

Dear friends,

Because Ventura County still is in the **PURPLE TIER, we continue with Masses outdoors, except for the 11:00 a.m. Mass which will be live streamed from the Church to the patio and to homes. The schedule is below.**

To accommodate those who have compromised health systems but who still want to participate at a parish Mass, we have added two transmitters to broadcast the Masses to people sitting isolated in their cars in the parking lot. In this way, they can hear the Mass and then, after Mass, drive to the west side of the Church (patio side) and receive Holy Communion.

- The frequency for broadcasting from the Church (11:00 am) is 97.1 FM**
- The frequency for broadcasting from the parish hall to the parking lot (all other Masses—English and Spanish) is 89.7 FM**

Thank you to all who have been supporting St. Rose of Lima during this pandemic. For all those who have not been able to attend Mass personally because of the virus, I would ask you to remember to support the church financially. Our collections have been down about \$2000 each Sunday for the last 9 months. We have cut every unnecessary expense to stay within our budget, but lately we are running short. So, I ask you to be as generous as you can at Christmas to offset the shortage by sending by mail your weekly donation or by dropping your donation by the rectory. Thank you ever so much.

Our Christian Service Ministry and the Knights of Columbus are preparing for the Christmas Food Baskets and Christmas gifts for our needy families. At the outdoor Masses, there are baskets on tables with paper ornaments—blue for boys and pink for girl—listing the sex and ages of the needy children. The members of our

Christian Service Ministry would really appreciate if you could take one of the ornaments and purchase a gift for that child while you are out shopping for Christmas. Please drop your gift (unwrapped) by the rectory before December 20th. This year we are also asking for bicycle sponsors of \$100. This will allow us to purchase a bike and helmet. We can buy the bike or you can go pick one out yourself. You can give online to the Toy Drive at: <https://strosesv.com/toy-drive>

For all those who are looking to purchase an Advent Wreath for your home or religious Christmas gifts, the Church gift shop in the vestibule of the Church will be open Monday to Friday from 5-8pm; on Saturday after 8:30 am Mass; and on Sunday after all the morning Masses.

Christmas is quickly approaching: Be sure to prepare for Christ's coming to you by going to Confessions. Monday and Wednesday: 9:00—10:00 AM on west side patio of the Church. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 4:00—5:00 PM on west side of the Church. Saturday: 3-5 p.m. in front of parish hall.

THE MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR THIS COMING WEEKEND, DECEMBER 12-13, 2020:

**Saturday Confessions: 3:00—4:45 pm (in front of parish hall)
Saturday: 5:00 pm (north parking lot) & 7:00 p.m. Mass (north parking lot).**

Sunday: 6 am, 7 am, 9:00 am (north parking lot), 11:00 am (in Church: live streamed to the patio and homes), 1:00 pm and 5:00 p.m. (north parking lot)

For all Outdoor Weekend Masses, people can make ONE OF TWO choices:

- They can sit in their cars in the south parking lot and watch and listen to the Mass on their radios (the frequency for broadcasting

from the Church (11:00 am) is 97.1 FM & the frequency for broadcasting from the parish hall to the parking lot (all other Masses—English and Spanish) is 89.7 FM OR

- They can bring their beach chairs (and umbrellas, if necessary) and sit in designated areas on the north parking lot.

- a. If you join us for Mass in the north parking lot, please sanitize your hands as you enter through the gate into the parking lot.

- b. Be sure to wear a mask (masks will be provided, if you don't have one).

- c. Maintain social distancing of 6' from other people.

- d. At Holy Communion time, the parishioners seated in north parking lot can come in lines to receive Holy Communion—always keeping 6 feet between you and the person in front of you.

- e. People seated in cars can join the communion lines or, after Mass, drive through and receive Holy Communion.

The public outdoor Masses will be short. There will be no music, hymn books, or missalette. The homily will be brief. If your health is in any way compromised, especially our senior citizens, it might be best for you to view the live stream Mass at home or sit in your car and listen to the Mass on radio.

DAILY MASS

Monday—Friday: 8:30 am (in Church live streamed to patio) and 5:30 pm (outdoor on west side of Church)

Saturday: 8:30am (not live streamed this week due to network maintenance)

DAILY CONFESSION SCHEDULE (outside):

Monday and Wednesday: 9:00—10:00 AM on west side patio of the Church

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 4:00—5:00 PM on west side of the Church

IF HEALTH IS COMPROMISED, THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS PHYSICALLY IF....

Please note that Archbishop Jose Gomez's dispensation of the Sunday Mass obligation is still in effect. Any person, who does not feel comfortable or safe attending Mass, is not required to attend Mass physically. In fact, anyone, who is not well or is in a high-risk group (those 65 years of age or older as well as those with preexisting medical conditions), should NOT yet return to Mass. We will live stream our Sunday 11 AM Mass in English and 1:00 p.m. in Spanish for those at home.

OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Advent Lecture Series: The Gospel of Mark: Preparing for the Gospel Readings of 2021

Description

Advent begins Liturgical Year 2021, in which the Sunday Gospel Readings will be predominantly from the Gospel of Mark. Fr. Bill presents a three-week lecture series on the significance of Mark's Gospel, how it is structured, its main themes and how it fits into the overall dynamic of the Four Gospels.

Time: Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Dec 2, 2020 – 06:00 PM

Dec 9, 2020 – 06:00 PM

Dec 16, 2020 – 06:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88270831880?pwd=VVpJL0VYOVRtVHJxWGhybDYxZjA5dz09>

Meeting ID: **882 7083 1880**

Passcode: **027469**

Dial by your location

1 669 900 6833 US

Meeting ID: 882 7083 1880

Passcode: 027469

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kczv1q6xUg>

Thank you again to all of you who sent Mass cards, sympathy cards and donations to the parish in honor of my mom, Monica Jean Shea. My family and I are so appreciative.

The Beauty of the Mass: I continue with the next installment of “The Beauty of the Mass,” explaining about the **Entrance Rite of the Mass.**

“Current Event” Check out Elizabeth Mitchell’s article: **The Point of Greatest Fear by Elizabeth Mitchell**

St. Rose of Lima Christian Service: Our Christian Service members are asking the parish to help with the Christmas Food Basket and Toy Drive (see above). <https://strosesv.com/toy-drive>

Votive Candles: Votive Candles are available for purchase at the rectory or in the Mother Cabrini Gift Shop in the Church vestibule. Since Governor’s Newsom’s restrictions are still in effect, once a candle is purchased, a priest can bless the candle(s) and a staff member will take the candle(s) to the Church, light the candle(s) and place them in the candles holders in front of the Blessed Mother or

Sacred Heart Shrines. The sale of our votive candles helps fund the Msgr. Sylvester O'Byrne Scholarship Fund.

For any Baptism, Marriage, or Funeral, please contact the rectory (805-526-1732) to make arrangements.

For any sick calls, please call the rectory: 805-526-1732

Always know that we are praying for you, especially those who can't join us physically because of age or compromised health issues. May God bless you!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Shea