



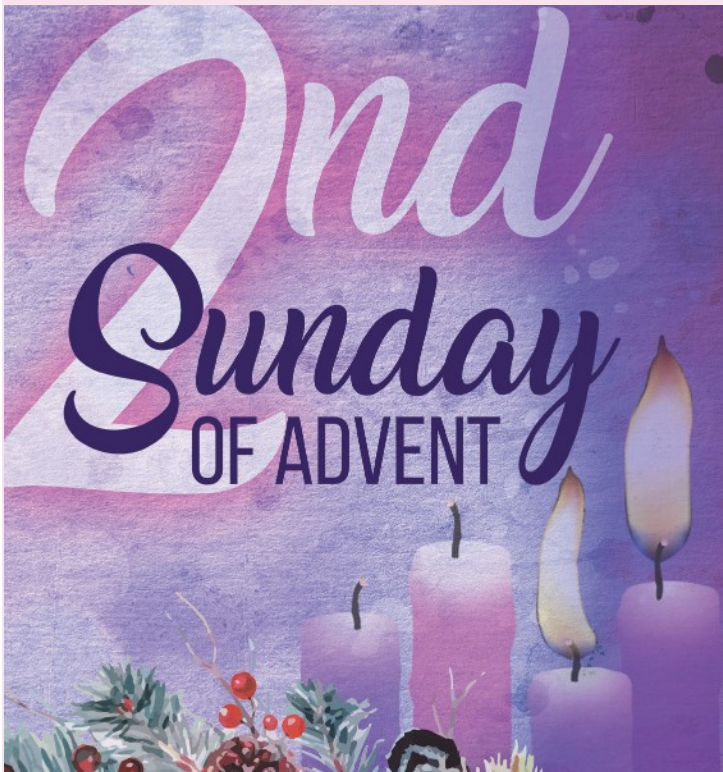
# Tri-Parish Community

St. Rose of Lima  
Torrington

St. Anthony  
Guernsey

St. Leo  
Lusk

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025 | 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**T**his week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating “**locusts and wild honey**” (Mark 1:6). It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it!

John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready — really ready — for the coming of 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—

Saturdays: 5:00pm  
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

# Weekly Sacrificial Offerings

	ST. ROSE OF LIMA	ST. ANTHONY	ST. LEO
November 23	\$1,924.01	\$1,111.00	\$1,175.00
November 30	\$2,817.00	\$1,029.00	—

# Weekly Mass Intentions

## ST. ROSE OF LIMA

Saturday, December 6	8:30am	†	Steve Smith
Saturday, December 6	4:00pm	†	Dr. Pat and Wanda Nolan
Sunday, December 7	7:00am		For the Parish
Sunday, December 7	9:00am		Anthonie Servantez and Family
Monday, December 8	8:30am	†	Pat Novak
Tuesday, December 9	8:30am		RyeAnn Geshwell
Wednesday, December 10	8:30am	†	Bill Johnson
Thursday, December 11	8:30am		Fr. Clark Lenz
Friday, December 12	8:30am	†	Aurelio, Nattie and Bob Otero
Friday, December 12	5:30pm	†	Pastor Acevedo
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

## ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, December 6	4:00pm		For the Parish
Sunday, December 7	9:00am		Lillian Rising
Monday, December 8	12:00pm		For the Parish
Wednesday, December 10	5:30pm		No Mass
Saturday, December 13	4:00pm	†	Jesus Sanchez
Sunday, December 14	9:00am		Olivia Rising

# 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



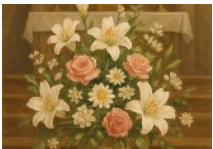
## OLG Celebration

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.



## 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.



## Altar Flowers

Altar Flower sign-ups are now open! The sign-up sheet is available in the church vestibule. For details or questions, please contact Marissa in the office.



## Christmas Eve Children's Mass

St. Rose's Christmas Eve Children's Mass for 2025 will take place on **Wednesday, December 24**. Our program will begin at 3:30pm, followed by Mass at 4:00pm.

All children ages 3–18 are invited to participate. Younger children will take part in our Nativity play, while older children will serve as narrators and directors, and assist at Mass as readers, servers, greeters, ushers, and more. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to grow in faith and serve in the ministries of our parish.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan. To sign up, use the QR code on the right. Please register by December 9. Thank you!



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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

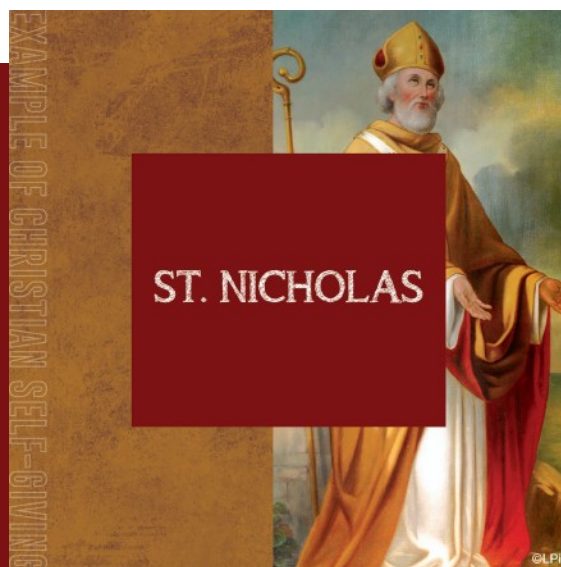
**Reconciliation:** Confessions are heard daily, 30 minutes before every Mass, and on Saturday from 11:30am-12:30pm. They are held in the confession either face-to-face or behind the screen.

## ST. NICHOLAS, EXPLAINED!

St. Nicholas was a fourth-century Christian bishop who lived in modern-day Turkey. There is minimal historical scholarship dating to the period of his life, but stories and traditions that developed after his death emphasize his profound spirit of generosity, especially towards the poor.

One particularly famous oral tradition tells that St. Nicholas saves three young women from a life of destitution and ruin by secretly giving them a dowry so they could marry. His popularity increased in the centuries following his death, and by the medieval period he was a beloved model of Christian charity invoked in a particular way during the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

On his feast day, Dec. 6, children often wake up to find small gifts or treats in their shoes or Christmas stockings, a tradition which has variations across different ethnic groups. In the United States, St. Nicholas gift-giving practices are especially popular in places where large numbers of German and Dutch immigrants settled. ©LPi



# St. Rose of Lima Ministries

	Dec. 6 - 4:00pm	Dec. 7 - 7:00am	Dec. 7 - 9:00am
<b>Reader</b>	Mike Hofer	Mike Meeboer	Gloria Fitzsimmons
<b>Greeters/ Collections</b>	Judy Krug Dr. Norma Cantu	Joe Landeros Jim Wagner	Russell Stienmetz Kendra Stienmetz
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Chris Krause Mary Krause	Greg Rutar Rachel Martin	Mark Miller Britt Marsh Rikki Sanchez
<b>Servers</b>	none	none	Jerra Stienmetz Julia Stienmetz Izzi Prah

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

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

	Dec. 13 - 4:00pm	Dec. 14 - 7:00am	Dec. 14 - 9:00am
<b>Reader</b>	Chris Krause	Mike McNamee	Bobby Baird
<b>Greeters/ Collections</b>	Teresa Baros Henrietta Clutter	Lou Kuhnel Marilyn Kuhnel	Bill Schmidt Sue Schmidt
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Tim Pieper Maureen Stull	Alyce Jolovich Greg Rutar	Mike Hofer Lance Lucas Dane Griggs
<b>Servers</b>	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

# St. Anthony Ministries

	Dec. 6 - 4:00pm	Dec. 7 - 9:00am
<b>Reader</b>	Marian Janas	Daphne Malcom
<b>Ushers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Barbara Holiday	Diana Griffith Jon Malcom
	Dec. 13 - 4:00pm	Dec. 14 - 9:00am
<b>Reader</b>	Penny Wellls	Kay Walker
<b>Ushers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Wendy Meredith	Tim Newton Sharon Newton

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.

Jon Malcom will be a substitute reader if needed.

# St. Rose Weekly Calendar!

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## SATURDAY

*First Saturday*

*St. Nicholas*

7:30am Rosary

8:30am Mass

11:30am Confessions

4:00pm Vigil Mass

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## SUNDAY

*2nd Sunday of Advent*

7:00am Mass

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Confession

7:00pm Parish Mission

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## MONDAY

*Solemnity of the*

*Immaculate Conception*

**HOLY DAY OF**

**OBLIGATION**

7:00am & 8:30 Mass

6:00pm Confession

7:00pm Parish Mission

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## TUESDAY

*St. Juan Diego*

7:30am Rosary

8:30am Mass

6:00pm Confession

7:00pm Parish Mission

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## WEDNESDAY

7:30am Rosary

8:30am Mass

4:30pm CCD PreK-2nd

6:00pm Confession

6:30pm CCD&YG 3rd-12th

7:00pm Parish Mission

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## THURSDAY

7:30am Rosary

8:30am Mass

6:00pm Parish Mission

& Reception

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## FRIDAY

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

6:00am Las Mananitas

7:30am Rosary

8:30am Mass

9:15am Adoration

5:30pm OLG Mass & Fiesta





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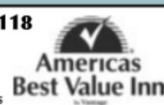
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