



Tri-Parish

St. Rose of Lima
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St. Anthony
Guernsey

St. Leo
Lusk

Pastor
Pastoral Associate

Fr. Ray Moss
Rev. Mr. Rolland Raboin

December 24, 2023

Welcome

We hope that you feel at home and among friends here. If you are a visitor for the day, we pray God's speed on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please introduce yourselves. To register in one of our parishes, please visit the St. Rose office at 605 East 22nd Ave in Torrington or call 532-5556.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:31



WHAT IS YOUR FIAT?

Are you an anxious people-pleaser prone to overcommitting yourself? Welcome to the club! We have slogans, and for your convenience I've listed them here:

"Sounds great!"

"No worries!"

"Absolutely, I can do that, not a problem!"

These are your go-to responses for when someone requests a favor that is a huge inconvenience, but you would rather die than disappoint. It's not exactly disingenuous — it's just a little neurotic. Again, welcome to the club.

You know who doesn't belong to this club? The Blessed Mother. For many reasons, I'm sure, but the biggest one is that she's always completely up-front. Take her response to the Angel Gabriel: "Let it be done."

If there are more powerful words than these, I can't think of them now. And yet, as responses go, this certainly isn't an enthusiastic one. There was never a human creature more willing to obey God than Mary, full of grace, so it makes it all the more striking that her response to Gabriel is this reserved — and it makes it all the more certain that she means exactly what she says.

THE JOURNEY

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Merry Christmas



— Luke 1:38
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

Let it be done.

Not: Yes, this is exactly that I asked for!

Not: Nope. This sounds awful. Count me out.

But precisely this: If God is asking, my answer is yes.

The Angel Gabriel visits us all, in a way, at some point or another, bearing news we did not expect. When we can say, in the face of that uncertainty, "Let it be done," we are embracing our calling as disciples. We are becoming like Mary.

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord."



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race.

- Jn 1:3-4

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Anthony

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	12/16	6:00p	† Kayo Hernandez
Sun.	12/17	9:00a	† Dave Seyfang
Mon.	12/18	Noon	For the Parish
Sat.	12/23	6:00p	Donna & Philip Cristelli & Family
Sun.	12/24	9:00a	Cristelli Family
Sun.	12/24	6:00p	Fr. Pete's Intention
Mon.	12/25	9:00a	† Richard Ibarra
Sat.	12/30	6:00p	For the Parish
Sun.	12/31	9:00a	Poor Souls in Purgatory

CONFESSIONS

Saturday—5:00pm Monday 11:30—noon

ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before the Saturday and Sunday Masses.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Ushers	Eucharistic Minister
12/23	Marian Janas	Volunteers	Ron Parker
12/24	Antonio Padilla	Volunteers	Mark Walker Antonio Padilla
12/30	Barbara Holiday	Volunteers	Tammy Hohnholt
12/31	Agnes Howshar	Volunteers	Agnes Howshar Jon Malcom

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. The ministry schedule can be found on the website or use this code.



ST. ANTHONY'S PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to add someone to our Prayer Chain, please contact Tim Newton 307-331-4086 and/or Kay Walker 307-836-2928.



December 6 - Darrell Offe
December 8 - Alice Main
December 11 - Juan Sierra
December 19 - Annette Nehls
December 22 - Sean Malcom
December 28 - Joe Michaels

Tri-Parish
Prayer Requests
For our sick and
deceased



ST. ANTHONY:

†Rey Ibarra, †Dave Young, †Teresa Ibarra, †Edward Orr, †Greg Martinez, †Mellissa Anderson, †Ted Herrera, †Jan Meyers, †Tony Testolin, †Thomas Braddock, †David Seyfang

ST. LEO:

Evelyn Carland, Clare Forgey, Barb Rapp, †John Bruch, †Chuck Bruch, †Jim Jordan, †Jim Cerha, †Delores Vollmer, †Henry Wasserburger, †Joe Ellen Landkammer

ST. ROSE:

T. Jones, Mary Jones, Cole Fitzsimmons, Deb Pritchett, Deacon Rollie, Ritch Reyes, Becky Reyes, Mary Ellen Castro, Linda Greenwald, RoseMarie Kilgore, Wayne Servantez, Andy McConaughy, Amy Hermes, Monica Kingsley, †Adolpho Castro, †Mike Varney, †Kay Grosinger, †Kurt Douglas Harmon, †Jeri Tapp, †Mary Perkins, †Donna Robbins

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TRI-PARISH WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

Parish	Date	Amount
St. Rose	12/10/23	\$2,941.00
St. Anthony	12/10/23	\$1,499.00
St. Leo	12/10/23	\$395.00

TRI-PARISH LIVING AND GIVING 2023

Parish	Goal	Actual	No. of Families
St. Rose	\$48,660.00	\$39,778.00	59
St. Anthony	\$7,940.00	\$7450.00	25
St. Leo	\$7,950.00	\$4,700	8

St. Rose

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	12/23	8:30a	† Jose Chavez
Sat.	12/23	4:00p	† Rosemarie Romero
Sun.	12/24	7:00a	Jolovich Family
Sun.	12/24	9:00a	For the Parish
Sun.	12/24	4:00p	For St. Rose Youth
Mon.	12/25	9:00a	† Nicole Tapia
Tue.	12/26	8:30a	† Aurelio, † Nattie, & † Bob Otero
Wed.	12/27	8:30a	Brother Martin Schmit
Thur.	12/28	8:30p	† Henry Castro
Fri.	12/29	8:30a	Anna Eaton
Sat.	12/30	8:30a	† Mary Perkins
Sat.	12/30	4:00p	Lefty & Eleanor Schmidt
Sun.	12/31	7:00a	† Grayson Loya
Sun.	12/31	9:00a	For the Parish

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are heard daily, 30 minutes before every Mass, and on Saturday from 11:30—12:30.

Christmas Masses at a Glance

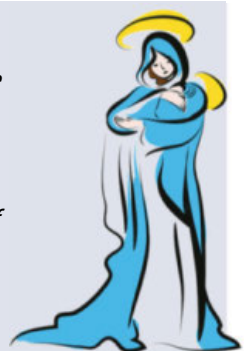


Dec. 24	7am	Torrington	
	9am	Torrington	
	4pm	Torrington	
	11:30a	Lusk	
	6pm	Guernsey	
	7pm	Lusk	
Dec. 25	9am	Torrington	Fr. Ray
	9am	Guernsey	Fr. Pete
	1pm & 2pm	WMCI	
	3pm	WWC	

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE OF LIMA

Saturday 12/23 7:30a Rosary 8:00a Confessions 8:30a Mass 11:30a-12:30p Confessions 4:00p Mass	Wednesday 12/27 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass No CCD or Youth Group
Sunday 12/24 Fourth Sunday of Advent 7:00a Mass 9:00a Mass 4:00p Children's Christmas Mass	Thursday 12/28 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass
Monday 12/25 Christmas Day Holy Day of Obligation Office Closed 9:00a Mass	Friday 12/29 7:00a Mass 8:30a Mass 9:15a—5:15p Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday 12/26 Office Closed 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass	Saturday 12/30 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass 11:30a-12:30p Confessions 4:00p Mass

"And you, Mary, the Virgin of expectation and fulfilment, who hold the secret of Christmas, make us able to recognize in the Child whom you hold in your arms the heralded Savior, who brings hope and peace to all. With you we worship him and trustingly say: we need You, Redeemer of man, You who know the hopes and fears of our hearts. Come and stay with us, Lord! May the joy of your Nativity reach to the farthest ends of the universe!"
Pope John Paul II, Christmas 2003





**The Knights of Columbus family for
November:
Russell & Kendra Stienmetz
of St. Rose of Lima Parish**

FINANCE COUNCIL

There will be a Finance Council meeting, January 3rd at 6:00pm in the office.



How do you pray when you don't have the words?

So often we think prayer is about words, about telling God our needs, asking him for help, reviewing a list of prayer requests. Yet, prayer is also about silence.

Sometimes the words just won't come. The pain is too deep, the grief overpowering, the hurt indescribable. Times your mind just can't process what you're going through and you are unable to find words.

Do you tend to skip prayer on these days when the words won't form?

These are the times you need to pray anyway. Especially in these times you need to pray. Even when your mind can't form the words to say.

Prayer is so much more than the words you pray. Prayer is also sitting in the silence with God.

Prayer is allowing the Holy Spirit to intercede for you with wordless groans, praying for you when you cannot.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.
Romans 8:26 NIV)

Prayer is also just spending time in God's presence, sitting in the silence with him. Listening instead of talking. Allowing him to refresh your heart through the silence.

When all you can manage are wordless groans, know that the Holy Spirit will intercede on your behalf. He knows your needs, even when you can't yet articulate them yourself.

Allow yourself to sit in that silence with God and simply ask the Holy Spirit to pray for you, to know your needs and know your heart.

So, when you don't have the words for prayer, pray anyway! Sit in the silence with God and allow the silence to be your prayer.



SACRAMENT OF 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. 532-5556

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

8 month preparation program prior to wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Please call your Parish Office.

COMMUNICATION DEADLINES

Bulletin—READ BELOW
Facebook—none

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Webpage—none

Contact triparish.bulletins@gmail.com,
or text/call Tam at 307-286-9663
with any announcement you may have.



Our bulletin is sent to another location for printing, and due to the holidays, the schedule is disrupted until the first of the year. If you have an announcement, please submit it and Tam will get it in as soon as possible. You will still get immediate communication, upon request, through Flocknote, Facebook, and webpage items.



If you have a special prayer request, or would like to be included on the prayer chain as a volunteer to pray for others, please contact Mary Agnes Haagensen at: beacon117@yahoo.com or 308-247-9228



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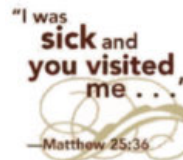
HEALING AFTER ABORTION

This holiday season if you or a loved one is experiencing grief or guilt after an abortion, find peace in God's healing love. His mercy is always available to the repentant heart. For confidential, non-judgmental help, text or call the Diocese of Cheyenne Project Rachel line: (307) 222-8430. www.dcwv.org/project-rachel

SEMINARY COME-AND-SEE WEEKEND

A trip to visit Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminar in Winona, MN, is planned for Feb 23-26th. The group will leave Gillette early on the 23rd, and return by midafternoon on the 26th. The trip is totally free and is open to high school juniors and older. If you, or someone you know, is interested please contact Fr. Ray or Megan Griggs for more details.

Ministry schedules are published in the monthly newsletter, and are available on the website.



HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

12/24	Mercedes Loya	Greg Rutar
12/31	Richard & Holly Lara	Rachel Martin

If you have any questions or would like to join this ministry, please contact Greg at 575-6589

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 24			
Mass	Reader	Greeter/Collection	Eucharistic Minister
4:00p	Mike Hofer	Gretchen Chord	Connie Prado
		Mary Agnes	Nick Prado
24-Dec			
7:00a	Barb Becker	Joe Landeros	Mercedes Loya
		Stan Speckner	Rachel Martin
9:00a	Cole Fitzsimmons	Marv Haiman	Mark Miller
		Gerri Haiman	Caroline Garcia
			Gloria Fitzsimmons
4:00p	Children's Mass. Ministers will be contacted directly.		
December 25			
9:00a	Pay Goyen	Lou Kuhnel	Pat Amberg
		Marilyn Kuhnel	Mike Hofer
			Sue Schmidt
December 30 & 31			
Mass	Reader	Greeter/Collection	Eucharistic Minister
4:00p	James Soeth	Judy Hoefler	Maureen Stull
		Jerry Hoefler	Robert Baumgartner
7:00a	Barb Becker	Mercedes Loya	Pat Amberg
		Rachel Martin	Rachel Martin
9:00a	Holly Lara	Terri Cochran	Cole Fitzsimmons
		Chris Johnson	Gloria Fitzsimmons
			Mark Miller

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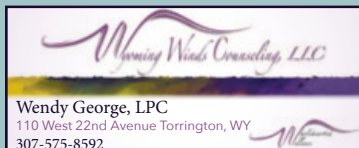


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