



# Tri-Parish

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Torrington

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Lusk

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Fr. Ray Moss  
Rev. Mr. Rolland Raboin

December 31, 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.

### THE SWORD AND THE FAMILY

In the first few weeks of parenthood, the tears flowed fast and freely, and with very little provocation.

Sometimes I wept because it was getting dark out, and sometimes because the sun was coming up. Sometimes I wept because the days were so unbearably long. Sometimes I wept because they were so cruelly short and slipped past so quickly, bearing away with them forever these inaugural moments of my daughter's life — moments I knew I would long for on my deathbed.

So, the inclusion of the Presentation of Christ in the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary has always struck me. The Blessed Mother, just a few weeks after giving birth, standing at the holy temple: Is she tired? Is she emotional? Is she frightened? Is she happy? We cannot know for sure, but if she is anything like most of the postpartum women I know, she is all four. But she stands there dutifully, offering her baby to the Lord, and this is what she is told, "A sword shall pierce your heart."

Joyful? I would have snatched the baby back, called the police and sobbed for a week.

But Mary knows that Simeon speaks the truth, and she cannot receive God's will with anything less than joy, even if it means a pierced heart.

Family means love, but love means — what, exactly? Pleasure, fulfillment, contentment? Yes, but so much more, too. Love means you have much to lose.

How full is family life with these beautiful moments which, on the surface, look and feel painful — but hold within them the opportunity to be like Mary, to bow our heads and once again say "Yes, Lord."

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another..."  
— Colossians 3:12 ©LPi



### THE GIFT OF FAMILY

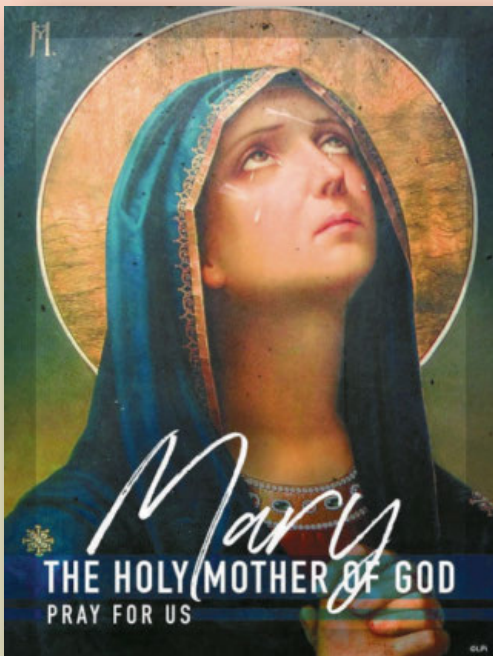
What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



## THE HOLY FAMILY

### St. Anthony

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	12/30	6:00p	For the Parish
Sun.	12/31	9:00a	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Mon.	1/1	Noon	For the Parish
Sat.	1/6	6:00p	† Philip Quinn
Sun.	1/7	9:00a	† Kayo & Maureen Hernandez

#### 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
12/30	Barbara Holiday	Volunteers	Tammy Hohnholt
12/31	Agnes Howshar	Volunteers	Agnes Howshar Jon Malcom
1/6	Marian Janas	Volunteers	Ron Hughes
1/7	Daphne Malcom	Volunteers	Tim & 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. 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.

**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 Brad-dock, †David Seyfang

#### ST. LEO:

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

#### 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 McConnaughey, Amy Hermes, Monica Kingsley, †Adolpho Castro, †Mike Varney, †Kay Grosinger, †Kurt Douglas Harmon, †Jeri Tapp, †Mary Perkins, †Donna Robbins

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307-286-9663 OR CALL THE ST. ROSE OFFICE 532-5556.

#### TRI-PARISH WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

Parish	Date	Amount
St. Rose	12/17/23	\$4,417.65
St. Anthony	12/17/23	\$875.00
St. Leo	12/17/23	\$3,627.00

#### 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

### Prayer for the New Year

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

### St. Rose

#### MASS INTENTIONS

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
Mon.	1/1	8:30a	† Mary Perkins
Tue.	1/2	8:30a	† Anna Nelson
Wed.	1/3	8:30a	Priest & Religious of Cheyenne
			Diocese Living & Deceased
Thu.	1/4	8:30a	† Inez Flores
Fri.	1/5	8:30a	† Jim Kirchner
Sat.	1/6	8:30a	† Pastor Acevedo
Sat.	1/6	4:00p	† Aurelio, † Nattie, & † Bob Otero
Sun.	1/7	7:00a	† Bob Otero
Sun.	1/7	9:00a	For the Parish

#### CONFESSIONS

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

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE OF LIMA

<b>Saturday 12/30</b> 7:30a Rosary 8:00a Confessions 8:30a Mass 11:30a-12:30p Confessions 4:00p Mass	<b>Wednesday 1/3</b> 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass 4:30p P-2 Classes 6:30p 3rd-7th 6:30p Youth Group
<b>Sunday 12/31</b> 7:00a Mass 9:00a Mass	<b>Thursday 1/4</b> 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass 6:30p Encounter with Jesus talk and Adoration 6:30p Old Testament Class 7:00p Theology on Tap
<b>Monday 1/1/24</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass	<b>Friday 1/5</b> 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass 9:00a Ladies Group Meeting 9:15a—5:15p Eucharistic Adoration 5:30 Stations of the Cross
<b>Tuesday 1/2</b> 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass	<b>Saturday 1/6</b> 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass 9:15a - 12:00p Jesus and the Eucharist Retreat 11:30a-12:30p Confessions 4:00p Mass

### MASS Intentions

IF YOU HAVE ANY MASS INTENTIONS DROP THEM OFF AT THE OFFICE OR  
GIVE THEM TO FR. RAY WHEN YOU SEE HIM AND HE WILL PASS THEM ON  
TO THE OFFICE. EACH MASS INTENTION IS A \$10.00 DONATION.







**The Knights of Columbus family for  
December:  
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.



### Who are the Fourteen Holy Helpers?

These heavenly companions have been helping mankind since the Middle Ages.

The Fourteen Holy Helpers are fourteen saints that are collectively invoked against various ailments and dangers.

Devotion to the Fourteen Holy Helpers began in 14th-century Germany, which was suffering under bubonic plague. Called the "Nothelfer" — "Helpers in Need" — in German, devotion to them eventually spread to other countries. Their feast is kept in some places on August 8th.

These saints are mostly drawn from the ranks of the early Church martyrs. Each one is invoked against a particular affliction, often related to the means of their martyrdom.

Here they are:

1. **St. Acatius** - 4th c. Greek captain in the Roman army. Some say he was crowned with thorns. Eventually beheaded. Invoked against headaches.
2. **St. Barbara** - 3rd c. Virgin-martyr killed by her own father. Lightning struck him as punishment. Invoked against lightning and fire.
3. **St. Blaise** - 4th c. Armenian martyr-bishop. Cured a child choking on a fishbone. Invoked against throat ailments.
4. **St. Catherine of Alexandria** - 4th c. Egyptian virgin-martyr famous for her learning. Invoked by lawyers and against diseases of the tongue.
5. **St. Christopher** - "Christ-bearer." 3rd c. Martyr who carried the Christ Child across a stream. Invoked against travel dangers and sudden death.
6. **St. Cyriacus** - 4th c. Roman deacon-martyr. Cured Diocletian's daughter, possibly of blindness. Invoked against eye diseases.
7. **St. Denis** - 3rd c. Missionary to France. Bishop of Paris. Martyred by beheading. According to legend, at his martyrdom he picked up his head and walked; hence he is often pictured with his head in his hands. Invoked against demonic attacks and headaches.
8. **St. Erasmus (Elmo)** - 4th c. Italian martyr-bishop. Tortured by having his intestines pulled out. Namesake of "St. Elmo's Fire," electric phenomenon that precedes a storm at sea. Invoked against stomach ailments (and a favorite of sailors).
9. **St. Eustace** - 2nd c. General in Trajan's army. Saw a stag with a cross between its antlers. Converted with wife and kids. Burned alive in an oven. Invoked against fires.
10. **St. George** - 4th c. Soldier under Diocletian. Killed a dragon. Saved a princess. Died a martyr. Invoked against skin diseases and palsy.
11. **St. Giles** - 7th c. Athenian monk. Founded a Benedictine community in France. Told Charles Martel to go to confession. Invoked against crippling diseases.
12. **St. Margaret of Antioch** - 4th c. Virgin-martyr. Converted by her holy nurse. Shepherdess. Invoked by women in childbirth and against kidney diseases.
13. **St. Pantaleon** - 4th c. Doctor employed by the emperor. Nailed to a tree then beheaded. Blood, preserved in Ravello, Italy, liquefies every year. Invoked by doctors and midwives, and against lung diseases.
14. **St. Vitus** - 4th c. Sicilian. Converted by his Christian nurse and her husband. All three martyred together. Invoked against paralysis, nervous diseases, and epilepsy.

### COMMUNICATION DEADLINES

Bulletin—Noon on Monday      FlockNote—none  
Facebook—none      Webpage—none

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



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

### 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.dcw.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.



Please consider including St. Rose of Lima in your will or life insurance policy. You may contact Fr. Raymond Moss for more information. 307-532-5556

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



### HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

12/31	Richard & Holly Lara	Rachel Martin	
1/7	Mercedes Loya	Rachel Martin	Greg Rutar
1/14	Donna Charron	Richard & Holly Lara	Sue Schmidt

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

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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
January 6 & 7			
Mass	Reader	Greeter/Collection	Eucharistic Minister
4:00p	Maureen Baumgartner	Connie Prado	Tim Pieper
		Nick Prado	Esther Correa
7:00a	Pat Goyen	Greg Rutar	Lou Kuhnel
		Stan Speckner	Mercedes Loya
9:00a	Britt Marsh	Russ Stienmetz	Holly Lara
		Kendra Stienmetz	Rich Lara
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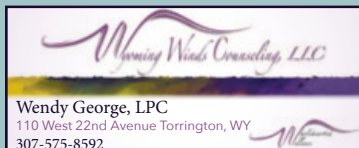


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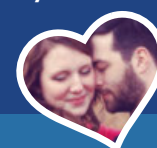
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