



Tri-Parish Community

St. Rose of Lima
Torrington

St. Anthony
Guernsey

St. Leo
Lusk

Sunday, November 23, 2025 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). That word — remember — literally means to make someone a



member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, "You will be with me."

That's the strange power of Christ the

King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today. —*Father John Muir, ©LPi*

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Mass Times

—ST. ROSE OF LIMA—
Saturdays: 4:00pm
Sundays: 7:00am & 9:00am
Daily Mass Mon-Sat: 8:30am

—ST. ANTHONY—
Saturdays: 6:00pm
Sundays: 9:00am
Daily Mass Monday: 12:00pm
Daily Mass Wednesday: 5:30pm

—ST. LEO—
Sundays: 11:30am
First Fridays: 12:00pm

Confession

—ST. ROSE OF LIMA—
30 minutes before every Mass
Saturdays: 11:30am-12:30pm

—ST. ANTHONY—
Saturdays: 5:00pm
Monday: 11:30am-12:00pm

—ST. LEO—
Sundays: 11:00am & 12:30pm

Rosary

—ST. ROSE OF LIMA—
Monday-Saturdays: 7:30am
NO Rosary on Thursday this week

—ST. ANTHONY—
Saturdays and Sundays: 30 min
before Masses

Adoration

—ST. ROSE OF LIMA—
Fridays: 9:15am-5:15pm
NO Adoration this week

Stations of the Cross

—ST. ROSE OF LIMA—
Fridays: 5:30pm



ST. ROSE OF LIMA

Saturday, November 22	8:30am	†	Steve Smith
Saturday, November 22	4:00pm	†	John Paul Patrick Lamp
Sunday, November 23	7:00am	†	Phyllis Speckner
Sunday, November 23	9:00am		For the Parish
Monday, November 24	8:30am	†	Dr. Pat and Wanda Nola
Tuesday, November 25	8:30am	†	Tim Nolan
Wednesday, November 26	8:30am		Joseph and Elise Speckner
Thursday, November 27	8:30am	†	Nevada Moehr
Friday, November 28	8:30am	†	Steve Smith
Saturday, November 29	8:30am		Fr. Clark Lenz
Saturday, November 29	4:00pm		Rose Marie Kilgore
Sunday, November 30	7:00am		Gail Gavert
Sunday, November 30	9:00am		For the Parish

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, November 22	6:00pm		For the Parish
Sunday, November 23	9:00am		Behrmann, Hughes, Langley and Green Families
Monday, November 24	12:00pm		For the Parish
Wednesday, November 26	5:30pm		Fr. Pete Intention
Saturday, November 29	6:00pm	†	Regina Flores
Sunday, November 30	9:00am	†	Louis McCabe

Prayer Requests for Sick and Dying

• ST. ROSE OF LIMA •

Lori Peterson, Ron Cameron, Mary Jones, Patricia Reyes, Elena Siqueiros, Pablo Acevedo, Barb Pittsley, Toki Castro, Grayson Shields, Lukas Castro, Christine Wright, Josephine Gette, Barbara Adams,
†Regina Flores, †Nevada Moehr, †Doug Scranton, †Anita Mata,
†Hector Joel Loya, †Max Herrera, †Bill Johnson

• ST. ANTHONY •

Mary McBrier, Ron Parker, Penny Wells, Vicki Moss, Emil Kreifels,
†Gloria Kreifels, †Margorie Fronapfel

• ST. LEO •

Evelyn Carland, Karen Jassman, Frances Tschacher, Richard Waldock, Arlene Rapp, Bill and Patty Matthew, Chris Trudeau,
†Mary Freesha, †Barbara Rapp, †Prosper Etchemendy

**To update this list, please call or email St. Rose of Lima's Parish Office.*

FAITH IN ACTION



Adoration Volunteers Needed

If you can fill a slot, please contact the St. Rose Parish Office. Two people are needed for each slot.

Available time slots:

- 11:30am-12:30pm
- 1:30pm-2:30pm
- 3:30pm-4:30pm
- 4:15pm-5:15pm



Thanksgiving Day is Coming!

Thanksgiving will be here before you know it, and you will soon be saying, “Pass me the mashed potatoes, please.” This November holiday has its roots in American history and has grown into a day where we remember all the things for which we are thankful: country, family, friends, health, etc. Unfortunately, we can find ourselves so caught up with travel plans and buying the perfect turkey or ham that we let the day pass us by, and all we can focus on is how much we ate and who won the day’s football games. That’s why it is time NOW to begin reflecting daily of all things, great and small, that we are thankful for in life. Gratitude is a key characteristic of a good Everyday Steward, but it does not develop in us without effort. In the coming days, we can contemplate all those things God has given us. If it helps, we can create a written list and bring it with us to the Thanksgiving dinner table. The point is that too often we take so many gifts for granted, and unless we pause and purposely reflect, we miss the chance to give thanks. A healthy and hearty heart filled with gratitude can make the highs in life that much higher and the lows easier to bear. Increased gratitude will also bring us closer to the source of all those good gifts, our God. So, what will Thanksgiving be like for you this year? You have some time to make it something more than it has been in the past. The choice is yours. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, ©LPi*



St. Anthony Mass Change!

Starting **November 29**, Saturday Masses at St. Anthony’s will be at 4:00pm instead of 6:00pm. This change will remain until the spring.



Advent Giving Tree

During this Advent season, we have the opportunity to practice giving to those in need through the annual giving tree. To participate, please take an envelope from the giving tree found in the vestibule **beginning the first Sunday of Advent (November 30) through the third Sunday of Advent (December 14)**. This year’s gifts will go to the Care and Share food pantry, St. Joseph’s Children’s Home, and the Saint Rose Cookie Jar (to provide emergency relief in the form of money or gift cards for food, gas, utilities, etc. to those in need). To make a gift, please take an envelope from the tree and return it with a check made out to Saint Rose and write “Giving Tree” in the memo line. Please return the envelope and your financial gift to the collection basket or the church office by **December 21**. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting our local charities through your gifts.



OLG Celebration

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration will be held on **Friday, December 12**. Mass begins at 5:30pm with a dinner & fiesta following in the hall. Persons whose last name begins with A through M, please provide a salad; and, persons whose last name begins with N through Z, please provide a dessert. All are invited to attend this free event. There will be a raffle and ham and fruit basket giveaways. Las Mananitas will be held on Friday, December 12 at 6:00am at the church.

PARISH INFORMATION

COMMUNICATION DEADLINES

Bulletin submissions are due by 7:00am on Mondays. Other communications (website, Flocknote, Facebook) have no deadline, but please allow up to 48 hours for a response. Email all announcement submissions to Marissa and Megan at triparish.bulletins@gmail.com or visit the parish office.

DONATIONS

By using this code you are able to donate electronically to:

- St. Rose of Lima
- St. Anthony
- St. Leo
- St. Rose of Lima CCD General Fund
- St. Rose of Lima CCD Food Fund



HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Do you know a Catholic in the Torrington hospital? Please call the office with their name and room number so we can visit, bring Communion, and offer Anointing.

MAIN STREET MARKET RECEIPTS

We would love your help supporting our Religious Education program! Please

save your Main Street Market receipts. You can find boxes for collecting them in the back of the church, parish office and the religious education building. Thank you for your support!

MASS INTENTIONS

Contact the Parish Office to schedule a Mass intention. Each Mass intention is a \$10 donation.

REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER

Welcome! We hope you feel at home here. Visitors, we pray God's blessings on your journey. If you're looking for a parish community, we'd love to welcome you into our family—please introduce yourself! To register, stop by or call the Parish office.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Do you know a Catholic resident at the Torrington nursing home? Let us know! We'd love to visit, bring Communion, and offer Anointing. Residents are also welcome to join us for Mass every Tuesday at 3:00pm.

PRAYER CHAIN

St. Rose of Lima: Contact Mary Agnes

Haagensen at beacon117@yahoo.com or 308-247-9227 to request prayers or join the prayer chain.

St. Anthony: Contact Tim Newton 307-331-4086 and/or Kay Walker 307-836-2928 to request prayers.

PERPETUAL VOTIVE CANDLES

St. Rose perpetual votive candle are available for \$200 per year, and each includes an engraved plate displaying your intention. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mercedes in the office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Parents are required to participate in a pre-baptismal meeting with a priest before the baptism can be scheduled. Please call St. Rose of Lima Parish Office to set up an appointment.

Matrimony: Eight-month preparation program prior to wedding date.

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard daily, 30 minutes before every Mass, and on Saturday from 11:30am-12:30pm. They are held in the confession either face-to-face or behind the screen.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ADVENT PARISH MISSION DECEMBER 7-11!

We will be having our Advent Parish Mission with the Fathers of Mercy from Sunday, December 7, to Thursday, December 11. Fr. Ben Cameron will lead us.

Each evening, Sunday through Wednesday, will begin at 6:00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for private prayer. Fr. Ben will begin his talks at 7:00pm, followed by Benediction at 7:45pm. Confessions will be heard by Fr. Ben, Fr. Ray and Fr. Pete until the last person leaves the Church.

On Thursday, December 11, the Holy Mass will be celebrated beginning at 6:00pm. Fr. Ben will be the main celebrant and offer the final talk as the sermon. Confessions will not be heard.

There will be a social at the parish hall immediately after the Holy Mass.



St. Rose of Lima Ministries

	Nov. 22 - 4:00pm	Nov. 23 - 7:00am	Nov. 23- 9:00am
Reader	Gretchen Chord	Barb Becker	Bobby Baird
Greeters/ Collections	Mary Krause Chris Krause	Lou Kuhnel Marilyn Kuhnel	Terri Cochran Chris Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers	Lori Hofer Mike Hofer	Rachel Martin Greg Rutar	Gloria Fitzsimmons Sue Schmidt Rikki Sanchez
Servers	none	none	Julia Stienmetz Jerra Stienmetz Aspyn Aragon

Altar Flowers Donated by: Norma Cantu and Tam McAnelly
Homebound Ministers: Rachel Martin, Terry McDowell, Greg Rutar

	Nov. 29 - 4:00pm	Nov. 30 - 7:00am	Nov. 30- 9:00am
Reader	Mary Agnes Haagensen	Lou Kuhnel	Russell Stienmetz
Greeters/ Collections	Maureen Baumgartner Gretchen Chord	Kelly Greenwald Stan Speckner	Mary Krause Chris Krause
Eucharistic Ministers	Maureen Stull Mike Hofer	Mercedes Loya Alyce Jolovich	Jerry Pauli Colleen Pauli Mandy Bloemker
Servers	none	none	Carter Hendricks Avery Hendricks Reese Hendricks

Altar Flowers Donated by: No flowers the rest of the year (start of Advent)
Homebound Ministers: Donna Charron, Mercedes Loya, Terry McDowell

St. Anthony Ministries

	Nov. 22 - 6:00pm	Nov. 23 - 9:00am	
Reader	Marian Janas	Antonio Pasilla	If you can not be there, please call a substitute. If you are not included on the schedule, and would like to be, please contact Diana Griffith, 575-2033.
Ushers	Volunteers	Volunteers	
Eucharistic Ministers	Sarah Seyfang	Tim Newton Sharon Newton	
	Nov. 29 - 6:00pm	Nov. 30 - 9:00am	
Reader	Barbara Holiday	Julie Wilkes	Jon Malcom will be a substitute reader if needed.
Ushers	Volunteers	Volunteers	
Eucharistic Ministers	Ron Parker	Mark Walker Antonio Padilla	

St. Rose Weekly Calendar!

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SATURDAY

St. Cecilia
7:30am Rosary
8:30am Mass
11:30am Confessions
4:00pm Vigil Mass

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SUNDAY

*Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe*
7:00am Mass
9:00am Mass

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MONDAY

St. Andrew Dung-Lac
7:30am Rosary
8:30am Mass
6:30pm K of C Bingo

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TUESDAY

*St. Catherine of
Alexandria*
7:30am Rosary
8:30am Mass

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WEDNESDAY

7:30am Rosary
8:30am Mass
 NO CCD or YG

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THURSDAY

Thanksgiving Day
 OFFICE CLOSED
 NO Rosary
8:30am Mass

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FRIDAY

OFFICE CLOSED
7:30am Rosary
8:30am Mass
 NO Adoration
5:30pm Stations