

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2014



“A group of students are preparing things to set up the nativity scene. A young boy assigned in cleaning the figurines accidentally broke a statue of one of the shepherds. He felt sorry for his negligence, apologized to the teacher, and promised to buy a new one as a replacement. The teacher said: ‘No need to buy a new one’. Just glue the broken pieces together and put it in the place where it belongs.”

The students suggested: ‘We will just replace it with a new one’. In that case, it will be more beautiful, because it is new. And nobody will say that it is only glued. The teacher agreed.

The broken figurine gives us a message and leads us to a better understanding of the meaning of the Birth of Jesus. HOW? Because of our hard-headedness, our disobedience to God’s will, we are like the figurine that was destroyed and broken. Our relationship with God was broken. Our original dignity as children of God, as brothers and sisters of Jesus, and as heirs of the Kingdom of God, was lost. But God did not abandon us. He did not throw us away. He did not waste His time, but He patiently gathered our broken pieces, to make us whole again. And with the Birth of His Beloved Son our Lord Jesus Christ, He brought back to us our friendship with Him and the salvation of our souls. He gave back to us our lost identity – to be with Him forever.

Our dear people of St. Rose, let us focus our attention to the Nativity scene, and let us reflect on the image of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the image of the shepherds and the wise men. In them, we see and experience obedience, true love and the offering of ourselves, time, and even treasures. Let us imitate them on obedience to God, on loving one another in our families and in our Parish Community. Let us make ourselves the “Nativity Scene” all the days of our life!

### MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!



*From the Pastoral Team and Staff of St. Rose of Lima Parish!*

#### **An offering made in memory of a deceased loved one.**

An acknowledgement for your donation will appear in the weekly bulletin but no tax receipt is issued.

<b>Bread and Wine</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Sanctuary Lamp (Church)</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Lamps beside Exposed Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel</b>	<b>\$10/each</b>
<b>Oil for Altar Candle</b>	<b>\$10</b>



**MONDAY, December 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
**SUNDAY, December 28<sup>TH</sup>**

MON Dec 22 <sup>ND</sup>	7:30 a.m.	+ Brendon Fernandes
TUES Dec 23 <sup>RD</sup>	7:30 a.m.	+ Morgan Valentine
FRI Dec 26 <sup>TH</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+ Paul Kempf
SAT Dec 27 <sup>TH</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+ Estela Delacruz + Penny Basa + Louis Zizek
	5:00 p.m.	+ Joyce Zielinski
SUN Dec 28 <sup>TH</sup>	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	+ Eva R. Gonzales All Parishioners of St. Rose Family Thanksgiving Isaiah M. Cruz - In Thanksgiving
	4:30 p.m.	Vietnamese Mass



We keep in our prayers the sick, elderly, the housebound, the “forgotten members” in our community, and their families and caregivers. “Lord, surround them with your healing and steadfast love.”



### REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

**The Bread and Wine** was donated by Evelyn in memory of her sister Susan Estrella Star Ramos.

### REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

- **VOCATION ADORATION SUNDAY** - Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from Saturday, after the 5 p.m. Mass to Sunday at 7 a.m.  
**NEXT ADORATION: This Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>**
- **BREAKING OPEN THE WORD** – Mondays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the Church.
- **KARATE** – Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Hall.
- **TAI CHI** – Fridays from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Hall.
- **LIBRARY & RESOURCE CENTRE** - Please return books to the Parish office.

**33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY**

Before Jesus died, He gave us two very important gifts:

1. The Gift of Himself, when He instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper.
2. The Gift of His Mother from the Cross.

The Gift of His Mother Mary to the Church was in fact, the last human act of Jesus from the Cross. Mary, our Spiritual Mother is constantly interceding for us.

In order to get closer to Jesus through His loving Mother, we will be holding the "33 Days to Morning Glory" retreat. It is a "Do it yourself Retreat" which runs for 33 days and ends with the **Consecration to Our Blessed Mother**. All participants meet once a week to discuss, in confidence, their growth in spiritual life.

The **start date** will be **January 9<sup>th</sup>** and it will **end** on **February 11<sup>th</sup>** the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

For more information and to sign up, please contact the Legion of Mary. We need to know in advance so we can order the appropriate number of books.



**SUNDAY MISSALS**

**SUNDAY MISSALS** are now available for purchase at the Parish Office for \$5 each. Please bring exact change.



**ALTAR SERVERS**

Please note that the Altar Servers sign-up sheets for Christmas and the New Year have been posted in the sacristy.

**BOWLING DAY – ST. ROSE OF LIMA ALTAR SERVERS'**



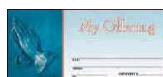
Takes place on **January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015** from **1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** at

Kennedy Bowl (2300 Lawrence Ave. E. at Kennedy – White Shield Plaza).

Parental Permission Forms (from ages 8 – 18) are available at the Parish office.

For more information please contact Fr. Silvio Eljuga, [associatepastor@stroseoflimaparish.ca](mailto:associatepastor@stroseoflimaparish.ca) or 416.438.6729 ext. 26

**2015 SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES**



Offertory envelopes will be in the Narthex until this Sunday, **December 21<sup>st</sup>**. After that you will be able to obtain Donation Envelopes from the Office.

We would first like to thank you for your generosity at our recent St. Rose Christmas Concert!



**SOCIETY OF ST. VICENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS NEEDS**

However, the need for the less fortunate brethren in our parish community has never been greater and this year we are at risk of being unable to properly support them at Christmas.

We normally assist over 600 individuals within 210 plus families, who count on us to provide a Christmas meal and gifts for the children.

Please consider SSVDP over the next week or so and thanks again for your support to date.

A reminder that all donations of \$20 or more, using the Society of St. Vincent de Paul envelopes located in the Narthex and at all entrances of the Church, will be issued a tax receipt at year end. The last donation date for 2014 is **Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you again for your continued support and generosity!



**TALENT NIGHT REHEARSAL:** *for Participants only*  
Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014  
at 7 – 9 p.m.

**EDGE & LIFE TEEN TALENT SHOW**  
Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
at 7 – 9 p.m.



**CHRISTMAS 2014 & NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE AND CHAPEL & OFFICE HOURS**



WED Dec 24 <sup>TH</sup>	5:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m. 12:00 (Midnight)	Christmas Eve Service in Vietnamese Carols starting at 7:30 p.m. Carols starting at 11:00 p.m.	(office & chapel closed at noon)
THURS Dec 25 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>		(office & chapel closed)
	9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:30 p.m.		
FRI Dec 26 <sup>TH</sup>	8:30 a.m.		(office & chapel closed)
SAT Dec 27 <sup>TH</sup>	8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.		
SUN Dec 28 <sup>TH</sup>	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:30 p.m.		
MON Dec 29 <sup>TH</sup>	7:30 a.m.		
TUES Dec 30 <sup>TH</sup>	7:30 a.m.		
WED Dec 31 <sup>ST</sup>	<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>		<b>CHAPEL CLOSED</b> (office closes at noon)
	5:00 p.m.		
THURS Jan 1 <sup>ST</sup>	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>		(office & chapel closed)
	9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:30 p.m.		