



**Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.**

EPHESIANS 5:8B-9

## Born Free

MIGUEL DULICK

**T**oday's gospel, the healing of the man born blind, is a terrific story that includes many details. Notice that Jesus, who has his own agenda, "so that the works of God might be made visible through him," does not even wait for the man to ask to be healed. But the man is a willing subject, allowing mud and saliva to be smeared on his eyes, agreeing to go to Siloam and wash. And, he's a quick learner. At first, all he knows is "the man called Jesus" healed him. Soon, however, he's calling Jesus "a prophet." Then, as a "division" ("schism" in the original) opens among the authorities and even in his own family, he defends Jesus' divine calling when the Pharisees mock Jesus as a "sinner." Finally, expelled from the synagogue, the man finds Jesus waiting for him with the ultimate revelation: he sees before him the Son of Man, "and he worshiped him."

Now, maybe we weren't born blind, but I venture to say a lot of us are short-sighted. Do I "see the works of God"? Starting from "the man called Jesus," do I keep going forward in faith, defending Jesus when he is mocked by people, to a deeper, fuller reality than even my own family may not understand? All the way to adoration, worship, a total handing over of my whole self to the Son of Man? Or, as Thomas would later say, when his own eyes were opened, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). ●



LEARN ABOUT  
THE AUTHORS  
OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY

### Reflect

***This week, I will pray for my eyes to be opened to something important for me to see.***

# PARISH DIRECTORY

**Rev. Nicodemus Shaghel, VC, Pastor**

**Deacon Carl Vessels**

**St. Rose of Lima Parish**  
311 S Central Ave, Safford AZ 85546  
PO BOX 1117, Safford, AZ 85548  
928.428.4920  
RE Office: 928.348.4785  
After Hour Phone: 520.507.1145



- Email: [st.roselima@gmail.com](mailto:st.roselima@gmail.com)
- Website: [www.SaintRoseLima-Safford.com](http://www.SaintRoseLima-Safford.com)
- Sunday Masses: 8:00, 11:00AM & 5:00 PM
- Saturday Vigil Mass: 6 PM
- Morning Mass Mon-Sat: 8:00 AM
- Confessions: Saturday 4:30 PM & Tuesday after 8:00 AM Mass
- Parish Office & Gift Shop: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM (Mon-Fri)

## Board of Directors

Rev. Nicodemus Shaghel, V.C.  
Bishop James Misko  
Rev. Edward Lucero  
Carolina Gaethje - Treasurer  
Janice Smith - Secretary

## Pastoral/Parish Council

Membership consists of Representatives from all the Ministries. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

## Finance Council

Brian Avila  
Connie Ciancimino  
Corina Pino-Reyes  
Michelle Wilson  
Robert Rivera

## Office Staff

Administrative Assistant: Carla Vessels  
Maintenance: Concepcion Aranda  
Office Manager: Sara Garcia-Hott

## MINISTRY LEADERS:

### Adult Bible Study

English: Bob Mooney

Catholic Daughters of America #2398

Regent: Yolanda Herrera

### Choir

English: Marvin Rios  
Spanish: Lupe Munoz

## Confirmation

Dr. Susan Jones-Hamm

Compliance Officer: James Gersitz

Cursillo: Parish Office

Extraordinary Minister / Homebound Ministry

Adam & Veta Estrada

Funeral Luncheon Group: Linda Peru

Knights of Columbus #4260

Grand Knight: Paul Dube

## Lectors

Daily Masses:

Weekend Masses: Veta Estrada

PreCana: George & Pam Gonzales

Prison Ministry

Prison: Ernie Torrio, Kerst Kingsbury

Federal Prison: John Mayer

O.C.I.A.: Veta Estrada

Religious Education Director: Madona Kvale

Summer Vacation Bible School: Susan Ortega

Sacristans: Brian Hott

Youth Ministry Groups

Altar Servers: Rev. Nicodemus Shaghel, V.C.

Youth Edge: Corina Pino-Reyes, Lucinda Kin,  
& Erica Morales

High School: Amanda Torrio

Youth Choir: Jane Villalba

Vocation Ministry:

Brian & Sara Hott & Thomas & Nicole Dupont

St. Martin de Porres Mission

50 S Main, Pima AZ 85543

Extraordinary Minister

Ophelia Rodriguez

Religious Education

Socorro Varela

St. Vincent de Paul

221 E Main St, Safford, AZ 85546  
928.428.0460

Pantry Hours: 10AM - Noon - Tuesday-Thursday

Thrift Store Hours: 9AM-4PM - Tuesday-Saturday

President: Linda Lopez

Vice President: Dr. Susan Jones Hamm

Treasurer: Cindy DeMarcus

Secretary: Carolyn Vessels

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

2257 S 1st Ave, Solomon AZ 85551  
PO BOX 147, Solomon, AZ 85551  
928.428.0149  
Hall: 928.322.8878  
After Hour Phone: 928-651-5666



Email: [olgsolomon@gmail.com](mailto:olgsolomon@gmail.com)

Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM

Parish Office & Gift Shop: 8:00AM-1:00 PM (Mon-Fri)

Baptisms: 10AM 2nd & 4th Saturday

San Jose Mission: Baptisms and  
Marriages available upon request

## Board of Directors

Rev. Nicodemus Shaghel, V.C.

Bishop James Misko

Rev. Edward Lucero

Frances Lopez, Secretary

Sandra Jurado, Treasurer

## Parish Council

Membership consists of Representatives from all the Ministries. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

## Finance Council

Antonio Jurado  
Rose Ann Munoz

## Administrative Assistant

Beatrice Ybarra

## Extraordinary Minister

## Religious Education

Sandra Jurado  
Antonio Jurado

## Newman Center

Serving Eastern Arizona College  
3592 W 4th St, Thatcher AZ 85552

Mass: Tuesday 11 AM  
(when the college is in session)

## Sustaining Board

President: Mike DeLaO

Secretary: Margarita Wulfange

Treasurer: Shelley Vaughn

Sacristan: Lucy Kin

Member at Large: Teri Thiessen &  
Ann Valtierra

Updated: December 15, 2025

ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH  
 &  
 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE  
 MARCH 15, 2026  
 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A.



All Bulletin and Announcement notifications must be in by Monday at 12 noon. Until further notice.



Welcome:  
 St. Rose of Lima  
 and



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Communities and Pastoral Staff  
 extends a warm and loving welcome to all  
 who come here to pray and worship in our  
 churches. We are a community that wel-  
 comes all people as brothers and sisters in  
 Jesus Christ.

Together we are the body of Christ,  
 Living and active today.

What's Happening

St. Rose of Lima - Starting February 20th -  
 Every Friday @ 5 PM - Stations of the Cross in the  
 church.

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Starting February 20th -  
 Every Friday @ 3 PM - Pray the Divine Mercy,  
 followed by The Stations of the Cross.

March 10th, @ 5 pm (4:15 on Sunday and Friday) - Pray  
 the Rosary and St. Joseph Novena.

April 18, at 8:45 - Pre - Cana Class.

St. Rose of Lima is  
 looking for one or two  
 people that would like  
 to voluntarily clean the  
 rectory once a week.  
 Please call or come to  
 the parish office for more information.



All Volunteers must be in compliance to  
 volunteer in any area of the Parish.

All Volunteers:

Must fill a volunteer application online.

[https://www.diocesetucson.org/  
 employment-opportunities](https://www.diocesetucson.org/employment-opportunities)



REPORT ABUSE AND THE CALL TO  
 PROTECT

Call 911

Or the Victim Assistance  
 Program of the Diocese of  
 Tucson at 800-234-0344

Chrism Mass

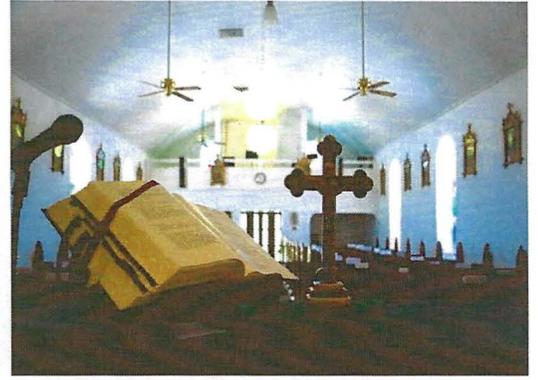


JOIN US AS BISHOP MISKO BLESSES THE OILS USED FOR  
 THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH



Monday, March 30 @ 2pm  
 Saint Augustine Cathedral

# OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
SAN JOSE MISSION  
WEEKEND COLLECTION  
Thank you for your generosity!

March 8, 2026

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Offertory      | \$ 1,102.00 |
| Parish Flowers | \$ 203.00   |
| Church Candles | \$ 78.00    |

**Please make out checks to  
OLGRCP  
The bank will not accept checks  
written any other way.**

**GIVE ONLINE TODAY AT:**

[LadyGuadalupe.flocknote.com/give/42925](http://LadyGuadalupe.flocknote.com/give/42925)

**OR SCAN THE QR  
CODE TO DONATE  
SECURELY FROM  
YOUR PHONE**



**Thank you for your generosity!**

Powered by  flocknote

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

Drayden Bron, David Havens, Ralph & Erlinda Reyes, Adeline Escobedo, Juanita & Donald Torrio, Kate Ornelas, Estella Garcia, Mary Crawford, Sally Gonzales, Angie Ornelas, Daniel Jacinto, Fernando Aranda, Mary Maxon, Irene Holguin, Irene Apodaca, Jimmy Holguin, Angela Andazola, Efren Tellez, George Holguin, Sr., Debbie Aparicio

*Religious Education -*

*The Fourth Sunday of Lent, Cycle A.*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Today in John's Gospel we hear the story of how Jesus heals a man who had been blind from birth. It was a great gift when the blind man was healed by Jesus, but it was a greater gift when Jesus later seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man, the Messiah. At this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith, worships Jesus, and his conversion to discipleship begins.

- **Choir [Adult/Children]** – Both adults and children are invited to join. If you are interested, please call the office during regular office hours at (928) 428-0149 and leave your name and contact information. Come join us!
- **RE Registration** – It's not too late to register your child/grandchild for Religious Education. RE classes are available for all students in grades K- 8. Registration forms are available at the parish office during regular business hours.
- **RE Classes** – There will not be RE classes today due to Spring Break. Classes will resume on Sunday, March 22. Have a safe spring break.
- **Mark your Calendar** – There will be a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 6 p.m. at OLG parish hall for the parents of children preparing for the Sacrament of Penance or First Holy Communion.
- **RE Weekly Assignment** – Today's Gospel invites us to accept the gift of Jesus. In Baptism, we are called to be like the man in the Gospel so we can truly see Jesus as our Lord and worship him. This week pray that your relationship with Jesus will continue to grow and become ever deeper.



**Our Lady of Guadalupe -  
Starting February 20th -  
Every Friday @ 3 PM - Pray the Divine Mercy,  
followed by The Stations of the Cross.**



**Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine  
San Jose Mission  
The Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A.  
Mass Intentions**



**March 15th 2026**  
+Ray Apodaca

**March 18th 2026**  
Health & Well Being Annette Graves

**March 22nd 2026**  
Our Lady of Guadalupe and San Jose Mission Parishioner's

**Second Collection**

March 15th, 2026, St. Vincent De Paul  
March 22nd Pew Fund  
March 29th th Catholic Relief Services

Volunteers needed for Money  
Counters, Sacristans, or other  
positions of interest. Please  
contact OLG office at  
928-428-0149.



**Address for mail in contributions, Our Lady of Guadalupe, PO Box 147, Solomon, AZ 85551  
Our Lady of Guadalupe website: [olgsolomon.com](http://olgsolomon.com)  
After Hour Cell Phone 928-651-5666**

**Mass Schedule— Sundays 9:30 AM / Weekday Mass Wednesday 9:00 AM**

**Confession - Wednesdays after Mass.**

**OLG office hours - week days 8:00 am – 1:00 pm**

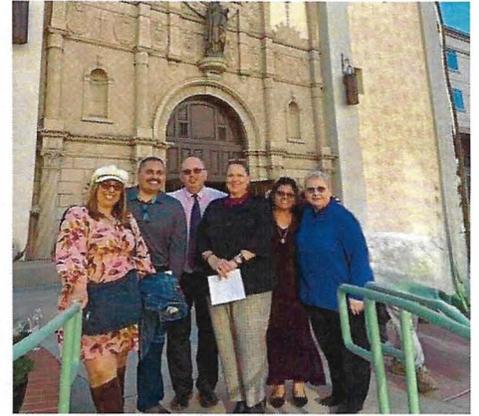
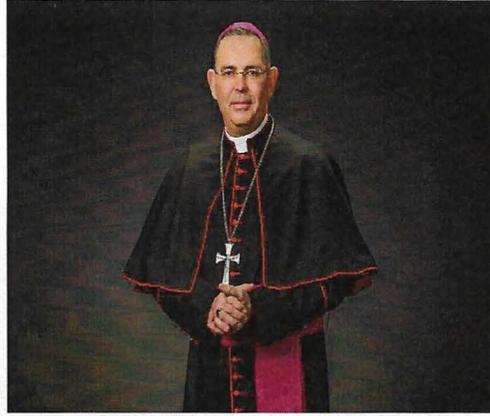
**OLG Gift Shop is open on weekdays - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Items sold include OLG T-Shirts, Bibles, Saint Statues, Rosaries, Prayer Books, Children's Book, and more.**

**If anyone is interested in teaching or helping with the Religious Education Program for next year, 2025-2026 Please call the office at 428-0149. Volunteers are needed to help clean the church. Please call OLG office at 428-0149.**

**REMINDER - Only candles bought from OLG will be allowed in Church.**

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

# St. Rose of Lima Catholic Parish





St. Rose of Lima Weekend  
Collection  
March 8, 2026  
Thank you for your Generosity!

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Offertory           | \$ 6,696.61 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$ 50.00    |
| Building Fund       | \$ 65.00    |
| Newman Center       | \$ 10.00    |
| Ash Wednesday       | \$ 12.00    |
| Church Flowers      | \$ 1,274.90 |
| Wedding             | \$ 131.00   |
| Church Candles      | \$ 66.58    |

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH**  
**Mass Hours**

**Morning Mass - Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM**



Mass  
Schedule

**Saturday 6:00 PM**

**Sunday 8:00 AM**  
**11:00 AM**  
**5:00 PM**



Mass  
Schedule

**CONFESSION: SATURDAYS @ 4:30 PM &  
TUESDAYS AFTER MORNING MASS.**

**Please make out checks to  
Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Parish - Safford or  
SRLCPS The bank will not accept checks  
written any other way.**




Scan QR code to give online  
or  
text GIVE to 928-842-8008

Thank you for your generous support!



Ann Tovar, Eli Lopez, Naude Gonzales, Michelle Campos, Maria Brown, Larry Montoya Jr., Cindy Ortiz, Barbara Enriquez, Julian Gomez, Liam Fritz, Marylou Villaiba, Margarita Orosco, Pricilla Bejarano, Fred Sainz, Irma Taylor, Debbie Apaaricio, Rosie Carrasco, Helen Nelson, Shayne Tillman, Cora Anzaldua, Concepcion Ill Aranda, Elizabeth Gutierrez, Helen Abeyta, Joel Cuarenta, Josie Tellez & Family, Alex Gonzales, Amy Soto, J.C. Anna Lopez, Mario Lopez, Jones Family. Millyana Jackson, Jerry Moreno, Valerie Jackson, Emma Gomez, Samuel Aguilar, Lorraine Colvin, Elidia Olsen, Jaxon Montoya, Frankie Lopez, Nena Ortega, Aaliyah, Aalyssa, and Aria Bejarano, Damain & Sharron Aranda, Marissa R. Delgado, Enrique Alva, William & Christina Huggins, Molly Carrasco, Sister Esther Calderon, Blanca Hartman, George Quintero Sr., Sandra Bonnie, Theresa Peru, Cristina & Brian Huggins, Alex Garcia, Jessica Gomez, Elizabeth Hernandez, Rick Aparicio Jr., Espie Bedolla, Jenna Estrada, Joseph Anzaldua, Belen Rodriguez & Rodriguez Family, Alicia Jaramillo, Joe & Ann Valtierra, Andrew Gonzales, Amelia Sainz, Ernesto Lopez, Nancy Stowe, Edward Gonzalez, Shelby Peru, Angelina Rene Rutherford, Rita Lucero, Mayia Montes & Contreras Family, Eric Regan, Richard Burke, Barbara Chavez, Jaycob Espinoza, Rosemary Martinez, Cindy Romero, Don Romero, D.J Espinoza, Mitzi Trujillo, Marcus Bejarano, Belen Rodriguez, Christina Chavez, Frances Martinez, Annette Graves, Ricky Bejarano, Mark Romero, Braylyn Gojkovich, Sarah Quintana, Lydia Hernandez, Mrs. Lupe Rivera, Dora Gomez. Lanaya Aranda, Terri Aguilar, Mical Marie Espinoza, Elizabeth Hernandez, Esperanza Stankowitz, Abe Lucero, Armando Rodriguez. Morales Family\_ Veronica Montes. Venegas Family, Gloria & Joe Merino. Millie Torres. Lisa Mullen. Marie Espinoza. Jr. Verdugo, James Romero, Margarita Wulfange, Noe Varela, Ronnie, Rodriguez, Jessica & Sandra Dominguez, Ernesto Trujillo, Gabriel Valtierra & Cyrianna Valtierra, Chono & Anita Aranda, Blessie Estrada, Julio Garcia, Chris Ramirez, Sylvia Estavillo, Shelby & Marcus Madrid, Andrew Espinoza, Jesse & Patsy Aguilar, Rene Saenz, George Quintero Jr., Anna Bera Rodriguez, Jimmy Villalba, Clara Carrasco, Armida (Weda) Brisco, Nancy Abalos, Brianna Fulton, Alex, Lukats, Damian Dupont, Susie Meraz, Lacie Luna, Sally Lukats, Abe Villalba, Charlene Thermers, Ralph Martinez, Jr., Jose Villalba, Barbara Lines, Rasco Arrellin, Louie Aranda Sr.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH  
The Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A.  
March 15, 2026

**Second Collection**

03/15 - St. Vincent de Paul  
03/22 - No second collection  
03/29 - Catholic Relief Services

**Daily Divine Mercy Chaplet** 3 pm in Chapel

**Lady of Fatima** First Saturday Rosary 7:30 am in the church

**Rosary** prayed daily @ 7:30 am

**Compliance Representative.** Please call James Gersitz at 928-200-0289 for an appointment.

**Private Prayer:**

The Church will be open  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 AM - 1:00PM  
(unless Parish office is closed.)



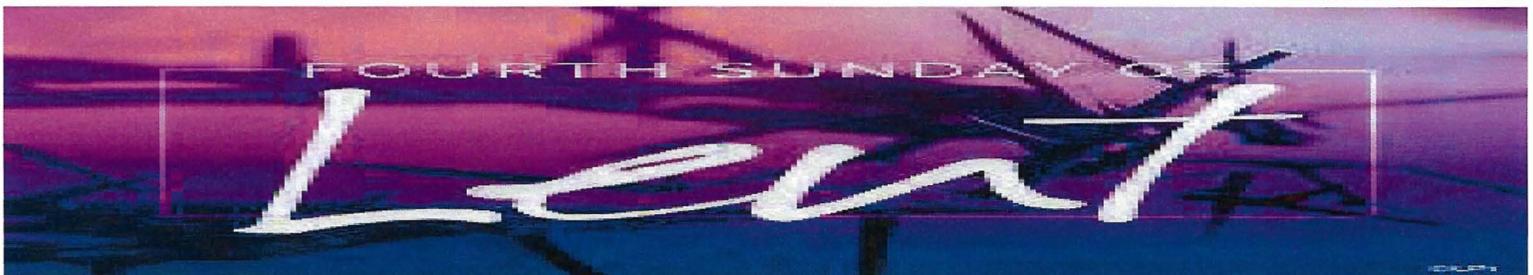
**GIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN**  
FROM 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
CLOSED 12 PM—12:30 PM  
FOR LUNCH

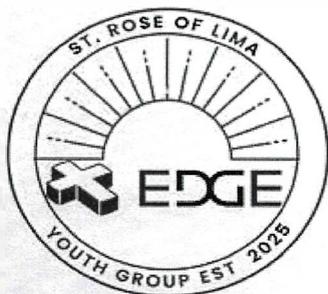
**Mass Intentions March 14, 2026 - March 21, 2026**

| DAY   | DATE  | TIME  | INTENTION  | REQUESTED BY  |
|-------|-------|-------|--|---|
| SAT   | 03/14 | 6 PM  | St. Rose of Lima Parishioners  | SROL  |
| SUN   | 03/15 | 8 AM  | Health and well-bing of Ann Tovar  | Hott Family   |
| SUN   | 03/15 | 11 AM | +Jordan Reyes<br>+Rosalia Chavez<br>+Anthony Aguilar, +Jesse & +Patsy Aguilar, +Arnold & +Teresa Espinoza<br>+Isabella Aparicio, & +Robert Merino<br>+Manuel R. & +Nellie N. Garcia, +Patsy Abalos, +Paul Ray Jr., +Danny Ray Garcia, & +AJ Garcia | O. Reyes<br>Lily<br>P. Luna<br>D. Aparicio<br>M. Garcia |
| SUN   | 03/15 | 5 PM  | St. Rose of Lima Parishioners  | SROL  |
| MON   | 03/16 | 8 AM  | +Patsy Roybal Carbajal<br>+Evonna Ferguson Merino  | Family<br>Family  |
| TUES  | 03/17 | 8 AM  | St. Rose of Lima Parishioners  | SROL  |
| WED   | 03/18 | 8 AM  | +Freddy M. Dominguez<br>Heavenly birthday blessings to +James P. Torres  | M. Dominguez<br>R. Torres                               |
| THURS | 03/19 | 8 AM  | St. Rose of Lima Parishioners  | SROL  |
| FRI   | 03/20 | 8 AM  | +Joseph Corrigan   | Judith & Rich   |
| SAT   | 03/21 | 8 AM  | +Inez Alva   | M. Dominguez  |



**If you request a Mass Intention for a day that  
Father Nicodemus is not celebrating Mass.  
Please rest assure Father is celebrating  
a personal Mass with your intention.**





# CALLING ALL 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup>, AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

## JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT EDGE NIGHT

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH FROM 6:00-7:30 PM  
IN THE CAVE

COME AND ENJOY  
FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS

**FOR MORE INFORMATION & UPDATES  
TEXT STROSEEDGE  
TO 84576**

CORE MEMBERS: CORINA PINO-REYES, LUCINDA WYN, & ERIKA MORALES



PRE-CANA -The next Pre-Cana class will be Saturday, April 18, 2026, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Safford. Couples who have spoken with Fr. Nicodemus (or Parish Pastor) and have set their wedding date within the next year should plan on taking this class. You may register at the St. Rose of Lima Parish Office. Registration MUST be completed by Friday, April 10th in order to plan accordingly. The registration fee is \$75 per couple to be paid to St. Rose of Lima Parish Office prior to the class. The class will begin at 9:00 am (sign in @ 8:45 am). If you have any questions, please call the St Rose of Lima Parish Office at 928-428-4920.



### SACRAMENT AND SPECIAL CELEBRATION REQUIREMENTS:

**Baptisms:** The parents of the child to be baptized must submit a copy of the baby's birth certificate. Parents and godparents need to attend the parish baptismal class. Classes are given on the second Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. until noon. All requirements for the Diocese of Tucson and Saint Rose of Lima will be given to the parents at this time. **All documents must be turned in prior to scheduling an appointment with the Priest.** Parents and Godparents must make an appointment to speak with Father prior to setting baptism date.

**Priest donations are greatly appreciated for Baptisms.**

**Quinceañera:** The candidate and parents must contact the office at least one (1) year or more before the date requested.

Quinceañeras are not performed during Holy Days. Requirements: Must have Baptism, First Holy Communion and be coming to confession, active within the parish, participate in Confirmation/Youth Group, Weekend Mass attendance. Candidate and parents will have 6 meetings with Father Nicodemus. Candidate will know how to pray the Rosary, and will read and be able to recite all the books of the bible. Candidate will need to have proof they carried out twenty (20) hours of four (4) different community services. For a quinceañera it will be \$400.00, which includes a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 to hold the date. The remaining \$300.00 balance must be received in the office one week before the ceremony.

**Weddings:** The couple must contact office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date. An appointment will be made for the couple. At that time it will be determined if the date desired is available, and all requirements for the Diocese of Tucson and Saint Rose of Lima will be given to the couple. For a wedding it will be \$300.00, which includes a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 to hold the date. The remaining \$200.00 balance must be received in the office one week before the ceremony.

**Funeral Arrangements:** St. Rose and Our Lady have always asked for a donation to the Parish for its service. We also help those who can not afford funeral arrangements. We work with both mortuaries in town to make these arrangements as easy as possible. The Priest may waive the donation if the family is in need. Donation to the Priest and Parish is \$300.00.

**Use of the Hall:** Rental for the hall is \$300.00. Contract for Hall rental is in the Parish office.



**Pray daily:** Please attend Mass weekly with your children. Be sure to turn in 25+ stamped bulletins by April 9 with the child's full name and grade on the top front cover to show Mass attendance. Be sure to say prayers nightly and at meals, so your child learns to talk to God in formal and informal prayer. Practice the prayers for confession so children know them by heart. Go to weekly Mass all your life and make it an integral part of your child's life.

**We need Volunteers** Call 928-965-5223 for information or to volunteer.

**Late RE/CCD REGISTRATION** will be by appointment in the RE office. Call 928-965-5223 for an appointment, or if the fee is a hardship. FEE is \$35 per child.

**Sacrament preparation:** The 3 classes required to prepare children for a sacrament have been taught. Most children still need parents to teach them their prayers, and attend Mass with them. Both parent and child should get a bulletin, so the child has one to get stamped & turn in for 25+ stamped bulletins with the child's full name and grade to be turned in by April 9, 2026 to show Mass attendance. They should have at least 21 bulletins by now and know their prayers.

**March 9-20:** Spring Break for SUSD, so there will not be any RE classes for 2 weeks.

**March 23:** RE Classes resume. Your child should be attending all classes. We only have 6 weeks left.

**April 9:** Bulletins turn in date. Children preparing for their first Penance & Reconciliation (confession) and/or first Holy Eucharist (communion) should have 25+ stamped bulletins turned in by this date.

**Sacrament of Penance (confession) requirements:**

- Child must be Baptized & turn in copy of their certificate
- Know the Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Glory Be, Hail Mary, Act of Contrition, Format for Confession, Ten Commandments, and Seven Sacraments
- Attend Religious Education classes with fewer than 6 absences, including registering late.
- Attend Mass weekly and turn in 25+ stamped bulletins by April 9 with child's full name and grade.
- Parent must turn in copy of Baptismal certificate, and attend one Parent Sacrament class 2/11 or 2/12.

**Sacrament of Holy Eucharist (Communion) requirements:**

- Child must be Baptized & turn in copy of their certificate, unless you turned one in last year
- Child must have made their first confession (Penance and Reconciliation)
- Child must have attended at least one full year of RE/religious education classes (1 st or higher) prior to this year
- Know the Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Glory Be, Hail Mary, Act of Contrition, Format for Confession, Ten Commandments, Seven Sacraments, and know how to receive communion
- Attend Mass weekly and turn in 25+ stamped bulletins by April 9 with child's full name & grade.
- Parent must turn in copy of Baptismal certificate, and attend one Parent Sacrament class 2/24 or 2/25.

**Confirmation 1 & 2**

**Confirmation I**

- Mar 15 NO CLASS
- Mar 21 Retreat in Casa Grande
- Mar 22 Class 12:30 St Matthew's classroom
- Mar 29. Youth Group 12:30-2:30 in the Cave

**Confirmation II**

**Please have your sponsor or adult attend classes with you**

- Mar 15 NO CLASS
- Mar 21. Retreat in Casa Grande
- Mar 22 Class 9:30 -10:45 St Matthew's Classroom
- Mar 29 Class 9:30-10:45 St Matthew's Classroom



**High School Youth Group**

Did you know the Eucharist isn't just a symbol-it's an encounter with Jesus? Come discover what that really means and why it matters for YOU!

Our theme this semester is on the Eucharist

HERE AND NOW



Bring a friend, and an open heart and join us for lunch, fellowship, and faith.

March 29, 2026

12:30-2:30

In the Cave

We can't wait to see you there!

*"I am the bread of life." ~ John 6:35 ~*

Follow us on Instagram - STROSEYG

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

MARCH 28 BURRITO SALE @ PIMA CAR SHOW

APRIL 16TH PAINT AND SIP

APRIL 18TH YARD SALE

Gila Valley Medical Projects Fundraiser  
 Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 6pm  
 311 S. Central Ave, Safford  
 Desserts and Drinks, Raffle and Live Auction  
 Contact: Shelley Vaughn, 928-965-5704



St Rose of Lima  
**VBS**  
**Planning Meeting**

A Fun & Faith-Filled Experience for Children

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH**  
**5:30 PM**

Volunteer Hall

**PLEASE**  
**COME &**  
**VOLUNTEER**



QUESTIONS? CONTACT

Erika Morales  
 928-322-6343

ST. ROSA LIMA YOUTH GROUP IS A HOSTING A

*Sip n Paint Party*

PICTURE OF PAINTING COMING SOON...  
 FOLLOW OUR INSTAGRAM- STROSEYG

Adamaris Hernandez  
 @Adamaris-Hernandez-1



venmo

THURSDAY  
 APRIL 16TH, 2026

5:30 PM  
 \$30 PER PERSON

311 S Central Ave,  
 Safford, AZ 85546  
 St. Rosa Lima Church in  
 the hall.  
 RVSP at 520-507-8837  
 Pay in cash or Venmo  
 Bring your own drink and  
 snack.



**YOUTH GROUP YARD SALE**

Saturday, April 18, 2026  
 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

311 S Central Ave, Safford, AZ 85546

We will be accepting donations on Friday  
 from 10:00 AM-4:00PM in the hall.

- Toys
- Clothes
- Books
- Sports Gear
- and so much more!

**SEE YOU THERE!**



**- NOW ENROLLING -**



**2026 - 2027**  
**School Year**  
**K-2nd Grade**



Scan QR code to learn more!

We Are  
**Hiring**  
 Certified  
 Teachers  
 K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade



**Safford Builders Supply**



The helpful place.  
707 S. 6th Ave  
Safford, AZ  
928-428-1033

**Kachina Mineral Springs Spa**

1155 W Cactus Rd  
Safford, AZ  
928.235.4590  
Kachinamineralsprings.com



**Michelle A. Wilson**  
Agent

610 W. Main St  
Safford, AZ 85546  
928-428-1570  
farmersagent@vtc.net



350 E. Armory Road  
Safford, AZ  
928-348-9340



2324 Branding Iron Lane  
Safford, AZ 85546  
928-428-7427  
Tues - Thurs 5 pm - 9 pm  
Fri - Sat 5 pm - 10 pm



428-4000

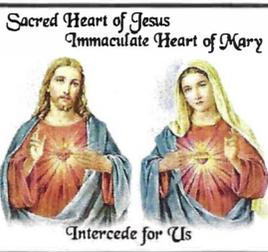
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
Paul Dube  
Grand Knight  
602-527-0700  
Meets 1st Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.  
In St. Luke's Room



*Walneck's*  
Safford Sewing Center  
Jeff & Virginia Walneck  
Parishioners  
Hwy 70 & 3rd Ave  
928-428-0494

**La Casita Cafe**  
"Finest In Mexican Food"  
3338 Main St. Thatcher  
Gracias La Familia Villalobos  
Thatcher 928-428-1882  
Globe 928-428-8162  
East Globe 928-428-9280  
Show Low 928-537-5179

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**  
Court St. Rose of Lima #2398  
Yolanda Herrera, Regent  
928-651-0894  
Meets 3rd Tuesday's  
at 6 p.m.  
In St. Matthew's room



Intercede for Us

**McDOUGAL CALDWELL**  
FUNERALS & CREMATIONS  
"Find, Achieve and Enjoy a Better Way"  
928-428-1740

**CURSILLO LEADERSHIP**  
For more information, contact  
St. Rose of Lima Parish Office



**GREEN'S FURNITURE**  
David Montez the Furniture King  
520 W. 5th St Safford, Az 928-428-5900  
Your store for value



**Advertise Here!!**

**Torrio Trucking**



Parishioners Gary & Amanda Torrio & Grandchildren



*Fifth Avenue Florist*  
Jill Chacon  
Owner  
fifthavenueflorist@msn.com  
1-928-428-2491  
fifthavenueflorist.org

**LOWERY CUSTOM HOMES**  
A FOUNDATION OF EXCELLENCE  
Dean Lowery  
928.965.6051

- New Construction
- Remodels & Additions
- Drafting & Design Services

**Edward Jones**  
Tyson M. Richins, AAMS®, CRPC®  
Financial Advisor  
411 W. 5th Street  
Safford, AZ 85546  
Bus. 928-348-9219 • Fax 888-806-4909  
tyson.richins@edwardjones.com



**Romero's PLUMBING**  
Service • New Construction • Remodeling  
928-651-2965 License # 109550  
1308 9th Ave. Safford, AZ 85546

**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**  
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,  
DEFEND US IN BATTLE.  
BE OUR PROTECTION AGAINST THE WICKEDNESS  
AND SNARES OF THE DEVIL.  
MAY GOD REBUKE HIM, WE HUMBLLY PRAY,  
AND DO THOU, O PRINCE OF THE HEAVENLY HOSTS,  
BY THE POWER OF GOD, THRUST INTO HELL SATAN,  
AND ALL THE EVIL SPIRITS, WHO PROWL  
ABOUT THE WORLD SEEKING THE RUIN OF SOULS.  
AMEN.

**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**  
My Jesus, I believe that You are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



**Our Lady of Guadalupe Gift Shop**  
Solomon, AZ  
Open Monday—Friday  
8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



**St. Rose of Lima Gift Shop**  
In the Parish Office  
Open Monday—Friday  
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.



# Dear Padre,

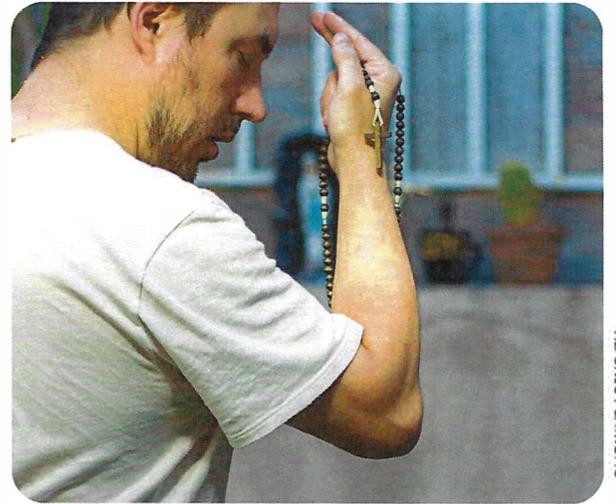
***I am left-handed. Why doesn't the church allow the sign of the cross to be made left-handed?***

A Catholic who is unable to make the sign of the cross with the right hand is certainly permitted to do so with the left. There is no rule against it. When Pope Saint John Paul II injured his right arm, he used his left hand to impart his blessing.

The sign of the cross is a sacramental, one of the symbols that identifies you as a Roman Catholic. Just like all such symbolic gestures, there is an expected uniformity. To use a secular example, at a University of Texas football game, fans of the Longhorns give the “hook-‘em horns” sign. You wouldn’t give the “thumbs-up” sign instead. It would be confusing.

It’s true that at one time, the left hand was associated with evil. Jesus sends the goats to sit at his left and the sheep to his right. (See Matthew 25:33.) And, throughout the Scriptures, we read that Jesus sits at the right hand of God. (See Mark 16:19.) The word “sinister” is from the Latin *sinister*, meaning “left.”

Left-handedness is no longer associated with evil. If you wish to make the sign of the cross with your left hand, you may. But do consider why you are doing it. Most left-handed people have no trouble using their right hand for many simple tasks. If your purpose is a bit rebellious, maybe realize that signifying unity with your brothers and sisters in Christ is more important. ●

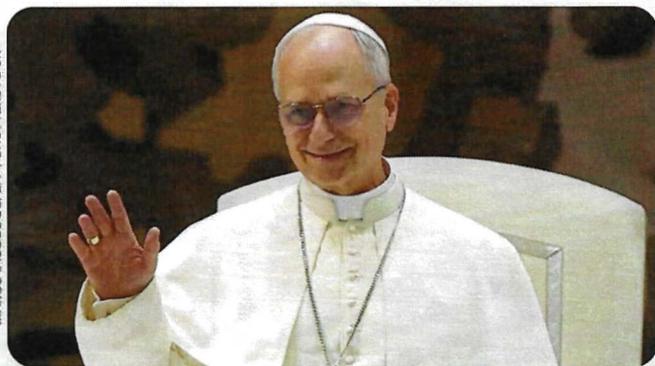


ALFONSO / CATHOPIC

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org**

## **Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



MARCO JACOBUECCI EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK

### **A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV**

***Dear brothers and sisters, let us trustfully bring our ailments before Jesus, and also those of our loved ones; let us bring the pain of those who feel lost and without a way out. Let us cry out for them too, and we will be certain that the Lord will hear us.***

**GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 11, 2025**

#### **Monday**

**MARCH 16**

*Lenten Weekday*

Is 65:17–21

Jn 4:43–54

#### **Tuesday**

**MARCH 17**

*Lenten Weekday*

Ez 47:1–9, 12

Jn 5:1–16

#### **Wednesday**

**MARCH 18**

*Lenten Weekday*

Is 49:8–15

Jn 5:17–30

#### **Thursday**

**MARCH 19**

*St. Joseph, Spouse*

*of the Blessed*

*Virgin Mary*

2 Sm 7:4–5a,

12–14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18–21,

24a or Lk 2:41–

51a

#### **Friday**

**MARCH 20**

*Lenten Weekday*

Wis 2:1a, 12–22

Jn 7:1–2, 10,

25–30

#### **Saturday**

**MARCH 21**

*Lenten Weekday*

Jer 11:18–20

Jn 7:40–53

#### **Sunday**

**MARCH 22**

*Fifth Sunday*

*of Lent*

Ez 37:12–14

Rom 8:8–11

Jn 11:1–45 or

11:3–7, 17, 20–27,

33b–45