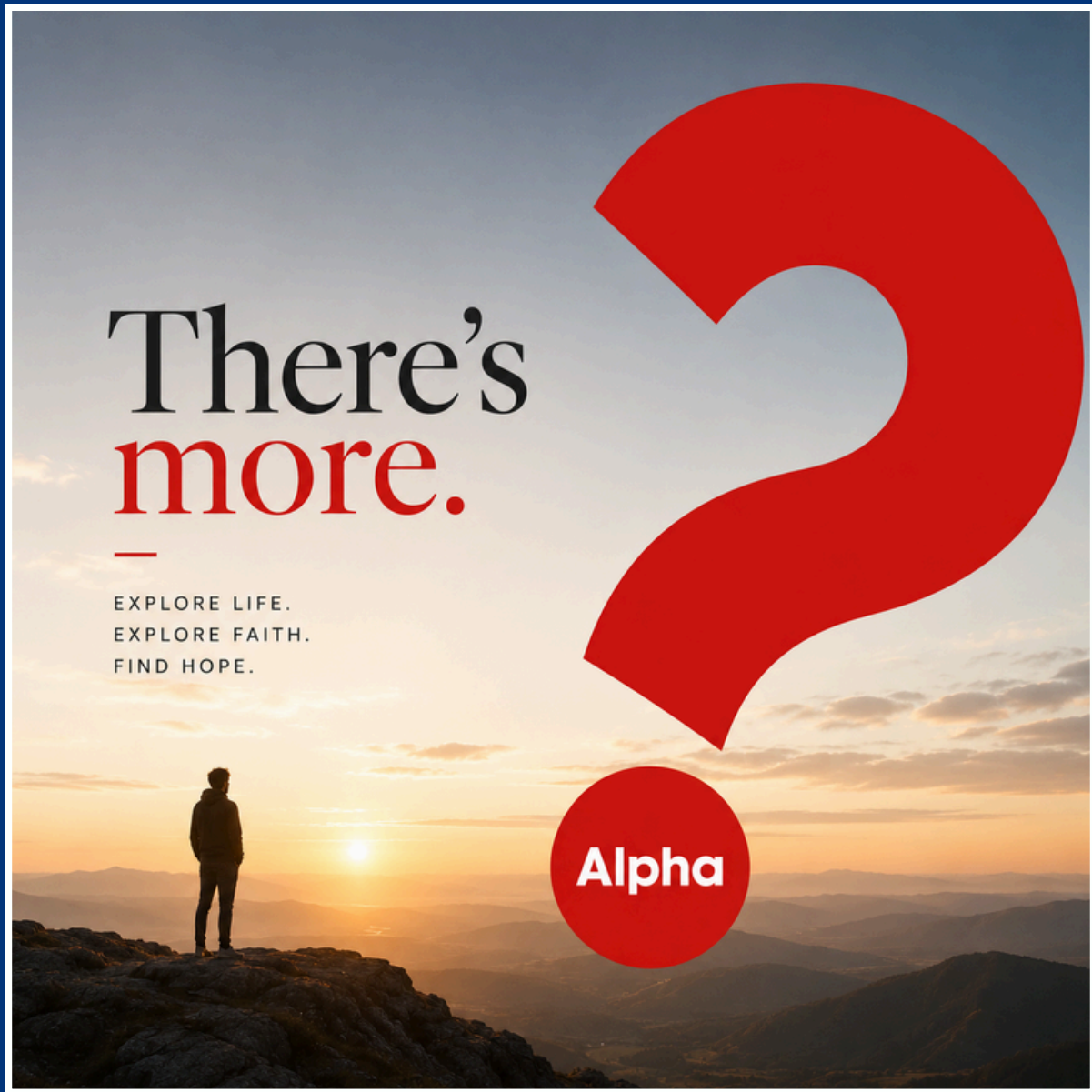


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THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 30, 2026

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OUR MISSION

Saint Rose 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.

We endeavor to be a Christ-centered family, committing ourselves through spiritual, educational, and social action, under the guidance of the Spirit, to love one another as He has loved us.

WELCOME TO SAINT ROSE OF LIMA!

For all who are visiting Saint Rose today, whether new or returning after an extended absence, Saint Rose of Lima Parish welcomes you and hopes that you experience the face of God here in this community of faith.

NEW PARISHIONERS

If new to our parish, welcome! If interested in joining our faith community, we invite you to stop by our office or call Linda to register: 508-393-2413. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you into our parish family!

CONTACT US

If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know. 508-393-2413.

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Religious Education office: Mon - Thurs 10 - 5 PM

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MASS TIMES

Saturday | 5:00 PM
Sunday | 8:00 AM
 | 10:00 AM - Family Mass
 | 5:00 PM - Teen Mass,
 open to all.

Weekday Mass:

Mon | 9 AM
Tues | 8:30 AM
Wed | 8:30 AM

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STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

PARTNERS IN CHARITY-THANK YOU!

We have reached our parish goal! Thank you to all who have made a contribution to this year's campaign.

YOUR GENEROSITY ALLOWS US TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS

A \$1,000 tithe has been sent to the Dominican Friars, Province of St. Martin de Porres in support to their ministry of preaching and evangelization.

GIVE ONLINE

Donating online is easy. Simply use the QR Code to follow the link.

Your generosity helps our parish worship, serve, welcome, form disciples, and reach beyond our walls with the love of Christ. Thank you for the many ways you give and for making the mission of St. Rose possible. Every gift is an expression of faith and a blessing to our community.

Whether you are with us every Sunday or away from home, online giving allows your stewardship to continue as part of our shared commitment to Follow the Way of Love.



CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Our parish follows the national guidelines for the protection of Children and Young People, approved by the US Bishops and the Diocese of Worcester, in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. If you or someone you know have been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact Victim Services Coordinator for our Diocese at (508) 929-4363 (direct line and confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Praying for a Shepherd After the Heart of Jesus

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There are moments in the life of the Church when the Lord invites us to wait, not passively, but prayerfully, hopefully, and with trust. For us in the Diocese of Worcester, this is one of those moments.

Earlier this summer, Bishop Robert J. McManus celebrated his 75th birthday. In accordance with the law of the Church, every diocesan bishop is asked at age 75 to submit his resignation to the Holy Father. Bishop McManus has done so, placing his ministry and the future of our Diocese into the hands of Pope Leo XIV. For now, Bishop McManus remains our Bishop as we await the Holy Father's decision.

After more than twenty-two years as our shepherd, Bishop McManus now enters this time of transition with us. We are invited to accompany him with gratitude and prayer: gratitude for his years of service to the Church of Worcester, and prayer that the Lord will give him wisdom and peace as he prepares our Diocese, and himself, for what comes next.

What happens now?

The process of choosing a bishop is intentionally careful and largely confidential. In simple terms, the Apostolic Nuncio, the Holy Father's representative in the United States, helps gather information about the needs of our Diocese and possible candidates. After extensive consultation, names are presented to the Dicastery for Bishops in Rome. The Dicastery studies the recommendations and presents them to the Holy Father. Ultimately, it is Pope Leo XIV who appoints our next Bishop. The process can take many months, and its timetable cannot be predicted. But there is something very important that we can do while that process unfolds. We can pray.

We are not simply waiting for a name to be announced. We are asking the Holy Spirit to provide a shepherd for this local Church, a bishop after the Heart of Jesus: a man who loves Christ deeply, who loves His people, who will teach the faith with courage and joy, care for the poor and vulnerable, strengthen our priests and deacons, encourage vocations, accompany our families and young people, and lead us together in the mission of proclaiming the Gospel.

Perhaps this time of transition can become a special season of prayer for all of us. At Mass, in Eucharistic Adoration, in our Rosaries, around our family tables, and in our personal prayer, let us remember the Diocese of Worcester. Let us pray not for the bishop we might choose, but for the bishop God knows we need.

And let us pray for Bishop McManus. May the Lord bless him for his years of service and grant him strength, peace, and joy as he continues to shepherd us during this time of waiting.

The future of our Diocese does not rest simply in a process taking place in Rome. Our future rests in the hands of God. The same Holy Spirit who has guided the Church through every generation is still at work among us.

So together, let us pray:

Come, Holy Spirit. Look with love upon the Church of Worcester. Bless Bishop McManus and strengthen him in his ministry. Guide our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, and all those entrusted with discerning our next bishop. Send us a shepherd after the Heart of Jesus, a man of faith, prayer, courage, compassion, and missionary zeal. Prepare his heart for us, and prepare our hearts to receive him. May everything that lies ahead lead our Diocese closer to Christ and help us joyfully proclaim His Gospel. Amen.

Until then, we wait with hope, we walk together, and above all, we pray.



**"I WILL APPOINT OVER YOU
SHEPHERDS AFTER MY OWN HEART,
WHO WILL SHEPHERD YOU WISELY
AND PRUDENTLY."**

JEREMIAH 3:15

WEEKLY PARISH PRAYER INTENTION

*That the Holy Spirit may guide
our Diocese of Worcester in
this time of transition, bless
Bishop McManus, and send us
a new shepherd after the Heart
of Jesus.*



**LOVE YOU
ALL,
FR. JUAN**



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

SEPT - MAY, 10 AM MASS

Our youngest children are invited to gather in the family life center during the Liturgy of the Word to break open the Word at their own level. There, they also sing and work on a craft that follows the gospel theme. They return to the church for the Eucharist.

COFFEE SHOP- MORE THAN COFFEE AND DONUTS

Following the 8 and 10 AM Masses. Due to the work on the parish hall, Coffee Shop is currently on hold until the hall is complete.

DEAF COMMUNITY

We have interpreted Masses for our Deaf Community, on the fourth Sunday of each month at 10 AM. Please spread the word.



ROSARY

TUESDAYS, 6:15 PM

Join us as we pray the rosary together each Tuesday evening in the church.



ADORATION

WEDNESDAYS, 7 - 8 PM

Join us for an evening of quiet, prayer and reflective music in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Come and rest awhile, basking in Jesus' love for you.

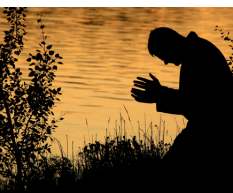


RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS, 4 PM

Or by appointment.

Come and take advantage of God's abundant love and mercy.



PRAYER

PERSONAL PRAYER

The church is open for personal prayer from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm daily

PRAYER LINE

Our prayer team is ready to pray for your needs now. Send your prayer request to Donna at djpcx@charter.net or submit it online on our welcome page. If you would like to speak with someone on our pastoral team, please call the office to speak with Theresa Fugardi, our pastoral associate, or Fr. Juan, our pastor.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - Vigil, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Aug. 29

5:00 PM | † Colin Campbell (Pat & Lora)

Sunday - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Aug. 30

8:00 AM | † Deacon Philip Devine

10:00 AM | † Richard Balunas, 1st Anniversary & Louis Musacchio, 7th Anniversary (Gina & John Balunas)

5:00 PM | † Kathleen Hogan

Monday - Aug. 31

9:00 AM | † Dennis Luciano

Tuesday - Sept. 1

8:30 AM | People of St. Rose of Lima

Wednesday - Sept. 2

8:30 AM | † Myrna Torres (Family)

Next Saturday - Vigil, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 5

5:00 PM | † Dorothy Fragomeni (David Family)

Next Sunday - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 6

8:00 AM | † MaryAnn Scarpelli, 2nd Anniversary (Daughter-Kimmarie)

10:00 AM | † Alicia Diaz (Alina Echavarria)

5:00 PM | † Rev. Robert Spellman

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

COME, FOLLOW ME

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24)

Adult Question: *In what concrete ways do you take up your cross and follow Jesus?*

Child Question: *When has it been difficult to be a follower of Jesus?*

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES



ALLIANCE (COLEMAN HOUSE)

1st Wed | Mass | 10:30 AM | Upper level

3rd Sat | Mass | 2:00 PM | Lower level

BEAUMONT

1st Mon | Communion Service | 10:30 AM

3rd Tue | Mass | 11:00 AM

WHITNEY PLACE

1st & 3rd Tue | Communion Service | 10:30 AM

2nd Tue | Rosary | 10:30 AM

4th Tue | Mass | 3:00 PM

FALL FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION OPEN

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (3-K)

Religious Education - grades 1-8

Life Teen (grades 9-12) | Confirmation Prep (11TH grade)

Deadline: August 31



ALPHA RETURNS!

TUESDAYS | SEPT 8

We're excited to announce the return of Alpha! Tuesday nights 6:30-8:30 PM. Come, explore the basic Christian message with others.

Enjoy a meal, a video & good conversation. There's a seat for **You** at the table! Learn more, register today!
www.saintroseoflima.com/Alpha



LIFE TEEN/PURPOSE INFORMATION NIGHT

**SEPT 13 | 6 PM | CHURCH - ALL
HIGH SCHOOL TEENS & PARENTS**

Important for all HS teens and parents to attend - following the 5 PM Life Teen Mass. Information will cover Life Teen and Purpose, our Confirmation program. Come learn what's ahead, meet the team and discover the magic of Life Teen for yourselves. After, all teens are invited to join us outside for our Life Night - fun, food, games, good conversations with friends - new and old.



GRANDPARENTS DAY & BACKPACK BLESSING

SUNDAY | SEPT 13 | 10 AM MASS

Join us as we celebrate the wonderful gift grandparents are to our families and our

faith. Kids, bring your backpacks - we'll bless the backpacks and our students at Mass, asking God to be with them throughout the year ahead. Bring the whole family, bring the grandparents, bring the backpacks; and come celebrate with us! We would love to see you there!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday - August 30

- No coffee shop due to parish hall renovation
- Sacramental Prep, 9 AM, FLC
- Life Teen band rehearsal, 4 PM, Church
- Life Teen Mass, 5 PM

Tuesday - September 1

- Communion Service, 10:30 AM, Whitney Place
- Alpha training, 6 PM, FLC
- Rosary 6:15 PM, Church
- Band Rehearsal, 7 PM, Church

Wednesday - September 2

- Mass, 10:30 AM, Coleman House-upper level
- Holy Hour, 7 PM

Thursday, September 3

- Prayer Shawl, 10 AM, FLC
- Life Teen Core Team Meeting, 6:30 PM, FLC
- Choir rehearsal, 7 PM, church

Sunday - September 6

- No coffee shop due to parish hall renovation
- Life Teen band rehearsal, 4 PM, Church
- Life Teen Mass, 5 PM

BECOMING CATHOLIC...

Inquiry Night

**Sept. 16
6:30 PM**

Explore | Encounter | Connect

Explore the Catholic faith in a friendly, casual atmosphere.

Encounter Christ on a deeper level.

Connect with others.

For adults interested in receiving Baptism, converting to Catholicism, or completing their Christian Initiation.

PARISH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SOLEMN VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER)

SEPT 18 | 6:30 PM | CHURCH

On September 18, the actual day of our 140th anniversary, join us for Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) as we give thanks to God for 140 years of our parish.

Through Scripture, music, and prayer, we will remember the generations who came before us, celebrate the parish we are today, and entrust our future to the Lord. Come and pray with us as we mark 140 years of faith, love, and community!

ANNIVERSARY MASS

SEPT 20 | 10:00 AM | CHURCH

Join us for our 140th Anniversary Mass as we come together in gratitude for the rich history of St. Rose of Lima Parish. We will welcome back former staff members, priests, and deacons who have been part of our parish family through the years. We will celebrate those who came before us while entrusting the future of our community to the Lord.

Come celebrate our story, give thanks for 140 years of blessings, and look with hope toward all that God still has in store for St. Rose! A festive reception will follow the Mass.



PATHFINDERS - YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

FRIDAY | SEPT 18 | 6 PM
TOUGAS BEER & CIDER GARDEN

Young adults (21-35), join us for a Meet & Greet at Tougas Farm as we connect & enjoy great conversations. Whether you're new to the parish or looking to reconnect and meet others, we'd love to have you join us. saintroseoflima.com/pathfinders

SAVE THE DATE... LIFE TEEN/LIFE NIGHT LAUNCH

OCT 4 | FOLLOWING 5 PM, LT MASS | ALL HS TEENS!

NEW: THREADS OF HOPE

URBAN MISSIONARIES PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Urban Missionaries is launching a new vocational sewing program, Threads of Hope, this September. Inspired by St. Rose of Lima, who supported her family and served the poor through her own sewing and embroidery, this program continues her legacy of dignity, skill, and compassion.

Threads of Hope will provide one-on-one sewing and tailoring instruction to women seeking sustainable, home-based income opportunities. Skilled volunteers will mentor participants in sewing techniques, garment repair, machine use, and basic entrepreneurship.

We are seeking volunteers to help welcome participants, assist our Master Seamstress, organize donated materials, prepare sewing "start-up kits," and track attendance. To learn more or volunteer, please contact: Friends@Urbanmissionaries.com



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DECORATE CHURCH
10 AM SAT, SEPT 19



PARISH ANNIVERSARY MASS
10 AM SUN, SEPT 20



**RECEPTION
TO FOLLOW**

*140 Years * Following the Way of Love*

APPLEFEST Fun!



Sept. 24 | 7 PM | Parish Hall

140th History Presentation - Saint Rose of Lima Church - 140 years of a community following the Way of Love. Presented by Nick Cappello.

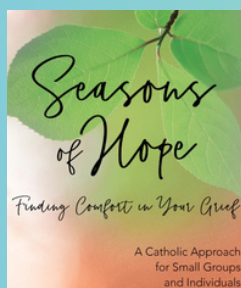
Sept. 26 | 9 AM - 3:00 PM

Saint Rose of Lima Applefest/Family Fun Day! Games, Food, Bouncy House, Train Rides, Thrift Shop and more! SPREAD THE NEWS & JOIN THE FUN!

Sept. 26 | 9 AM | 5K Road Race

Run with Saint Rose of Lima at Applefest! Invite your friends and family to join us! Every registered St. Rose participant will receive a special 140th Anniversary Race bib!

Use the QR code to register and let's run this race together!



NEW: BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT "SEASONS OF HOPE"

BEGINNING OCT 4 | 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM | FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Coming this Fall to Saint Rose of Lima. A new grief support group. This group meets weekly for 8 weeks, four times/year. Once/"season." If you are carrying a loss — fresh or long-held — we invite you to join our group. Come as you are. Bring your tears, your questions, your anger, your silence. You will find no judgment, only the quiet, steadfast presence of fellow pilgrims and the grace of a God who never abandons us. For more information or to register, please contact Theresa Fugardi at the office or email: tfugardi@saintroseoflima.com

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