



Tri-Parish

St. Rose of Lima
Torrington

St. Anthony
Guernsey

St. Leo
Lusk

Pastor
Pastoral Associate

Fr. Ray Moss
Rev. Mr. Rolland Raboin

February 18, 2024

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.



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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LENT AND THE FLOOD

I would bet money that somewhere in your church this Lent, there's a bare tree branch draped in purple fabric and an empty bowl filled with rocks.

I'm not poking fun, the desert imagery that surrounds the season of Lent isn't a cliché — or if it is, it's only because clichés are essentially true. Lent is the dessert. Lent is the wilderness. Lent is the time of less.

But what if Lent was also the flood?

It seems counterintuitive, floods are excessive, and we don't think of Lent as a time for superabundance. Lent is when we limit experiences outside of ourselves in order to limit proclivities within ourselves. Lent is not a time for anything to be washing over us, consuming us, carrying us away on a tide.

Unless...it is.

Consider the flood of the Old Testament. An act of destruction, yes, but also an act of purification. An endurance test for the soul, an epic trust fall exercise between God and Noah in which Noah had to ride the literal waves, clinging to life as God wiped away everything familiar. Everything sinful.

In Lent, we relinquish our weaknesses and our infirmities to the flood. It's frightening, certainly. But it's also exciting. Because just as the flood destroys everything, it also makes everything possible. It is a baptism.

Lent, like the flood, makes the world new.

"Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit." — 1 Peter 3:18

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When I was a teenager, the experience of Catholic retreat basically changed my life. I wasn't lost or hurting, but the 3 days placed me on a path that led to where I am today. Certainly, my experiences of faith before and after that weekend also played a role in the person I have become. However, the power of God I felt in that short period of time had such a profound effect on me it became a type of lens through which I then came to see the rest of my life.

Sometimes we need to get away from it all to realize what really matters in life. We step back and see things more clearly. When we are fully in the world it is hard to get past the busyness and constant noise of modern existence. Distractions are all around us and our attention span can be so limited when it comes to truth.

This Lent, find the time to slow down, to get away from it all, and to rest in the peaceful arms of God. Go to the desert and work on surrendering all you are, and have, and will be to Jesus. Reflect on the many gifts you have been given and discern the best ways to cultivate those for God's glory. As this season begins, be mindful of the fact that this time will never come again. There might be a Lenten season next year, but God is calling you now.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Anthony

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	2/17	6:00p	Gertrude Esquibel
Sun.	2/18	9:00a	Rose Martinez
Mon.	2/19	Noon	For the Parish
Fri.	2/23	Noon	† Rod Bremer
Sat.	2/24	6:00p	† Lawrence Henke
Sun.	2/25	9:00a	† Lawrence & † Alice Hytrek
Mon.	2/26	Noon	For the Parish

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
2/17	Penny Wells	Volunteers	Ron Hughes
2/18	Joy Tissler	Volunteers	Tim & Sharon Newton
2/24	Tammy Hohnholt	Volunteers	Barbara Holiday
2/25	Daphne Malcom	Volunteers	Mark Walker Antonio Padilla

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. We could use Eucharistic Ministers for Sunday. If you would be willing to provide this service to our parish and the Lord, please call. The schedule can be found on the website.



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-

Happy anniversary to Don & Gert Brooks on February 19th.

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Prayer Requests For our sick and deceased

ST. ANTHONY:

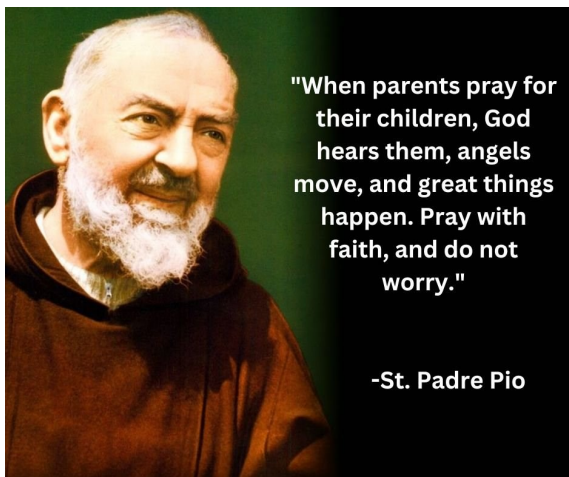
Dee Orr, †Delores Neifert, †Josie Apodaca

ST. LEO:

ST. ROSE:

Ritch Reyes, Becky Reyes, RoseMarie Kilgore, Barb Kerrigan

TO ADD TO THIS LIST, PLEASE CALL/TEXT TAM AT 307-286-9663 OR CALL THE ST. ROSE OFFICE 532-5556.



"When parents pray for their children, God hears them, angels move, and great things happen. Pray with faith, and do not worry."

-St. Padre Pio

St. Rose

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	2/17	8:30a	† Jesus Sanchez
Sat.	2/17	4:00p	† Marty & † Rebecca Green
Sun.	2/18	7:00a	Fr. Clark Lenz
Sun.	2/18	9:00a	For the Parish
Mon.	2/19	8:30a	Jeff & Cathy Marsh
Mon.	2/19	5:30p	† Donald Ray Thomas
Tue.	2/20	8:30a	Tam & Bill McAnelly
Wed.	2/21	8:30a	Jim & Carol Soeth
Thu.	2/22	8:30a	Joe Murrell & Sybil Ohlmann
Thu.	2/22	5:30p	† Waldo Vasquez
Fri.	2/23	8:30a	Lance & Paige Lucas
Sat.	2/24	8:30a	Gretchen Chord & Family
Sat.	2/24	4:00p	† Eugene & † Caroline Daise
Sun.	2/25	7:00a	† Aurelio, † Nattie, & † Bob Otero
Sun.	2/25	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

Saturday 2/17 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass 11:30a-12:30p Confessions 4:00p Mass	Wednesday 2/21 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass 4:30p CCD grades P-2 6:30p CCD grades 3-7 6:30p Youth Group
Sunday 2/18 7:00a Mass 9:00a Mass	Thursday 2/22 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass 5:30p Mass 6:30p Encounter with Jesus talk and Adoration
Monday 2/19 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass 5:30p Mass 6:30p KofC Bingo	Friday 2/23 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass 9:15a—5:15p Eucharistic Adoration 5:00 Stations of the Cross 5:30p Lenten Supper
Tuesday 2/20 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass 10:00a Fr. Pete's class 7:00p Fr. Pete's class	Saturday 2/24 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass 11:30a-12:30p Confessions 4:00p Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE FOR LENT

St. Rose of Lima	St. Anthony	St. Leo
Fridays @ 5:00pm Followed by dinner	Fridays after the Noon Mass	Fridays @ 7:00pm

TRI-PARISH WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

Parish	Date	Amount
St. Rose	2/11/24	\$2,855.00
St. Anthony	2/11/24	\$1,048.00

LENTEN SUPPERS PROVIDED BY:

Knights of Columbus	2/18	3/8	3/29
CCW	2/23	3/15	
Our Lady of Guadalupe	3/1	3/22	

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Knights of Columbus offers two scholarships to any students in the Tri-Parishes. Applications are available by calling 575-2283 or by going to the St. Rose Parish Office.

Mail to: Knights of Columbus, PO Box 629, Torrington, WY 82240. Applications must be received by April 15, 2024.

LENTEN SUPPERS

After the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent, a free meal will be served in the Parish Hall. Thank you to the KofC, OLG, and CCW for your generosity in providing this opportunity for fellowship.

BROWN BAG PROJECT

CCW is sponsoring the annual Lenten almsgiving (brown bag project). This year, monetary donations are being collected to support Care and Share food pantry, and the St. Rose Cookie Jar which provides emergency assistance to those in need (gas money, utility bills, emergency housing, etc.). Envelopes are available on trees inside the entrance of the church through the 6th Sunday of Lent (March 24). Thank you for your generosity.

WHY IS THE GLORIA OMITTED DURING LENT?

The Gloria is omitted during Advent as a reminder we are waiting for Jesus to come, so we hold off doing anything joyful until His birth; and it is also omitted during Lent because we are suffering with Christ for our sins until the joy of His resurrection.

LENTEN CHALLENGE CALENDAR

Journey through the 40 days of Lent using this fun and meaningful Lent Challenge Calendar. Challenges encompass the three tenets of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is available on the website.



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

We have four young men from St. Rose attending the visit to Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, MN this year! Please keep Marcos Martinez, Zabel Munoz, Michael Tavares and Carlos Arias-Martin in your prayers as they travel Feb 22-26. We are so proud of these young men as they open their hearts to discern the vocation God has in store for them!

DON'T MISS WHAT GOD IS DOING!

National Eucharistic Conference

This is the largest major Catholic event this year. If you plan to attend any Catholic event this year, make it this one.

Children 12 and under are FREE.

Tickets are available for the entire Conference as well as day and weekend passes.

There will not be a parish or diocese led pilgrimage: everything will be on your own.

There are scholarships available through the **Solidarity Fund** or you can search Google for available discounts. Click for more information and to register.

The **list of speakers** is a veritable list of Who's Who in the Catholic Church. From Bishop Baron (Word on Fire) and the Relevant Radio team (Fr. Rocky, Patrick Madrid, Drew Mariani), to Fr. Mike Schmitz, Chris Stefanick, and Jackie Francois Angel.

The list of musicians is equally as spectacular: Steve Angrisano, Josh Blakesley, Nico Cabrera, Andrew Laubacher, and more!

To see the complete list of emcees, speakers, and musicians, click here:

Let's go to Indianapolis July 17-21!



LET US PRAY

First Sunday of Lent: Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

COMMUNICATION DEADLINES

Bulletin—Noon on Monday
Facebook—none

FlockNote—none
Webpage—none

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

WHY 40 DAYS?

The season of Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. If Sundays are excluded from the count, the season lasts forty days. The forty-day length of Lent is rooted in the biblical usage of the number forty. Forty is typically indicative of a time of testing, trial, penance, purification, and renewal. In the New Testament, forty days is the length of Jesus' time of trial in the desert in preparation for his public ministry, proclaiming the Gospel.

THANK YOU

Barbara Kerrigan would like to say, "thank you" to everyone who prayed for her while she was in the hospital.

THANK YOU

The Guadalupe Society would like to thank everyone who purchased enchiladas! Also, a BIG thank you to all of our members and volunteers who helped make them!

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



ALTAR FLOWERS MINISTRY

Lent is a time of penance and introspection. It is based on Jesus' 40 days in the desert overcoming temptation. Because of this, Catholic churches reflect this dry period by prohibiting festive decorations and floral decorations in the church. This is also why there are no weddings or baptisms during the Lenten period.

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

2/18	Mercedes Loya	Rachel Martin	Greg Rutar
2/25	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

February 17 & 18			
Mass	Reader	Greeter/Collection	Eucharistic Minister
4:00p	Lori Hofer	James Soeth	Esther Correa
		Carol Soeth	Robert Baumgartner
7:00a	Lou Kuhnel	Joe Landeros	Pat Amberg
		Mercedes Loya	Greg Rutar
9:00a	David Bloemker	Sue Schmidt	Mark Miller
		Bill Schmidt	Gloria Fitzsimmons
			Rikki Sanchez
February 24 & 25			
Mass	Reader	Greeter/Collection	Eucharistic Minister
4:00p	James Soeth	Gretchen Chord	Connie Prado
		Mary Agnes	Nick Prado
7:00a	Mike Meeboer	Lou Kuhnel	Rachel Martin
		Marilyn Kuhnel	Mercedes Loya
9:00a	Ryan Hendricks	David Bloemker	Lance Lucas
		Mandy Bloemker	Sue Schmidt
			Mandy Bloemker

If you are unable to fulfill your liturgical ministry assignment, please contact Joyce at 532-6126.