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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 | 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

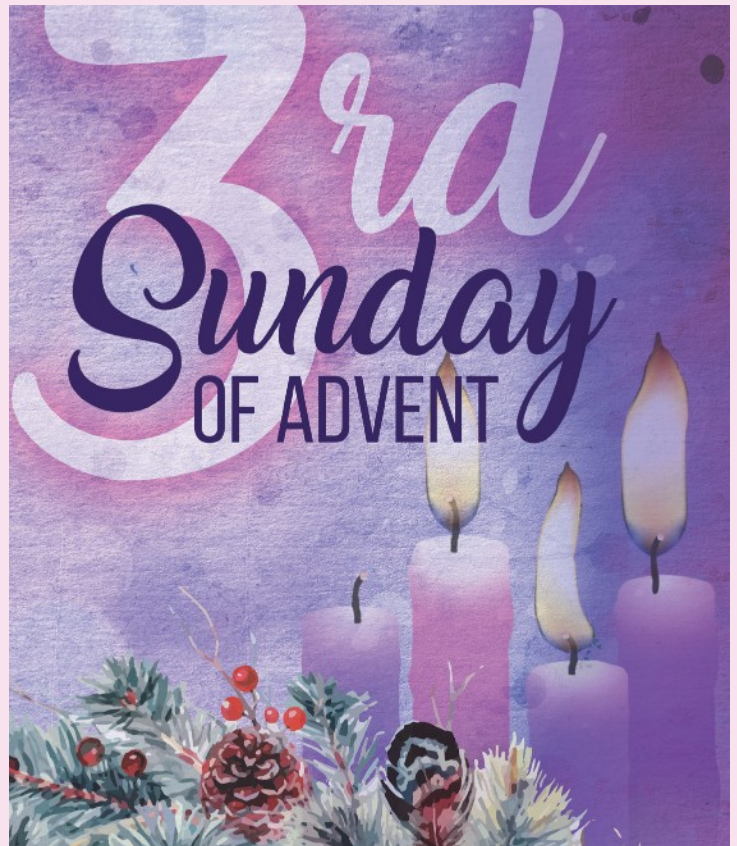
When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort . . . for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: **“What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?” (Matthew 11:7).** He’s not just describing the crowd’s mis-aimed pursuit. He’s naming our tendency to chase after what’s flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can’t satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn’t a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ? —*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: 4:00pm
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—
Monday: 11:30am-12:00pm

—ST. LEO—
Sundays: 11:00am & 12:30pm

Rosary

—ST. ROSE OF LIMA—
Monday-Saturdays: 7:30am

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

Adoration

—ST. ROSE OF LIMA—
Fridays: 9:15am-5:15pm

Stations of the Cross

—ST. ROSE OF LIMA—
Fridays: 5:30pm



ADVENT



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Weekly Mass Intentions

ST. ROSE OF LIMA

Saturday, December 13	8:30am	†	Hector Joel Loya
Saturday, December 13	4:00pm	†	Socorro S. Cantu
Sunday, December 14	7:00am	†	Joseph Hoffman
Sunday, December 14	9:00am		For the Parish
Monday, December 15	8:30am	†	Bill Johnson
Tuesday, December 16	8:30am	†	Rick McDowell
Wednesday, December 17	8:30am	†	Mary Perkins
Thursday, December 18	8:30am	†	Willa Faye Willadsen
Friday, December 19	8:30am		Mercedes Loya
Saturday, December 20	8:30am		Bobbie & Adolfo Martinez
Saturday, December 20	4:00pm	†	Willa Faye Willadsen
Sunday, December 21	7:00am	†	Steve Smith
Sunday, December 21	9:00am		For the Parish

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, December 13	4:00pm	†	Jesus Sanchez
Sunday, December 14	9:00am		Olivia Rising
Monday, December 15	12:00pm		Cristelli Family
Wednesday, December 17	5:30pm		Fr. Pete Intention
Saturday, December 20	4:00pm		For the Parish
Sunday, December 21	9:00am	†	Kayo & Maureen Hernandez

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, Christine Wright, Josephine Gette, Barbara Adams, Larry Goyen, Camila Sanchez, †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



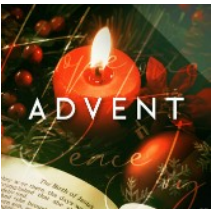
Advent Giving Tree

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 **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.



Salesian Sister Leadership Retreats

"Save the Date" for the annual Salesian Sister Leadership Retreats. This year, the location is St. Matthew's in Gillette. Dates: March 7th open to all 6th-8th grades and can count as a confirmation retreat. March 8th is the retreat day for 9-12th grades. Contact Theresa Meuer for more information at: tmeuer@dcwy.org.



The Season That Gives Back

I don't have anything left to give. You can't pour from an empty cup. All I do is give. Who is giving to me?

Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons — seasons of the year, but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

If you think you don't have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER is for *Christians in areas of conflict*: Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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 Marisssa 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.

ST. LUCY | FEAST DAY DECEMBER 13

A name that means "light," St. Lucy (283 – 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (at crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304.

Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the "bearer" of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung. ©LPi



St. Rose of Lima Ministries

	Dec. 13 - 4:00pm	Dec. 14 - 7:00am	Dec. 14 - 9:00am
Reader	Chris Krause	Mike McNamee	Bobby Baird
Greeters/ Collections	Teresa Baros Henrietta Clutter	Lou Kuhnel Marilyn Kuhnel	Bill Schmidt Sue Schmidt
Eucharistic Ministers	Tim Pieper Maureen Stull	Alyce Jolovich Greg Rutar	Mike Hofer Lance Lucas Dane Griggs
Servers	none	none	Brinley Krause Mariana Sanchez Josie Griggs

Altar Flowers Donated by: No flowers the rest of the year (Advent)

Homebound Ministers: Donna Charron, Mercedes Loya, Greg Rutar

	Dec. 20 - 4:00pm	Dec. 21 - 7:00am	Dec. 21 - 9:00am
Reader	Maureen Baumgartner	Larry Espelage	David/Claire Bloemker
Greeters/ Collections	Gretchen Chord Mary Agnes Haagensen	Kelly Greenwald Stan Speckner	Chris Johnson Terri Cochran
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary McConnaughey Tim Pieper	Lou Kuhnel Mercedes Loya	Holly Hatley Jerry Pauli Colleen Pauli
Servers	none	none	Avery Hendricks Carter Hendricks Reese Hendricks

Altar Flowers Donated by: No flowers the rest of the year (Advent)

Homebound Ministers: Richard Lara, Holly Lara, Rachel Martin, Sue Schmidt

St. Anthony Ministries

	Dec. 13 - 4:00pm	Dec. 14 - 9:00am	
Reader	Penny Wells	Kay Walker	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	Wendy Meredith	Tim Newton Sharon Newton	
	Dec. 20 - 4:00pm	Dec. 21 - 9:00am	
Reader	Barbara Holiday	Jon Malcom	Jon Malcom will be a substitute reader if needed.
Ushers	Volunteers	Volunteers	
Eucharistic Ministers	Sarah Seyfang	Mark Walker Antonio Padilla	

St. Rose Weekly Calendar!

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SATURDAY

St. Lucy

7:30am Rosary

8:30am Mass

11:30am Confessions

4:00pm Vigil Mass

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SUNDAY

3rd Sunday of Advent

7:00am Mass

9:00am Mass

10:00am OLG Meeting

4:00pm K of C Meeting

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MONDAY

7:30am Rosary

8:30am Mass

6:30pm K of C Bingo

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TUESDAY

7:30am Rosary

8:30am Mass

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WEDNESDAY

7:30am Rosary

8:30am Mass

4:30-5:30pm CCD

—PreK-2nd

6:30-7:30pm CCD

—3rd-7th Grades

—Youth Group

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THURSDAY

7:30am Rosary

8:30am Mass

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FRIDAY

7:30am Rosary

8:30am Mass

9:15am Adoration

5:30pm Stations



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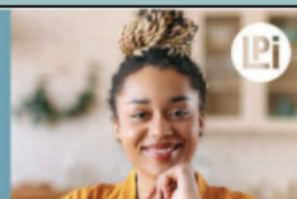
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