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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Closed for Lunch 12 Noon to 1:00 p.m.)

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Holidays CLOSED

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m. (Service in Vietnamese)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 a.m., 12 Noon

Saturday & Statutory Holidays 8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) TIMES

Confessions before every weekday and Saturday Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (In the Chapel)

Our adoration chapel is open for adoration and prayer day and night from Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. to Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. The Chapel will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Those who wish to spend time from 7:30 p.m. until 6:30 a.m. are requested to contact the parish office to obtain an access code. A valid photo identification document will be required. The Vocation Adoration held overnight on the 3rd Saturday of the month will continue.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Holy Hour (Church) 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET Fridays 6:30 p.m. in the Church

Baptism Every 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month

An interview with the Pastor to set the baptism date is mandatory. Following the interview, attendance by the Parents and Catholic Godparents at Baptism Preparation Class, held every First Saturday of the month, is required. Parents of the child to be baptized are expected to be active members of the Parish community.

Marriage One year notice is normally required to prepare to receive this sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor for an initial interview.

Pastoral Care of the Sick. Requests for visitation of the sick and/or to receive the sacraments for the sick and homebound are to be made through the Parish Office. In times of emergency or beyond regular office hours, please contact a Priest in person.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults An interview with the Pastor is mandatory.

NEW TO THE PARISH Kindly complete a Registration Form. We also strongly encourage you to introduce yourself to the Pastor and Associate Pastor after the celebration of the Mass.

PARISH RECORDS The Parish Office tries its best to keep them up-to-date. Please advise of any important changes you may have (telephone and address).

MISSION STATEMENT

"To demonstrate the love that we have for God by the community we create and our response to the needs of our neighbour."

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 7TH, 2025



Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners

I would like to provide you with information about our new Parish Pastoral Council. Most Parishes have Pastoral Councils or Parish Councils. The Pastoral Council is the advisory body to the Pastor. The purpose of the Pastoral Council is to give its help to the Pastor, to identify the pastoral and practical needs of the Parish and to propose practical ways of enlivening the life of the Parish community. Here at the Parish, the Pastoral Council was dissolved a number of years ago. We are in the process of reinstating the Pastoral Council, so that we can work together as a community of faith and find ways to become an even more vibrant community than we already are.

The following are the members of our Parish Pastoral Council: Ernest Perera, Tessie Lapar, Annette D'Souza, Joelinda Gomes, Diosy Coronado, Jojo Odina, Pramilla Albuquerque, Christine Wong, Melanie Ratnam, Albert Nascimento, Theresa Larcina and Belynda Kouassi. I am grateful to all these men and women for agreeing to be part of the Pastoral Council.

The Pastoral Council will meet several times a year for the purpose of reviewing our Parish's life and ministries and to find ways to grow in our faithfulness and effectiveness. If you have any concerns or constructive, concrete ideas and suggestions that will help vitalize the life of our Parish community, please get in touch with a member of the Pastoral Council.

The first Meeting will be this Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 pm.

Fr. Vijai, CSC ~ Pastor

"The way to love anything is to realize that it may be lost." Gilbert K. Chesterton



It may seem odd that, just as the secular world begins to celebrate peace and joy during the holiday season, we are asked in this week's Gospel to consider our sinfulness. The words of John the Baptist echo across the centuries: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Isn't John's talk about sin, God's wrath, and the need for repentance a bit of a downer as we prepare for Christmas? (formed.org)



Mass Intentions for the week



SATURDAY (Vigil Mass), DECEMBER 6TH

2ND Sunday of Advent

5:00 P.M. + Pamela David

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

2ND Sunday of Advent

7:30 A.M. - For All of Our Parishioners

9:00 A.M. - Stephen & Frances Fleury-Intentions

10:45 A.M. + Rosita Diaz

12:30 P.M. + Richard D'Souza

4:30 P.M. - Vietnamese Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

7:30 A.M. + Rolando Lozano

7:00 P.M. + Antonio & Crispina Franco

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

7:30 A.M. + Alfonso & Bernardo Magnaye

12:00 P.M. + Janice Morgan

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

7:30 A.M. + Suad Hannoush

7:00 P.M. + Baby Gideon Reade Murphy

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

7:30 A.M. - Ruth & Peter Daniels

12:00 P.M. + Zacarias Fernandes

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

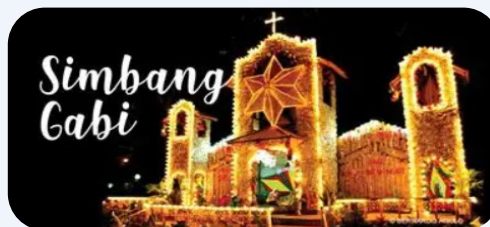
7:30 A.M. - Michael & Delaila Paes-Anniversary

7:00 P.M. + Lena Albuquerque

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

8:30 A.M. - Multiple Intentions

(The Names are Posted on the Bulletin Board)



SIMBANG GABI NOVENA MASSES

The 9-day early morning Christmas Novena Masses (Simbang Gabi) will be celebrated at 6:00 a.m. from December 16th to the 24th. We also need breakfast sponsors during those mornings. Please stop by the office if you would like to sponsor food or make a monetary donation for the breakfast. Thank you.



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.

Below are the suggested donation amounts:

Bread and Wine \$25

Sanctuary Lamp (Church) \$20

Lamps beside Exposed Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel \$10/each

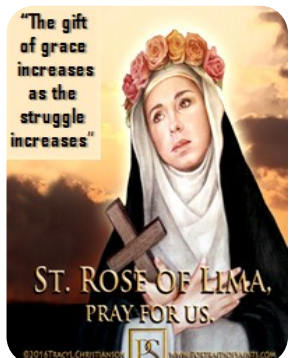
Oil for Altar Candle \$10



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."

"Make sickness itself a Prayer"

~St Francis de Sales~



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 7TH, 2025



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE 2025 The Angel Tree

The Angel Tree was set up at the back of the Church during the weekend of November 15th / 16th.

The need is greater than ever with 161 Families and 514 children and adults assisted at Christmas alone last year and we are asking for your support in again providing gifts for the less fortunate in our parish community.

Simply pick up a tag from the Angel Tree at the back of the church starting this weekend and return a wrapped gift between then and December 17th with age group/gender clearly marked on the outside. PLEASE DO NOT PROVIDE CLOTHING GIFTS AS WE ARE UNABLE TO MATCH THESE WITH FAMILY NEEDS.

Your gifts will be delivered by the Vincentians before Christmas along with a food voucher to make sure these families enjoy a good Christmas.

Alternatively, you can provide a Walmart or Shoppers Drug Mark gift card in denominations of \$10/\$20/\$30 and drop it off at the Church office before December 17th as we can use these as supplemental gifts for our adult clients.

We would also gratefully accept monetary donations over this period via Poor Box envelopes or via the special St. Vincent de Paul collection to be scheduled for the weekend of DECEMBER 13TH/14TH.

Please accept our sincerest thank you in advance for thinking of the needy of our Parish Community this Christmas Season. God Bless!



December 24th - Wednesday

6:00 am—9th Day Novena Mass
(Office closes at noon)

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Holy day of Obligation

December 24th - Wednesday (Christmas Eve)

5:00 pm Mass / 9:00 pm Mass / 12:00 Midnight
7:00 pm (Vietnamese Mass)

December 25th - Thursday (Christmas Day)

7:30 am Mass / 9:00 am Mass
10:45 am Mass / 12:30 pm Mass
4:30 pm—Vietnamese Mass
(Office closed)

December 26th - Friday

8:30 am - St. Stephen, First Martyr (Feast)
(Office closed-Boxing Day)

December 27th - Saturday

8:30 am - St. John, Apostle, Evangelist (Feast)
5:00 pm - Holy Family (Vigil Mass)

December 28th - Sunday

The Holy Family
7:30 am Mass / 9:00 am Mass
10:45 am Mass / 12:30 pm Mass
4:30 pm—Vietnamese Mass

December 29th - Monday

5th Day within the Octave of Christmas
7:30 am Mass / 7:00 pm Mass

December 30th - Tuesday

6th Day within the Octave of Christmas
7:30 am Mass / 12:00 pm Mass

December 31st - Wednesday

7th Day within the Octave of Christmas
7:30 am Mass (Office closes at noon)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Holy day of obligation

December 31st - Wednesday (New Year's Eve)

7:00 pm Mass / 9:00 pm Mass

January 1st - Thursday (New Year's Day)

9:00 am Mass / 10:45 am Mass / 12:30 pm Mass



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Ste. Rose of Lima Conference

Donation Options

- 1 Cash Donation to the Box**
— no CRA Receipt
- 2 Cash or Cheque Donation in SVDP Envelope to Box**
— end of year CRA receipt from Conference
- 3 Use of on-line donation through Canada Helps to our Conference**
— end of year CRA receipt from Canada Helps
Scanning the QR code with your cell phone will open the Canada Helps site.
Note: Canada Helps keeps 3.75 - 4.25% as an administration charge.



<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-ste-rose-of-lima-conference/>



The St. Rose Youth Ministry
is hosting a
Board Game Cafe

January 3rd 2:00pm to 5:00pm
in the Parish hall.
There will be all kinds of game stations,
snacks, drinks and prizes.
This event is open to our
youth from ages 15 to 25
and is free of charge
with registration

Please scan the
code to register..



Marriage Preparation Course for Couples who are preparing for Marriage

St. Barnabas is offering a marriage preparation course
starting on Thursday Jan 15, 2026 for 7 consecutive
Thursdays till Thursday Feb. 26, 2026
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