



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.

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

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Sunday – \$ 815.00

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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.



April 14, 2024 – Third Sunday of Easter

St. Rose Parish News and Announcements

Schedule Updates - The next 3rd Sunday will be next week, April 21st. We are back to the regular schedule this week, with Sunday Mass at 11:00 am and 5:30 pm today. We will have daily Mass all week at 7:25 am. Saturday the 20th, we will have Mass at 5:30 pm and Sunday morning at 9:00 am before Father Jose returns to Petersburg..

Hospitality - Gathering for coffee and food after Mass on Sunday is one of the activities the helps unite us as a parish family. At present, keeping it informal and unstructured seems to be working. Supplies are getting low, so watch for sales and bring some extra's when you can. Things like paper plates and napkins, coffee and creamer or canned milk, can always be used and store well. Thank you.

Cruise Ships - The summer schedule begins in May and ends in September. During that season we will have ships in port on roughly 12 Sundays as well as other days. Some of the ships are small, but some have several hundred people. Last year several folks talked about doing some outreach to these visitors, and now would be the time to start thinking and planning. Anyone interested, meet on Wednesday April 17th at 5:30 pm in the hall.

Training - Are you interested in taking a more active part at Mass, as a reader or altar server, or leader of a Eucharistic Service when the priest is weathered out? I would like to get some training organized so we have more than a couple of people available. Please let Chris know so we can find a time that works for everyone. Thank you.



Connections – 4/14/202

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of Luke's account of Jesus' first post-resurrection appearance to his disciples. The two disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus have returned to Jerusalem to confirm the women's story of the resurrection. While they are excitedly telling their story, Jesus appears.

Luke goes to great lengths in his Easter accounts to make clear that the resurrection was neither the fantasy of a group of crazy zealots nor a plot concocted by the disciples who somehow managed to spirit the body of Jesus away. In the details he presents here, Luke is countering the arguments forwarded to explain away the resurrection myth. There can be no mistake: The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a reality, a reality in which all of the Scriptures find their ultimate fulfillment.

For Luke, the power of Jesus' resurrection is realized in the way it "opens" one's heart and mind to understanding the deeper meaning of God's Word and to fully embracing the Spirit of God. In our faith and trust in the Risen Christ, we become "witnesses" of the mercy and forgiveness of God.

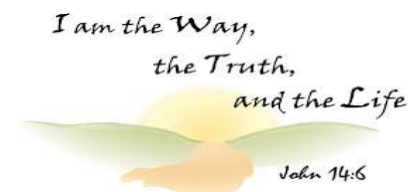
In the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, God reveals in a specific moment of history, in a specific location on earth, the limitless and eternal love the Father has for his people. God continues to make the miracle of the empty tomb present to us in the caring, compassion and love

we receive and give – the love we have witnessed in the suffering of Christ, a love that is victorious even over death. The Risen One walks among us in family and friends who offer their love to us and receive the love we yearn to give.

In today's Gospel, the Risen Jesus challenges his disciples – and us – to recall what he taught and what they had witnessed. The Easter miracle is God's assurance that love and forgiveness, even in the most difficult situations, are never offered in vain; in learning to cope without losing hope, in learning from the painful realities of life and in accepting the lessons learned in God's Spirit of humility and patience, we become capable of growth, re-creation, transformation – and resurrection.

Just as the Risen Christ asks the Eleven for "something to eat," he asks the same of us today in the cries and pleas of the poor and needy among us. In imitating his humble compassion, we, in turn, discover meaning and purpose that "feed" our own hunger for meaning, for fulfillment, for God in our lives.

Easter faith opens our eyes and hearts to realize God's hand in every moment of time, transforms our attitudes to realize the need for God's compassion and forgiveness in every human encounter, lifts up our spirits to hope even in the face of life's most painful and traumatic moments.



St Rose of Lima Catholic Church



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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.