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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."

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 14TH, 2025



Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners

As we come to the third Sunday of Advent and light the third candle of our Advent Wreath, we continue to prepare the Way of the Lord.

Advent is a joyful season, as we look forward to the coming of the Lord among us at Christmas. However, it can also be an anxious time for some among us. Therefore, I invite you to keep in your special prayers the following people:

- All those who are approaching their first Christmas after the death of someone whom they have dearly loved;
- Those who come to Christmas to celebrate the Word made Flesh, knowing that cancer or some other disease has invaded their own flesh;
- Those who, advanced in age, live in fear that this will be their last Christmas in their own home, yet still able to live life in their own way;
- Those who struggle to make Christmas something their children will always remember but only add to the mounting worry about bills that cannot be paid;
- Those who came to this country, desperate to find a new life, and who now live in fear that everything might be lost;
- Those who are alienated from their family and friends, cut off from the faces meant to give them life;
- Those who are not here in the parish most Sundays because it has never been a place of comfort for them.

May God continue to bless our Advent journey!

Fr. Vijai, CSC ~ Pastor



Mass Intentions for the week



SATURDAY (Vigil Mass), DECEMBER 13TH

3RD Sunday of Advent

5:00 P.M. - Lapar Family-Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

3RD Sunday of Advent

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

9:00 A.M. + Audrey Ellen Heitzner

10:45 A.M. + Manuel & Nel Andres

12:30 P.M. + Ponciana Lim

4:30 P.M. - Vietnamese Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

7:30 A.M. + Rosemary Joseph

7:00 P.M. + Jericho Vallado

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

6:00 A.M. - M Macandog & Family-Thanksgiving

12:00 P.M. + Fredrick Adam Ova

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

6:00 A.M. + Joseph Jeffrey

7:00 P.M. + Julieta Cruz Costales

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

6:00 A.M. + Helen & Joe Michael

12:00 P.M. + Editha Pan Delloro

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

6:00 A.M. + Gloria Alicer Lapar

7:00 P.M. + Domiciano Bautista

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

6:00 A.M. - Fr. Vijai & Fr. Sojan - Intentions

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.



In Loving Memory

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



Remembering Our Loved Ones

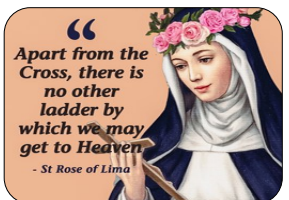
The Bread & Wine was donated by Piedad Viorge in loving memory of Saturnina & Agustin Viorge.



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~



"Apart from the Cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to Heaven"

~ St Rose of Lima

3RD Sunday of Advent



Who hasn't felt discouraged at some point in life? We all know how it feels when things don't go the way we want or expect. John the Baptist was feeling that way in today's Gospel. He is languishing in prison, wondering if all that he said and did had any meaning. Jesus didn't look like the common image of the Messiah. He wasn't a great political leader who would overthrow the Roman oppressors and restore Israel to glory. John's faith is shaken and so he tells his followers to seek out Jesus and ask him, "Are you the one?" (formed.org)

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 14TH, 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..



"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending." ~ C. S. Lewis



2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK-UP AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

Parishioners are asked to pick up their 2026 Offertory Envelopes at the back of the Church. It is important that you discard all previous envelopes when New Year commences.

Please enter your full name and address on the first few 2026 envelopes so that we may allocate donations correctly for income tax purposes.



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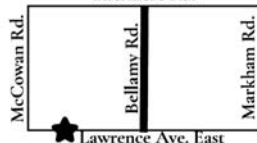
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