



Tri-Parish

St. Rose of Lima
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January 28, 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.

EMBRACING CHANGE IN CHRIST

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2024 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. - Mk 1:28

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In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." - Mk 1:27

"I KNOW WHO YOU ARE—THE HOLY ONE OF GOD!"
- MK 1:24

DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie "Nefarious" features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, "Quiet! Come out of him!" Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity — him — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

— Father John Muir
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St. Anthony

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	1/27	6:00p	† Marcelino Pino
Sun.	1/28	9:00a	Penny & Larry Wells
Mon.	1/29	Noon	For the Parish
Sat.	2/3	6:00p	Souls in Purgatory
Sun.	2/4	9:00a	† Philip Quinn
Mon.	2/5	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
1/27	Tammy Hohnholt	Volunteers	Sarah Seyfang
1/28	Daphne Malcom	Volunteers	Tim & Sharon Newton
2/3	Marian Janas	Volunteers	Ron Parker
2/4	Tim Newton	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. 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.



Happy birthday to Mark Walker on February 4th.

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

Tri-Parish
Prayer Requests
For our sick and deceased



ST. ANTHONY:
Dee Orr, †Delores Neifert

ST. LEO:

ST. ROSE:
Ritch Reyes, Becky Reyes, RoseMarie Kilgore

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

TRI-PARISHWEEKLY SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

Parish	Date	Amount
St. Rose	1/7 and 1/14/2024	\$7,310.48
St. Anthony	1/7/24	\$931.00
	1/14/24	\$692.00
St. Leo	1/21/24	\$2,222.00

PARISH DINNER

There will be a chicken dinner on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 in the St. Rose parish hall. This will be our Mardi Gras party as we prepare for Ash Wednesday on February 14.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION

This year the Bishop has asked parishes to take up a collection on Ash Wednesday to go to the Catholic Charities of Wyoming. We ask you to be as generous as you can for this collection.



St. Rose

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	1/27	8:30a	† Inez Flores
Sat.	1/27	4:00p	† Socorro S. Cantu
Sun.	1/28	7:00a	† Rick McDowell
Sun.	1/28/	9:00a	† Carmen Ramirez
Mon.	1/29	8:30a	† Cole Fitzsimmons
Tue.	1/30	8:30a	Pat Amberg and Nevada Moehr
Wed.	1/31	8:30a	Dorothy Kolstad
Thu.	2/1	8:30a	† Cole Fitzsimmons
Fri.	2/2	8:30a	† Jimmy Corcahn
Sat.	2/3	8:30a	† Inez Flores
Sat.	2/3	4:00p	† Socorro S. Cantu
Sun.	2/4	7:00a	† Bob Otero
Sun.	2/4	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 1/27 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass 11:30a-12:30p Confessions 4:00p Mass	Wednesday 1/31 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass 4:30p P-2 Classes 6:30p 3rd-7th 6:30p Youth Group
Sunday 1/28 7:00a Mass 8:00a—noon Right to Life Breakfast & Bake Sale 9:00a Mass	Thursday 2/1 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass 6:30p Encounter with Jesus talk and Adoration 7:00p Theology on Tap
Monday 1/29 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass 6:30p KofC Bingo	Friday 2/2 First Friday 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass 9:00a Ladies Group meeting 9:15a—5:15p Eucharistic Adoration 5:30 Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 1/30 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass 10:00a Fr. Pete's class 7:00p Fr. Pete's class	Saturday 2/3 First Saturday 7:30a Rosary 8:30a Mass 9:15a—noon Jesus and the Eucharist Retreat 11:30a-12:30p Confessions 4:00p Mass



† The **Encounter with Christ** is a holy hour every Thursday at 6:30-7:30. It is Benediction along with a talk on the Gospel reading for the next Sunday Mass. This is a project from the National Eucharistic Revival Committee that the Eucharistic Committee from our parish is now offering.

† The Eucharistic Committee will be offering the parish the program **Jesus and the Eucharist Retreat**. This will be held every First Saturday, January—July. We start with the 8:30 Mass and then go to the parish library for a video, time of discussion, and prayer. Snacks will be served.

† Fr. Pete's Class on the **Gospel of John** is Tuesdays at 10a and 7p. The class ends of March 12.

† Don't forget to make **confessions** a part of your **spiritual journey**. Confessions are offered every Saturday from 11:30-12:30 in the Church. You always have the option of face-to-face, or behind the screen. We also offer confessions a half hour before each Mass, except for the Saturday 4:00 Mass.

OLD PALMS

There is a box by the front door of the church to drop off your old palms. We will burn them to make ashes.



Communion & Mortal Sin

Question:

I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?

Answer:

While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment ("You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them" (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person's mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God's grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another's persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be. ©LPI



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience: All married couples are invited to attend the upcoming Marriage Encounter Experience in Billings, Montana, Feb 2-4, 2024, or April 12-14, 2024 at the Historic Elk Mountain Inn, Wyoming. The Marriage Encounter Experience is a private opportunity to share with your spouse your hopes and dreams for your marriage. It is an opportunity to grow together and realize more fully the gift of your Sacrament. As married couples we are the manifestation of Christ's love for our church. It is an awesome responsibility. The application fee for the Experience is \$100. To learn more, watch: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=635747607124827> OR visit the website: wwme.org OR apply today by calling 307-215-9444.

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Right to Life



January 28—Right to Life breakfast and bake sale
This event will be from 8am—noon in the parish hall. Cost is \$10 per person. Sponsored by the St. Rose of Lima Knights of Columbus. Individuals who want to donate baked goods for the sale can contact

Cordy Espelage at 303-263-6537

Please join us and show your support for protecting the lives of the unborn, elderly and disabled.



VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Valley Christian School is holding their annual Dinner and Auction on Saturday, February 3. They are hoping that some people will volunteer to make pies for the event. If you are interested in making pies call Lela Dennis at 307-575-5461 to let her know how many pies you will be giving them.



The Guadalupe Society is hosting its annual Enchilada Sale on Saturday, February 10. Beef & Cheese or Cheese enchiladas can be purchased for \$25.00/dozen (1/2 dozen for \$12.50). Orders can be placed by calling/texting DJ at (307)575-1304. Please pick up your enchilada order on Saturday, February 10, in the St. Rose Parish Hall between 12:00 noon-4:00p.m.

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 Haagenen at: beacon117@yahoo.com or 308-247-9228



Congratulations to Louis and Marilyn Kuhn for being the Knights of Columbus January Family of the Month.

LENT IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

To whet your appetite just a bit, these are the entrees the KofC will be serving for Friday Lenten Suppers after Stations of the Cross:

2/16 Bean Tostadas

3/8 Baked Potato Bar

3/29 Shrimp Scampi

All are free and are complete meals. The details of each will be posted as we go. Donations are always welcome.

Let Cordy know if you can volunteer: (303) 263-6537

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



ALTAR FLOWERS MINISTRY

Feb. 2	Otero family
Feb. 10	Regina Flores
Feb. 17	Lent—no flowers
Feb. 24	Lent—no flowers

You are invited to make a gift of flowers in memory, in thanksgiving, in celebration, or in honor of a person or event. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call Marcia at 307-338-0477

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

1/28	Donna Charron	Richard & Holly Lara	Sue Schmidt
2/4	Donna Charron	Richard & Holly Lara	Mercedes Loya
2/11	Rachel Martin	Greg Rutar	Sue Schmidt

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 27 & 28

Mass	Reader	Greeter/Collection	Eucharistic Minister
4:00p	Esther Correa	Mary Agnes H.	Maureen Stull
		Gretchen Chord	Mike Hofer
7:00a	Mike McNamee	Rachel Martin	Greg Rutar
		Mercedes Loya	Pat Amberg
9:00a	Kendra Stienmetz	Sue Schmidt	Mark Miller
		Bill Schmidt	Mandy Bloemker
			Rikki Sanchez

February 3 & 4

Mass	Reader	Greeter/Collection	Eucharistic Minister
4:00p	Mary Agnes H.	Judy Hoefler	Tim Pieper
		Jerry Hoefler	James Soeth
7:00a	Barb Becker	Kelly Greenwald	Alyce Jolovich
		Stan Speckner	Mercedes Loya
9:00a	Russell Stienmetz	Marv Haiman	Britt Marsh
		Gerri Haiman	Mike Hofer
			Dane Griggs

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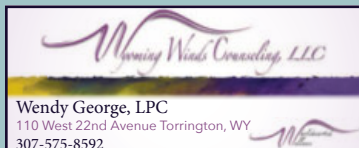
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