



Women's Bible Study: Thursdays 10:00 am in the upstairs hall for greater accessibility.

Religious Education: Children or Adult, contact Donna or Peggy for more information.

Hospitality: Sundays after Mass Bring a dish to share, or a simple snack

Formed.org: access code **0d020f**. Catholic Netflix for free!

*If words have power,
imagine a prayer...*

Collection /Donations: Mail and online donation are options and you can designate where to apply the funds.

Sunday – \$ 283.00 Black and Indian Missions - \$181.00

To donate online: click "donate" at www.stroseoflimawrangell.com

Thank you for your generous and continued support

Safety Protocols and Hospitality - Flu and respiratory

viruses can be as deadly as Covid and the risks remain very real for many in our community **Be aware and take care for each other as we gather together.** Masks are available in the entryway if you need or want one as well as sanitizer.



Resources: The Diocese website, aoaj.org, is a resource to stay informed about changes or events in the Diocese. The "Monthly Revival Chats" video series is now on the archdiocese website.



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St. Rose Parish News and Announcements

Schedule Updates - at present our Mass schedule will be Sundays at 11:00 am and 5:30 pm and daily Mass at 7:25 am Monday thru Wednesday. As always this is weather permitting. Monday evening will be a Finance meeting. The time will be announced after Mass Sunday, and via email.

Second Collection - The United in Mission appeal is about to end, and St. Rose is still short on our assessment. There will be a second collection next week to help make up the shortfall. Thank you for your generosity.

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday at 5:30 pm during Lent.

CSR Rice Bowls - Looking for something positive to do for Lent this year, pick up a rice bowl and follow the reflections and ideas in the Lenten calendar. Additional resources can be found at csrricebowl.org

Religious Education - The "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" study by Michael Gaitley has started at 9:30 am on Sunday in the Garnet Room. If you are looking for something special to do this Lent, it's not too late to start. All are welcome to attend. Please see Peggy if you have questions or just show up.

Giveaway - the new drainage project is pretty close to finished. Thank you to the angels among us who have worked so hard on it. Several lengths of drainage pipe have been replaced, but the old pieces are good enough for lighter duty and available for anyone who has a use for them. If no one wants them, they will be disposed of next week. Talk to Bob if you have questions.

Connections – 2/25/2024

Today's Gospel is Mark's account of the transfiguration of Jesus. In the event witnessed by Peter, James and John on the mountain, the promise of the first covenant (Moses the great law giver and Elijah the great prophet) converges with the fulfillment of the new covenant (Jesus the Messiah).

Throughout Israel's history, God revealed his presence to Israel in the form of a cloud (for example, the column of cloud that led the Israelites in the desert during the Exodus – Exodus 15). On the mountain of the transfiguration, God again speaks in the form of a cloud, claiming the transfigured Jesus as his own Son.

Returning down the mountain, Jesus urges the three not to tell of what they had seen, realizing that their vision would confirm the popular misconception of an all-powerful, avenging Messiah. The mission of Jesus the Messiah means the cross and resurrection, concepts that Peter and the others still do not grasp.

The use of the Greek word *transfiguration* indicates that

what the disciples saw in Jesus on Mount Tabor was a divinity that shone from within him. This Lenten season is a time for each of us to experience such a "transfiguration" within ourselves – that the life of God within us may shine forth in lives dedicated to compassion, justice and reconciliation.

Love that calls us beyond ourselves is transforming. In the transforming love of Christ, the Messiah-Servant, we can "transfigure" despair into hope, sadness into joy, anguish into healing, estrangement into community.

The glorious Christ of the Transfiguration will soon become the Crucified Christ of Good Friday. Accepting the God of blessing is easy, but when that God becomes the God of suffering who asks us to give readily and humbly to others and to forgive one another without limit or condition, then we begin to insulate ourselves from the relationship God invites us to embrace. In risking the pain and demands of loving one another as Christ has loved us, the divinity we recognize in the Jesus of the Transfiguration becomes for us the eternal life of the Jesus of Easter.

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Mass: Sunday at 11:00 am & 5:30 pm, except the third weekend each month, then Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 9:00 am. When the priest is in town Weekday Mass at 7:25 am (changes as needed)

Reconciliation: by appointment when Father Jose is here

Weddings, Baptisms or Funerals: Contact Father Jose for preparation and/or scheduling.