

*St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church*

AUGUST 2025

# **NEWSLETTER**



Dear Parishioners,

Hope summer is going well for you and for your families. The summer days leading up to the Labour Day weekend are a bit of a down time for us in the parish with schools closed and a number of meetings and activities suspended. But, summer time could be a busy time for many of us in our personal lives filled with social events, visits to family and friends, trips within and outside the country, etc. As we enjoy the beautiful warm sunny weather outside, let us always find a moment each day to give thanks to our gracious God for the gift of family, friends and of course for the summer days.

On a personal level, I want to thank our Parish community for all your wishes, gifts and prayers on my birthday. Fr. Sojan and I have completed one year at St. Rose of Lima Parish. We are very grateful for the wonderful journey we have had during this year, and we thank God for this large, vibrant community. As we continue this journey, we hope to know more and more parishioners and to help this community to grow spiritually.

It is a blessing for us to see a lot of people coming and joining us for our liturgical celebrations. As always, please invite your families and friends to come and join us for our celebrations, so that we can all be nourished spiritually. May the reminder of the summer time be refreshing for you.

Fr. Vijai, C.S.C. - Pastor

## *Parish Feast and BBQ*

On Saturday, August 23, we will celebrate the feast of our patroness, St. Rose of Lima. The 5:00 PM Vigil Mass will be followed by a procession around the Church. Candles will be available for purchase and will be blessed after the procession.

The next day, Sunday, August 24, after the 12:30 PM Mass, we will host a BBQ on the Church and school grounds in honor of our patroness. This event will be organized by the various ministries of the Parish.

We invite all parishioners and visitors to join us for the feast day celebrations and the BBQ.

If you would like to contribute to the event, you are very welcome to do so! You can make a monetary donation through the Parish office to help buy supplies for the BBQ, or you can bring ready-to-serve salads, fruits, and desserts. Additionally, the Parish Youth Ministry team will be selling lemonade and bubble tea to raise funds for the youth ministry. Let's support their initiative!





**Share Life:** As you have heard in our weekend announcements, for our ShareLife campaign, so far, we have collected \$61,267 which brings us close to our Parish goal of \$77,000. I want to sincerely thank all the parishioners who have contributed to this worthy cause, for your generosity and care for the vulnerable. If you haven't already done so, please, please consider contributing to ShareLife as soon as you can, and if you have already contributed and could afford a little more, please do so, so that we can reach our Parish's goal. Thank you!

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

As Catholics we might encounter persons who express interest in becoming members of the Catholic Christian Community.

We might also encounter persons who were baptized in the Catholic Church, but never had the opportunity to receive the Eucharist or Confirmation, and who now desire to learn more about their Catholic faith and receive the Sacraments of Initiation. RCIA is a program and a process that can facilitate these interests and desires. The next RCIA program at our Parish will commence at the end of September. The candidates and our team members will meet weekly in our Parish Hall. If you know of anyone who might be interested in the program, please invite them to contact our parish office and register for the program.



### Thank You Note from the Mission Preacher

Dear Friends,

*I sincerely thank Father Vijai, Father Sojan and every one of you for giving me a wonderful opportunity to share about our mission work in India. I thank you on behalf of the children and the elderly that we serve. I express my deep gratitude for sharing your blessings with our ministry in India. I had a wonderful visit. All of you can truly take pride in the way you share in the compassionate mission of this great organization. Your prayers and support will mean a lot and I am ever grateful to you. Your kindness will be remembered always. Kindly continue to pray for us.*

*With prayer and much gratitude,  
Tom Chitta, Foundation for Children in Need*



**TipTap:** Thank you for your cooperation with the implementation of the digital donation system, TipTap in the Parish. The system has been working well and many are using the system to contribute to the Parish. For information about using the system, please pick up a handout from the back of the Church.



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**Varnishing of the Pews:** We are very grateful to our Knights and the volunteers who helped varnish the pews in our Church. As we can see, they have done a great job.

*"When it is in your power to do good, do not hold it back!" ~ St. Polycarp*



### PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS – JULY & AUGUST

Monday - Friday: 9AM - 4PM (closed for lunch 12NN to 1PM)

Saturday 9:00AM - 6:30PM || Sunday 8:30AM - 2:00PM || Holidays CLOSED