoff date for CSA, January 2015.

Support elderly religious.

Aging religious need your help. In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.



Pope Francis has asked for several events to take place in dioceses throughout the world to mark the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. These include a local Holy Door Opening on December 13th and "24 hours for the Lord on March 4-5. Accordingly the Diocese of Reno will mark these events.

On December 13 at the 9:30am at the Cathedral, Bishop Calvo will officially inaugurate the Year of Mercy with celebration.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Today, the Third Sunday in Advent, is also called Gaudete Sunday. That name is taken from the Latin word Gaudete which is the first word of the introit of today's Mass. Gaudete means "Rejoice." The first line of the introit in its entirety is Gaudete in Domino semper, meaning "Rejoice in the Lord always."

Joy and rejoicing are part of all of our readings on this day. As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of Jesus Christ means for us. Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season for us as Catholics. However, having passed the midpoint of Advent, we see some changes to encourage us in our spiritual preparation.

Yes, this should have been a time when we have been spiritually preparing for the coming of Christ. It is not too late; it is never too late in the eyes of the Lord for us to make a determined effort to change, to repent, and to find ways to properly serve the Lord as disciples. On this day of Joy let us renew our efforts to be good stewards of all of our gifts. Stewardship, of course, is founded in trust. On Gaudete Sunday in 2013 Pope Francis said, "Those who trust in God experience the peacefulness in their hearts and nothing and no one can take that away. Our joy is Christ."

Christmas and End of Year Giving at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

If your stewardship plans include making a special gift to St. Rose of Lima to celebrate the holidays, remember that you can designate your gift for specific projects or ministries:

- A gift to support the Build the Future Fund for Parish Expansion
- A gift to the Pastor's Charity Fund to provide emergency assistance to the needy
- A gift to the Youth Ministry to support sending students to World Youth Day in Poland
- A gift to any specific ministry, such as music or church environment

With the addition of ONLINE GIVING, making your special gift this year is easier than ever. Just go to the church website, www.strosereno.com , and click the ONLINE GIVING button to contribute via electronic bank transfer or credit card.

To qualify for inclusion in your charitable gifts for tax year 2015, your gift to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church must be received by the church no later than December 31, 2015. ***Gifts made after that date will be posted to your statement for tax year 2016.***

S.O.U.L. MINISTRY

YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE

Mark your calendars for our "A Night in Poland" fundraiser, **Saturday, December 19** right after 5:00 mass. Take a night off from shopping and enjoy some Polish food, learn about some Polish Saints and Holy sites, find out more about the Jubilee Year of Mercy, and end the evening praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet with us. Tickets are $10 and will be available in the narthex until we sell out. We will also have lots of raffle prizes. World Youth Day in Poland is less than one year away! Please keep the pilgrims from St. Rose traveling with our Diocesan group in your prayers. Thank you for your continued support!

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S W U W H S B R T J F Z V A A J X V J G K G

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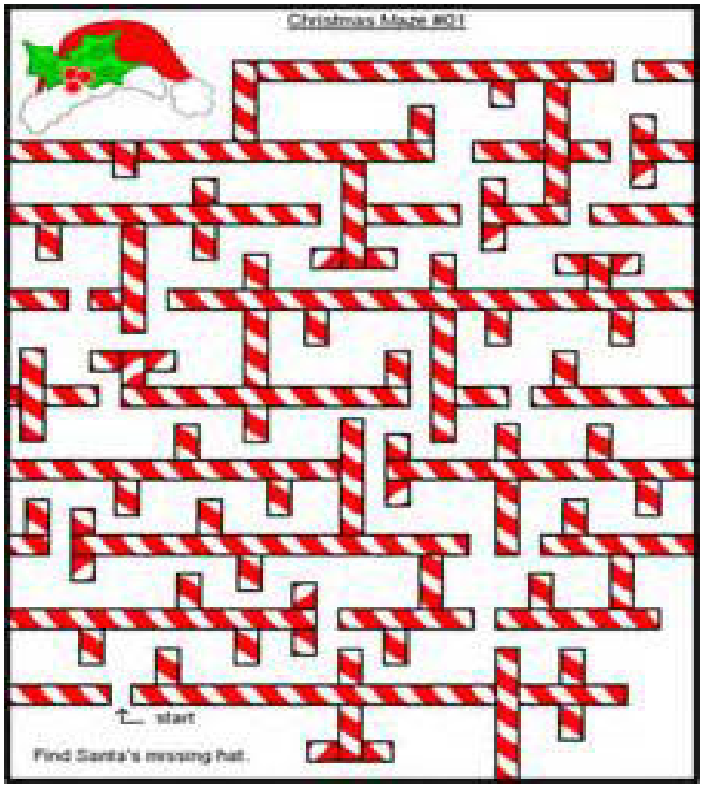
Substitute one letter for another to solve the puzzle. See today's Second Reading for a clue!

"In some way, mankind is awaiting God, waiting for him to draw near. But when the moment comes, there is no room for him."

"Do we have time and space for God? Can he enter into our lives? Does he find room in us, or have we occupied all the available space in our thoughts, our actions, our lives for ourselves?" - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's 2007 Christmas Eve homily



"BLESSED are the Merciful, for they WILL RECEIVE MERCY."

Theme for WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 Kraków, Poland

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Dec 12 & 13—After 5:00 and 10:30 masses—helping children with gingerbread house decorating

Dec 13—Family Shelter—Gingerbread houses & Christmas crafts with children

Dec 15—Sort Lemelson Gifts at St. Rose

Dec 16—Deliver Lemelson Gifts to school

Dec 19—Set up and clean up of fundraiser dinner

Dec 23—Deliver Lifecare Gifts after 8:30 mass

Puzzle Hint—I=W

Poland Site Visit location!

Linda was blessed to be able to attend a site visit for our upcoming World Youth Day pilgrimage to Poland. In the weeks to come, there will be pictures of the various sites our pilgrims will be seeing in just eight months! This is a picture from the outside of the cell where St. Maximilian Kolbe lived. Maximilian was born in 1894 in Poland and became a Franciscan. He contracted tuberculosis and, though he recovered, he remained frail all his life. Before his ordination as a priest, Maximilian founded the Immaculata Movement devoted to Our Lady. After receiving a doctorate in theology, he spread the Movement through a magazine entitled "The Knight of the Immaculata" and helped form a community of 800 men, the largest in the world. Maximilian went to Japan where he built a comparable monastery and then on to India where he furthered the Movement. In 1936 he returned home because of ill health. After the Nazi invasion in 1939, he was imprisoned and released for a time. But in 1941 he was arrested again and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. On July 31, 1941, in reprisal for one prisoner's escape, ten men were chosen to die. Father Kolbe offered himself in place of a young husband and father. And he was the last to die, enduring two weeks of starvation, thirst, and neglect. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1982. His feast day is August 14th.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

DAMONTE RANCH

Thursday 12/17
3:30 Girls JV Basketball @ Reed
3:30 Girls Freshman Basketball vs. Reed
5:15 Girls Varsity Basketball @ Reed
5:15 Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Reed
7:00 Boys Varsity Basketball @ Reed
7:00 Boys JV Basketball vs. Reed

Friday 12/18
3:30 Girls JV Basketball vs. Spanish Springs
3:30 Girls Freshman Basketball @ Spanish Springs
5:15 Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Spanish Springs
5:15 Boys Freshman Basketball @ Spanish Springs
7:00 Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Spanish Springs
7:00 Boys JV Basketball @ Spanish Springs

Friday 12/18 & Saturday 12/19
Varsity Wrestling @ Reno Events Center

GALENA

Thursday 12/17
3:30 Girls JV Basketball @ McQueen
3:30 Girls Freshman Basketball vs. McQueen
5:15 Girls Varsity Basketball @ McQueen
5:15 Boys Freshman Basketball vs. McQueen
7:00 Boys Varsity Basketball @ McQueen
7:00 Boys JV Basketball vs. McQueen

Friday 12/18
3:30 Girls JV Basketball @ Reno High
3:30 Girls Freshman Basketball vs. Reno High
5:15 Girls Varsity Basketball @ Reno High
5:15 Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Reno High
7:00 Boys Varsity Basketball @ Reno High
7:00 Boys JV Basketball vs. Reno High
Varsity Wrestling @ Reno Events Center
Rifle Tournament @ Wooster

Saturday 12/19
9:00 Varsity Wrestling @ Reno Events Center
9:00 JV Wrestling @ North Valleys

BISHOP MANOGUE

Thursday 12/17
3:30 Girls JV Basketball @ Hug
3:30 Girls Freshman Basketball vs. Hug
5:15 Boys Freshman Basketball @ Hug
6:00 Boys Varsity Basketball @ Fremont, CA
7:00 Boys JV Basketball @ Hug
Girls Varsity Basketball @ Fremont, CA

Friday 12/18
3:30 Girls JV Basketball vs. North Valleys
3:30 Girls Freshman Basketball @ North Valleys
5:15 Boys Freshman Basketball vs. North Valleys
7:00 Boys JV Basketball vs. North Valleys
Varsity Wrestling @ Reno Events Center

Saturday 12/19
9:00 Varsity Wrestling @ Reno Events Center
Boys Varsity Basketball@ Catholic School Winter Classic, Hayward, CA
Girls Varsity Basketball @ Merritt Comm. College

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TOCCATA Tahoe Symphony
presents
MESSIAH

James Rawie, *conductor*

Wednesday, December 16 7:00pm
Good Shepherd Lutheran-Reno

Friday, December 18 7:00pm
St. Theresa Church-South Lake

Sunday, December 20 3:00pm
St. Rose of Lima Church-Reno

Maria Arrigotti, Anna Helwing, Joy Strotz, *soprano*
Michael Jackson, Sherman Modeste, *tenor* *
Brad Perry, Chris Langdon, Chris Nelson, *baritone*
Josh Dunlap, John Beckman, *baroque trumpet* *
Nick Haines, Katie Lauder, *continuo*

Programs are subject to change. Consult TOCCATA at 775-313-9697 or www.ToccataTahoe.com/ ToccataTahoe@gmail.com for programs, times, venues, and price information or visit www.ToccataTahoe.com

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR DECEMBER

Come Lord Jesus! Make us good stewards of Advent. Strengthen our faith; calm our fears.
Come Lord Jesus! We hear John the Baptist's cry. Open our hearts. Give us the humility to repent.
Come, Lord Jesus! Let us walk in your light! Show us how we prepare your way; and make straight your paths.
Come, Lord Jesus! We give you thanks and praise, for the shining star and angelic host, for Mary and Joseph, good stewards, both.
Come, Lord Jesus! We rejoice and are glad! For the Good News you bring And God's glory you revealed.
Come, Lord Jesus! Amen!

AN ADVENT PRAYER

May the God of peace make us completely holy.
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!
Expectant, let us live in joyful hope
for the revelation of the glory
of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!
To him be glory forever!
Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p. 127

ISSUES OF PEACE & JUSTICE

St. Paul writes, "[T]he peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Similar words come from our Holy Father in the latest encyclical: "I do not want to write this Encyclical without turning to that attractive and compelling figure, whose name I took as my guide and inspiration when I was elected Bishop of Rome. I believe that Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically. He is the patron saint of all who study and work in the area of ecology, and he is also much loved by non-Christians. He was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast. He loved, and was deeply loved for his joy, his generous self-giving, his openheartedness. He was a mystic and a pilgrim who lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace" (*Laudato Si'*, #10).

VERY IMPORTANT for Future Daily Mass Cancellations Due To Weather

The regular weekday 8:30 morning mass will be delayed until 12 noon on snow days. Please follow the news for Bishop Manogue Catholic High School. If classes are delayed, the Mass will be at noon. If classes are cancelled, Mass will be cancelled and the intention rescheduled. This is for everyone's convenience and safety. Thank you.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John of the Cross

Christmas is coming and St. Rose is preparing for our 11th *Angel Tree* for the people at Life Care.

☆Please choose a tag or two from the tree
☆Purchase & wrap the gift
☆Tape the tag to the top of the present (room number showing)
☆Place the gift under the tree by Sunday, December 20.

Gifts will be delivered to the residents on Wednesday, December 23. All those with sleighs (vehicles) please show up at church at 9am. We also need families of elves to help deliver. The more the merrier...it is good fun for all. Thanks so much. Any questions, please call Maryanne Welchert at 775-853-6386

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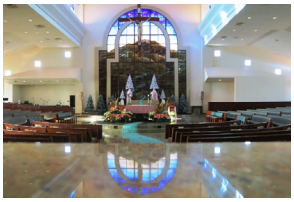
Give thanks for great rebates this Holiday season! Use scrip gift cards when you go grocery shopping for holiday get-togethers and help support St Rose. We carry Raley's, Target and Walmart for all your shopping needs. Still need some last minute stocking stuffers? We carry many $10 cards from Target… to Barnes and Noble… to Starbucks: We have something for everyone on your list! You can buy scrip in the narthex after every weekend mass or in the parish office during regular business hours.



The Church Environment needs your help on Monday, December 21 at 6pm. We will be setting up Christmas. All hands are needed! We will need you to take down Christmas as well on January 3 after the 10:30 mass.
Blessings for a wonderful holiday season.
Please contact Charlene Greenlund, Church Environment, if you are able to assist, please call Charlene at 530-5938.

2nd. Annual Women's Weekend Retreat will be on April 29-May 1, 2016 at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center in Citrus Heights, CA. The cost is $175 for a double room and $195 for a single room. The fee includes all meals, room, and retreat sessions. Carpooling and financial aid are available. *The theme is Be Merciful as Your Father is Merciful*
Registration forms are available in the parish office or by contacting our Parish Coordinator, Barbara Guerin at 775.209.1061 or guerin_barbara@outlook.com.

Please join the Youth Group on Saturday, **December 12** after 5:00 mass or Sunday, **December 13** after the 10:30 mass to decorate a gingerbread house. ***This free event is for all parish families,*** one per child. Please sign up at all exits so we have enough houses.

The Altar Society has "**St. Rose of Lima Christmas cards**" available for purchase in the gift shop. Two cards to choose from. Proceeds benefit the parish. New merchandise arriving weekly. Special orders are welcome. Come take a look!

BE A CHRISTMAS ANGEL FOR A CHILD AT LEMELSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Once again this year, the St. Rose of Lima Youth Group is participating in the annual Lemelson Elementary School Christmas Angel Tree Project.

The children's Gift Wish Tags will be available by December 4th. You can participate by taking a child's Gift Wish Tag, purchasing a gift from their list, and following the instructions for returning your unwrapped gift to St. Rose no later than December 15.

Please call Karen McBee at 775-853-9500 or Email truckee25@aol.com or visit the St. Rose of Lima office during office hours to get a Lemelson child's Gift Wish List Tag.

Christmas For Kids

Our St. Rose of Lima Youth Group will deliver the gifts on December 16th, just in time for the Lemelson Children's Christmas Party. For most of the Lemelson children, your generous donation of a Christmas gift from their Wish List may be the *only* gift they receive at Christmas.

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
Matthew 25:40

The Annual Diocesan Conference January 8 & 9, 2016 at the Nugget Casino Resort

The annual brochure agenda is now available at all counters in the entrances to St. Rose and in the parish office.
TO REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE, PLEASE GO TO THE DIOCESE WEBSITE: WWW.RENODIOCESE.ORG Find & click on the Diocesan Conference link, then click "register now" to complete the process.

Celebration of Life Ministry
Our Celebration of Life Ministry is in need of volunteers to help out during and after a family's funeral.
Please contact Judi Harris at 787-8285 if you are able to assist.

CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR BULLETINS' CUT-OFF DATES

JS Paluch, our bulletin publisher, will be closing over the holidays and require us to transmit the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years' bulletins early. The bulletin issue date and its cutoff is:

Dec. 27 Christmas issue……..Due Tuesday, Dec. 15
Jan. 3 New Year issue……..Due Monday, Dec. 21

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WORD OF LIFE
"Regardless of our circumstances and whether people acknowledge it, nothing and no one can take away our God-given dignity."
— *USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program*
"Maggie's Story: Living like Dad"

Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.

When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.
All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R/. Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 2:1 (lines 1-8) or Isaiah 7:10 (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

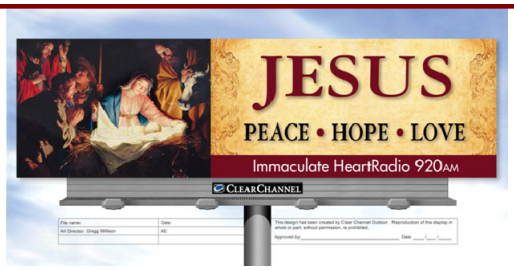
God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,
bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.
R/. Amen.

—*From "Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers"*

The Walk for Life in San Francisco will be on January 23, 2016.
John DeBord will be the bus captain and is responsible for the bus and is the point of contact for St. Rose. He can be reached at 775.813.6842. Tickets are $40.00 per person which also includes a T-shirt, breakfast muffins going over, and light sandwiches coming back.
Departure time from St. Rose parking lot is 7 am sharp on January 23 and will return the same day. John will be available for sign ups after all masses beginning December 12/13. The last weekend to purchase tickets is January 16/17 or until the bus fills. Sunday January 17th, is also the latest you can cancel and receive a full refund. Please bring appropriate rain/ weather gear for any possible weather scenario. Please bring a cell phone for any problems/ emergency issues that may arise. There will be liability release forms for people to fill out at signup.
Vivat Jesus!!!!!

Support Nevada's pro-life movement by attending Pro-Life League of NV's annual Friends for Life Dinner on Friday, February 19, 2016 at Reno Downtown Ballroom at 5:30 pm.
Keynote speaker will be Ryan Bomberger of the Radiance Foundation and honoree is Assemblyman Ira Hansen. Tickets are $75/person and $600/table of 8. Purchase your table by Jan 1 and pay only $500.
For ticket information or to donate to silent auction please call Kathleen at 775-815-2099.



Christmas Nativity Billboards

This Christmas, we need your help to bring a message of Peace, Hope and Love to the people of Northern Nevada. With God's grace we hope to raise funds for a Christmas Nativity billboard.
We will raffle a beautiful Italian artwork of the *Most Blessed Holy Family* by artist Paolo Schiraldi.
Please support this effort to give the community a wonderful Christmas Billboard card and to keep Christ in Christmas.
Stop by the Gift Shop on weekend masses or the Parish office, Monday - Thursday 9am-4pm, to purchase raffle tickets or make a free will donation.
Tickets are $5.00 ea or 5 tickets for $20.00.
Please make checks to St. Rose of Lima.
Contributions "Billboard Fund" available at Online Giving