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**ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH**  
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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 (CONFESSON) 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."



## Pastor's Corner: Dear Parishioners

This Sunday, January 25th, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, is celebrated as the Word of God Sunday. Pope Emeritus Francis, in his Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit Illis* published on September 30, 2019, established that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God." The Word of God Sunday invites us to rediscover the living power of Scripture at the heart of our faith. The Word of God is not merely a text from the past, but a living voice through which God continues to speak to us today—guiding, challenging and consoling us. The Apostle Paul reminds us that the Word of Christ should dwell richly within us—shaping our thoughts, guiding our actions and inspiring our relationships with others. Let us open our hearts to God's living Word—not only hearing it proclaimed but allowing it to take root deep within us.

May Christ's word inspire genuine love, strengthen our faith, and mold our lives as faithful disciples who carry His message of hope and mercy into our homes, workplaces and communities.

Fr. Vijai, CSC ~ Pastor



## SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

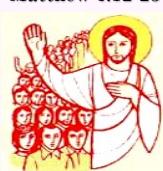
*"I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity."*

*The various communities will find their own ways to mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity. It is important, however, that in the Eucharistic celebration the sacred text be enthroned, in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God's word."*

(Pope Francis, *Aperuit Illis*, 3)

**I**n today's Gospel, we see Jesus's reaction to the news that his cousin John has been arrested: he goes into seclusion back at home in Galilee, maybe for one last visit home with Mary, and then begins gathering the band of followers who will become his apostles. [Formed.Org](http://Formed.Org)

Matthew 4:12-23



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



## Mass Intentions for the week

SATURDAY (Vigil Mass), JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>

5:00 P.M. + Peter & Joanna Ferreira

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>

7:30 A.M. + Leticia Briones

9:00 A.M. - For All Our Parishioners

10:45 A.M. + Pamela David

12:30 P.M. - John Paul Selvarajah (Birthday)

4:30 P.M. - Vietnamese Mass

MONDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>

7:30 A.M. - Julianne-SRL School (Intentions)

7:00 P.M. + KJ Thomas & Mary Kutty Thomas

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>

7:30 A.M. + Concepcion De Los Santos

12:00 P.M. + Belinda Mandani

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>

7:30 A.M. + Teresa Houben

7:00 P.M. + Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>

7:30 A.M. + Marcel Mathias

12:00 P.M. + Loretta Lennon

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup>

7:30 A.M. - Anita Bedard (Intentions)

7:00 P.M. + Edgar Alvarado

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>

8:30 A.M. - Multiple Intentions

(The Names are Posted on the Bulletin Board)

"Teach us to Give  
and Not to Count the Cost"  
~ St. Ignatius of Loyola ~



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memory of a deceased  
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for your donation will  
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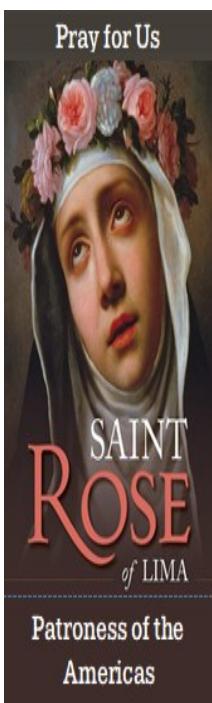
Below are the suggested  
donation amounts:

Bread and Wine \$25

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Sanctuary Lamp  
(Church) \$20

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

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Oil for Altar Candles  
\$10



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**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD)**  
~ JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2026~



# Karaoke Night

Door charge: \$10/adult \$25/family  
Come and enjoy an evening out Saturday February 7  
St Rose of Lima Hall 3216 Lawrence Av East  
Doors open 6:00pm pasta buffet & salad bar  
Last Song 10:30 p.m.

Proceeds support our seminarians



Tickets will be available after Mass at the back of the church from one of the Knights.



### EXTENDED FRENCH PROGRAM - ST. RICHARD

*Is your child in Grade 4 and interested learning French?*  
Then the Extended French program St. Richard (Bellamy and Ellesmere) might be the next step in your child's education.

The Extended French program has students studying the French language, social studies, phys ed, health and the arts in French half of the day and religion, math, language and science in English during the other half. It is a great opportunity to be emersed in the French language and to possibly become bilingual one day.

If you have questions please call the school at 416-393-5301 and if interested, please fill out the interest form here: <https://forms.gle/D9pNKhhJoend3CbS8>

### FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. To LEARN:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals**

#### 3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. Scan this QR code:

2. Follow this registration link: <https://qrco.de/WedFeb7>

3. Send an email to: [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org) and write

"Webinar February 7" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

*Do you want to strengthen your faith and better understand scripture?*

JOIN Us Every Monday from 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm at St. Paul's Room in the Parish Hall. Current Study: The Book of Exodus

We will examine the Israelites' deliverance from slavery to freedom, focusing on God's faithfulness, provision, and the establishment of His covenant, including the Ten Commandments.



### EUCARISTIC ADORATION - COME AND SPEND SOME QUIET TIME IN PRAYER!

From Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm (after the 12:30 pm Sunday Mass) To Saturday afternoon at 4:00 pm.  
VOCATION ADORATION HELD OVERNIGHT ON THE 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.

Chapel Regular Hours are from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM. Those who wish to spend time outside the regular hours (7:30 PM to 6:30 AM) are requested to contact the parish office to obtain an access code.

### WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

#### Pre Authorized Giving (PAG)



When you participate in PAG, your offering will be withdrawn from your bank account around the 20th day of the month and deposited into the Parish's account. This ensures continuous support for our parish, even when you're away. You can cancel anytime. Please visit the parish office to enroll.

#### Tip Tap Pay

Supporting our Parish is now as easy as a tap! Just hold your debit card, credit card, or smart device over the Tip Tap device to make a donation. It's that simple!

#### Donate Now Button



Located on the top right side of our [Parish Website](#), you can donate to the Parish Offertory and Building Fund either as a one-time gift or monthly. Direct your gift to St. Rose of Lima Parish and enter your credit card information.

#### Donation Envelope

Please visit the parish office to register and collect a donation box envelope. You will receive a pre-numbered envelope.

Tax receipts will be issued for all registered donations within the calendar year. Thank you for supporting Our Parish. May GOD bless You More!



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

Parishioners are asked to pick up their 2026 Offertory Envelopes. Thank you!

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