

# Saint Rose of Lima

~ Follow the Way of Love ~



Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

## PARISH RESOURCES

### Welcome to our Parish!

We are happy you have joined us today. Saint Rose of Lima Parish is a warm and inviting faith community. A place where you and your family will feel welcomed and at home - as you are, whoever you are; a place where children are cherished and where their voices and enthusiasm are welcomed. We are a stewardship parish, sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure as we journey together in faith.

### Parish Office & Mailing Address

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Hours | Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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### Welcome New Parishioners

No matter what your present status in the Church, your current marital status, your personal story, age, background, race, etc. all are welcome here! If new to Saint Rose, welcome, we look forward to meeting you, please stop by and introduce yourselves.

To register as a new member of our parish family, call the parish office: 508-393-2413 or register online at: [saintroseoflima.com/how-to-join](http://saintroseoflima.com/how-to-join)

### Mass Schedule

Weekday | Monday 9:00 AM; Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 AM

Lord's Day | Saturday 5:00\* PM; Sunday 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM Life Teen Mass

Holy Days | 8:30 AM & 7:30 PM

\*Please note that the 5 PM Mass is both in-person and livestreamed.

### Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 PM or by appointment

### Prayer

Church | The church is open: 8 :30 AM - 8 PM daily

Adoration | Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 PM | Church

Rosary | Tuesdays, 6:15 PM | Church

### Communications

**Flocknotes** | Receive email notifications about important parish events. Join online: [saintroseoflima.com](http://saintroseoflima.com) or text 84576, keyword: stroseoflima

**FaceBook** | Follow us on FaceBook, join our online community and join us for our live-streamed Mass each Saturday at 5 PM.  
[Facebook.com/StRoseofLimaParish](https://Facebook.com/StRoseofLimaParish)

### Stewardship of Treasure

Average weekly donations for the month of

November \$11,958 (5 wks)

Average # of donors (208)\*



### Question of the Week: Actions Worthy of Praise

*Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist: yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'* (Matthew 11:11)

**Adults:** How do you prepare yourself to meet Christ in those around you?

**Kids:** What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?

### Winter Reminders

With the winter months upon us, here are a few reminders:

- When school is or delayed start due to bad weather, morning Mass will be cancelled.
- If there is an early dismissal or school cancellation due to bad weather, all evening meetings will be cancelled.
- **Please do not leave exterior doors of the church open during the winter months. Thank you.**

### 2nd Collection on December 14th Retirement for the Religious

On the weekend of December 13-14, the faithful will have the opportunity to support more than 21,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), the annual collection taken up by participating (arch) dioceses helps provide critical financial assistance to eligible religious institutes caring for their retired members.

Supporting our aging religious is a profound opportunity to show gratitude for their lifetime of service, and we hear all throughout the year how deeply thankful they are for that support. Thank you for your generosity and support.



### Parish Prayer Intention for the week

*That we may be joyful witnesses who reflect Christ's light in our families, workplace and community.*

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Questions? Email [Gala@saintroseoflima.com](mailto:Gala@saintroseoflima.com)

## Christmas Decorating Volunteers Needed!

Monday, December 22 at 10:00 AM

Come, help transform our church  
from Advent to Christmas.

Many hands needed.

*Caffine Provided!!*

### *Christmas Eve*

Join us !

December 24

| 4 PM

| 6 PM - Mass & Children's Nativity Play  
& ASL Interpreter

| 11:15 PM Lessons and Carols -  
Choral Prelude to Midnight Mass



### *Christmas Day*

December 25

| 12 AM - Midnight Mass

| 10 AM





## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, Dec. 14

- Coffee shop after 8:00 am & 10:00 am Masses, parish hall
- 2nd Collection-Retirement for the Religious
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:45 am, FLC
- Grade 1 Religious Ed, 8:45 am, FLC
- Adult confirmation class, 11:00 am, FLC
- OCIA, 11:00 am, FLC
- Giving Tree distribution day, 12:30 pm, church
- Passionists Associates meeting, 1:00 pm, FLC
- Life Teen band rehearsal, 3:30 pm, church
- Life Teen Mass, 5:00 pm
- Purpose/Confirmation, 6:00 pm, parish hall

### Monday, Dec. 15

- Grade 5 Religious Ed, 4:00 pm, FLC
- Middle School Religious Ed, 6:30-7:45 pm, FLC

### Tuesday, Dec. 16

- Thrift Shop, 10:00 am– 2:00 pm, parish hall
- Communion Service, 10:30 am, Whitney Place
- Mass, 11:00 am, Beaumont
- Grade 2 Religious Ed, 4:00 pm, FLC
- Rosary, 6:15pm, church
- YSL meeting, 6:30 pm, parish hall
- CARES meeting, 6:30 pm, FLC
- Band practice, 7:00pm, church
- Scout leader meeting, 7:00 pm, FLC

### Wednesday, Dec. 17

- Faith Sharing, 10:00 am, FLC
- Grade 3 Religious Ed, 4:00 pm, FLC
- Bldgs & Grounds meeting, 6:00 pm, FLC
- Prayer Shawl, 7:00 pm, FLC
- Advent Reconciliation, 7:00 pm, church

### Thursday, Dec. 18

- Prayer shawl meeting, 10:00 am, FLC
- Grade 4 Religious Ed, 4:00 pm, FLC
- Choir rehearsal, 7:00 pm, church
- Scout Troop meeting, 7:00 pm, parish hall

### Saturday, Dec. 20

- Men's Club, 9:00 am, parish hall
- Mass, 2:00 pm, Coleman House, lower level

### Sunday, Dec. 21

- Coffee shop after the 8:00 am & 10:00 am Masses, parish hall
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:45 am, FLC
- OCIA, 11:00 am, FLC
- Life Teen band rehearsal, 3:30 pm, church
- Life Teen Mass, 5:00 pm
- Life Night, 6:00 pm, parish hall



### Coffee Shop Ministry Hosting Schedule

Dec. 21	Dec. 28
8am P. Cieslica	8am ME Klusacek
10am J. Clancy	10am ME Klusacek



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday December 13 Vigil Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM †Al Garber (Mary Buchheit) & Linda Moriarty (Reddington Family)

### Sunday December 14 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM †Thomas Shivick & Michael Ellsworth (Pat LeSage)  
 10:00 AM †Bill Benoit  
 11:30 AM †Mary Pat Deters (John & Lee Zawacki)  
 5:00 PM †Joseph & Florence McCollum (David Family)

### Monday December 15

9:00 AM All the people of St. Rose of Lima

### Tuesday December 16

8:30 AM Communion Service

### Wednesday December 17

8:30 AM Communion Service

### Saturday December 20 Vigil Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM †George & Jacqueline Frazer (Nancy Evangelista & family)

### Sunday December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM †Genaro Luna (Linda Gentile)  
 10:00 AM †Colin Campbell (David Family)  
 11:30 AM †Joseph & Madeline McCollum (David Family)  
 5:00 PM †John Harrington

## Stewardship

A WAY OF LIVING



### Saturday, Dec. 20

5:00 PM **Eucharistic Ministers:** P. Garber, L. Garber, B. Gillon  
**Lector:** N. Cappello  
**Altar Servers:** C. McGinty, M. McGinty

### Sunday, Dec. 21

8:00 AM **Eucharistic Ministers:** P. O'Hearn, S. Bouvier, L. Hagen  
**Lector:** L. Richer  
**Altar Servers:**  
 10:00 AM **Eucharist:** C. Dean, L. Long, M. Niezieleski, J. Rhinhart, M. Trollinger, M. Proulx  
**Lector:** L. Gillingham  
**Altar Servers:** J. Bierschied, A. Bierschied  
 11:30 AM **Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Reyes, K. Boyle  
**Lector:** J. Christensen  
**Altar Servers:** M. Rodriguez

## YOUTH SERVICE LEAGUE: WHERE FAITH BECOMES ACTION



Dec 16 | 6:30 - 8 PM | Meeting - Parish Hall  
Jan 06 | 6:30 - 8 PM | Meeting - Parish Hall  
Jan 16 | 6:30 - 8 PM | YSL Outing - Ski Ward  
Feb 25 | 6:30 - 8 PM | Meeting - Parish Hall

## Be Our Guest!

### College Student Welcome Back Dinner

Our annual College Student Dinner is on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 6pm, Parish Hall. Come and join us for a nice, delicious meal. We want to hear all about your college experiences and the exciting things you have been doing. I hope you will join us! Please RSVP by emailing Marisol: [mbermudez-ellis@saintroseoflima.com](mailto:mbermudez-ellis@saintroseoflima.com).

### Children Needed for Nativity Pageant!

Join us for our Christmas Eve pageant at 6:00 PM!  
All ages welcome.

Costumes provided; rehearsals TBD.

To sign up; contact Susan McGoldrick @ [smcgoldrick@saintroseoflima.com](mailto:smcgoldrick@saintroseoflima.com)



## SAINT ROSE OF LIMA RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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### Third Sunday of Advent

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. This Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice." We rejoice in knowing that Jesus is the Messiah. He saves us from our sins and gives us eternal life in heaven with him. We can share our joy with others by being helpful and kind to others, just as Jesus was. God, we rejoice and thank you for salvation through your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray that all people will know the joy of salvation through Jesus. We pray that you will watch over all who are suffering.



### Children's Liturgy of the Word – K and Grade 1 During the 10AM Mass

December 14  
December 21

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sunday, December 14 8:45 – 9:45 AM  
Sunday, December 21 8:45 – 9:45 AM

### Elementary Classes

Grade 1 Sunday	Dec. 14	8:45 – 9:45 AM
Grade 1 Sunday	Dec. 21	No Class
Grade 2 Tuesday	Dec. 16	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Grade 2 Tuesday	Dec. 23	No Class
Grade 3 Wednesday	Dec. 17	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Grade 3 Wednesday	Dec. 24	No Class
Grade 4 Thursday	Dec. 18	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Grade 4 Thursday	Dec. 25	No Class
Grade 5 Monday	Dec. 15	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Grade 5 Monday	Dec. 22	No Class

### Middle School Classes

Monday, December 15 6:30 – 7:45 PM  
Monday, December 22 No Class

### LIFE TEEN

### Life Nights for HS Teens

Sunday, December 21 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
Sunday, January 11 6:00 – 8:00 PM

### Confirmation Nights

Sunday, December 14 6:00 – 7:45 PM  
Sunday, January 4 6:00 – 7:45 PM

**Reminder: The 5:00 PM Life Teen Mass is open to everyone.**



## Giving Tree

Spread Some holiday cheer!

Giving Tree Tags Still Available: Pick up a tag in the gathering space to help a family in need this Christmas.

Please return unwrapped gifts with tags attached by Sunday, December 14th at 11:30am.

Middle & High School Teens: Join us to help sort the Giving Tree gifts on Sunday, Dec 14 from 12:30–2:00 PM. Sign up in the gathering space.

Thank you for helping share the joy of the season with those in need!



## Help Support The Kingdom Project!

Come on Friday, **December 12th** from **6:00 - 8:00 PM** and let our middle school students wrap your presents!

**Donations from this event will help fund our 6th Grade Kingdom Project happening next spring.**

The Kingdom Project is based on the *Parable of the Talents*. Each student will receive \$10 and use their God-given gifts to help the Kingdom of God grow.

Early next year, parishioners are invited to visit the students' project displays, hear what they've learned, and celebrate all they've accomplished!

***Parable of the Talents Matthew 25:14–30***



Join Us!

Saint Rose of Lima's  
140 Anniversary Year

Kick off Mass

Jan 11 | 10:00 AM

Reception to follow in parish Hall

## ADVENT

*Sacrament of Reconciliation*

DECEMBER

17

7-8 pm

THERE WILL BE NO PRAYER SERVICE  
COME ANY TIME DURING THE HOUR

*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest."*

*Matthew 11:28*

## PARISH TRIP FRANCE

Enter to Win a Trip to France &  
Join our Parish Pilgrimage

Grand Prize Drawing  
Tickets \$100 each  
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Only 100 tickets will be sold!



We Congratulate

**Grace Allison Boakye-Mensah**

who was baptized last weekend.

We welcome her and pledge, through our example and support, growth in God. May the Lord bless her and her parents as they begin their journey to know and love the Lord.





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