

# First Sunday of Lent

## February 18, 2024



### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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#### Mass Times

8:30 a.m. Tues,  
4:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil  
*Office hours Wednesday*

#### First Sunday of Lent, Feb. 18

Gn 9:8-15  
1 Pt 3:18-22  
Mk 1:12-15

#### Monday, February 19

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18  
Mt 25:31-46

#### Tuesday, February 20

Is 55:10-11  
Mm 6:7-15

#### Wednesday, February 21

Jon 3:1-10  
Lk 11:29-32

#### Thursday, February 22

1 Pt 5:1-4  
Mt 16:13-19

#### Friday, February 23

Ez 18:21-28  
Mt 5:20-26

#### Saturday, February 24

Dt 26:16-19  
Mt 5:43-48

#### Second Sunday of Lent, Feb. 25

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
Rom 8:31b-34  
Mk 9:2-10



### ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH

180 S. Fremont St.  
Lewiston, MN 55952

#### Mass Time

8:30 a.m. Sunday  
8:30 am Wednesday, Thursday



### ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Rushford, MN

#### Mass Time

10:00 a.m. Sunday  
9:00 a.m. Friday  
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### Tri-Parish help is needed to welcome/host the National Eucharistic Procession (NEP) on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> in Lewiston.

As the NEP travels through our diocese the week of May 31 – June 7, **our Tri-Parish is being asked to welcome/ host** a luncheon for the pilgrimage participants, partake in a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and participate in a local level Eucharistic procession through Lewiston. Because

the NEP will not be able to stop at each parish within our Tri-Parish, we want each of our parishes to be represented on June 5<sup>th</sup>. **We are asking for your help in the planning, hosting, and participation in this event.** Many hands are needed to make it happen. **Our immediate need is to form a planning committee.** Please contact Kelly Kalmes (262-338-8044), Becky McCormick (507-689-0398) or [office@st-rose.org](mailto:office@st-rose.org), [office@htpm.us](mailto:office@htpm.us), [arlene@st-rose.org](mailto:arlene@st-rose.org).

# This Week Masses & Intentions

<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 19</b>	<i>No Mass</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 20</b>	
07:30 am	Holy Trinity	<b>Adoration</b>
08:30 am	Holy Trinity	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 21</b>	
8:30 pm	St Rose	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 22</b>	
8:30 am	St. Rose	<i>Bob Kanz+</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 23</b>	
9:00 am	St. Joseph	<i>Father Tom Jennings+</i>
10:00 am	Good Shepard	<i>Elmer Fabian +</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 24</b>	
4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	<i>Sara Elizabeth Speltz+</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 25</b>	
8:30 am	St. Rose	<i>Ed &amp; Evelyn Ruhoff +</i>
10:00 am	St. Joseph	<i>Hatten &amp; Mensink Family deceased members+</i>

## Adoration times:

St Rose First Wednesday	8:30 am – 8:30 pm
Holy Trinity Tuesdays	7:30 am – 8:30 am
St Joseph First Friday	9:30 am - 10:30 am

## Reconciliation times:

St Rose: Sunday and Wednesday	8.00 - 8:20 am
Holy Trinity: Saturday	4.00 - 4:20 pm
St Joseph: Friday	8:30 - 8:50 am

*Or by appointment.*

**New Parishioners** are invited to contact the Tri-Parish Office at 507-523-2428 or [office@st-rose.org](mailto:office@st-rose.org).

**Baptism:** Baptisms are regularly celebrated during Saturday and Sunday Masses or by appointment. Parents are asked to meet with Fr. Chinnappa before the baptism of their first child. Please call the Tri-parish office to set the date of the baptism.

**Marriage** - Instruction must begin at least six months in advance. Please contact Fr. Chinnappa to begin the preparation process. An Engaged Encounter or similar course is also required.

**Anointing of the Sick:** The sacrament is available before or after Mass on request or arrangements can be made with Fr. Chinnappa for Hospital or Home Visits. Available

## Need Prayers?

Call Rosie Moger 507-429-5525  
Call with all requests or to join the group.

**Prayer Requests:** David Taylor, Becky Haxton. Chuck Woodford, Jim Vogel, Theresea Elliott, Bill Schultz, Steve Rader, Fr. Bill Kulas, Bishop Harrington.

## Holy Trinity

### Giving, February 10, 2024

Church Support..... \$ 1360.00

### Liturgical Ministry – February 24, 2024

<u>Lector:</u>	Bonnie Kalmes
<u>EMHC:</u>	Sandy Lande
<u>Cantor</u>	Tammy Schmit
<u>Usher</u>	Louise Kalmes and Ron Lande
<u>Gifts</u>	Duane and Chris Klein
<u>Server</u>	Charlie and Juniper Lingen
<u>Greeter:</u>	Stacey Glithero and Jodi Rivers

## St. Rose

### Giving, February 11, 2024

Church Support..... \$ 1945.00

### Liturgical Ministry – February 25, 2024

<u>Lector:</u>	Jo Stejskal
<u>EMHC:</u>	Shelly DePestel, Dean DePestel, Kelly Dahl
<u>Servers:</u>	Damian Gossen, Clara Gossen Allyn Gossen, Dylan Duncanson
<u>Ushers:</u>	Tim Hennessy, Mark Ernster, Joe Daley, Cory Schmitz

## St Joseph

### Giving, February 11, 2024

Church Support..... \$ 750.00

### Liturgical Ministry – February 25, 2024

<u>Lector:</u>	Helen Bollinger
<u>Usher &amp; Cross:</u>	Marv & Marcie Hosch
<u>Rosary</u>	Chuck Ehler
<u>Offertory</u>	Schollmeier Family
<u>EMHC:</u>	Jo Bingerman
<u>Sacristan:</u>	LuAnne Dvorak

### Priest's Powerful Message To All Catholics!

#### This Will Change Your Life!

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=cUNkocjtA4w&si=snkHoAIYy1jCK0x> Please enjoy this YouTube link discussion about the Mass.

**During the Season of Lent, we shall Pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday and Chaplet of Divine Mercy before the weekend Masses.**

## **Tri Parish News and Notes**

### **Implication of Ash Wednesday and Lent**

- ❖ In fast-paced lifestyles, it calls for pause and introspection.
- ❖ Ashes remind us of mortality and transience of life.
- ❖ The act of abstaining from certain pleasures encourages self-discipline and spiritual growth.
- ❖ Calls to simplicity and humility for a profound meaning of life.
- ❖ The spirit of repentance and reconciliation emphasizes addressing social injustices and fostering global harmony.
- ❖ Helps confront inner struggles and encourages a journey inward for healing and renewal of life.
- ❖ As society grapples with divisive issues, the message of repentance and forgiveness holds the potential to bridge gaps and promote understanding.
- ❖ While the rituals may remain traditional, Lent's message adapts to the challenges of the present century, urging individuals to reevaluate their lives, cultivate compassion and strive for a more balanced and purposeful existence.

**Has it been a while since you have been to confession?** The Diocese of Winona-Rochester offers a resource of hope, encouragement, and story for you—as well as how to make a good confession, and why it's important. The Light is On Southern Minnesota is a website that makes clear that God's mercy can be for you! Take time to enjoy the local stories, share them with friends via email and social media, and use them as encouragement to receive the sacrament of reconciliation this Lent. See it all at [HERE](#).

### **Lent Reflection Books available at the Narthex to take home and read:**

**1. The Rocking Chair Prophet:** It is a rich exploration of life and the human condition. It's an invitation to rediscover yourself and reorient your life. Mathew Kelly has masterfully woven into the story a piercing wisdom that is thought provoking on a life-changing scale. It is stunning that one book can have something meaningful to say on so many topics.

**2. Beautiful Eucharist:** It is a stunning collection of life-changing reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives. It is an invitation to encounter the life-giving presence of Jesus in the Eucharist so you can be a life-giving presence in the world.

**3. This is My Body:** It is designed to accompany the Eucharistic revival. Bishop Robert Barron analyses the source and summit of the Christian life according to

the categories of meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence. It is meant to understand the sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood more thoroughly, and precisely to fall in love with the Lord more completely.

### **Season 2 of The Chosen: There is still time to sign up for Season 2 of *The Chosen***

## **St. Joseph News and Notes**

**Bishop Barron's Catholicism Series** - Wednesday evenings February 21, 28, and March 6 at 6:30, videos 1,2, and 3 will be shown in Montini Hall each evening followed by discussions and questions. All are encouraged to attend.

**Baptism on 18<sup>th</sup>:** Blessing to Joy Elizabeth Riebel, daughter of Jackson and Haley Riebel.

**Dorothy O'Donnell 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration.** Sunday, March 3, 2024 after mass. 11:00-2:00. We will have a light lunch, cake and refreshments. Please stop and wish Dorothy a Happy Birthday! (no gifts please).

## **Holy Trinity News and Notes**

**Spaghetti Dinner**—Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> More information on these events will be shared in the coming weeks. Everyone is welcome! If You have questions, please contact: Bonnie Kalmes 507-450-6378.

With tenderness and love we pray for our deceased, **Mary Jacobi** whose funeral on Saturday, February 24 at 11.00am. May her loved ones find comfort and reassurance in God, our Father.

**Thank you** to all who came to and those who helped with the Mardi Gras Celebration! Great fun was had by all! It's always a joy to gather as community!

**Holiday Choir:** The holiday choir will resume choir practices for Easter starting Sunday, February 25. Practices are at Holy Trinity Church from 7-8 pm on Sundays until Holy Week. We will be singing for Good Friday and Easter Vigil. If you have questions, please call Tammy Schmit 689-2469. All are welcome!

**Holy Trinity Office hours** on Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup> will be moved to the afternoon, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

## **St. Rose News and Notes**

**Today Final day of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation Book Sale** Feb 18, 10am-4pm in the hall. Money raised will be donated to help fund the Lewiston-Altura Field Trips. Come and Enjoy Story Time every hour, balloon animals, hair tinseling, face painting, crafts, and games for the kids.

**Biscuit and Gravy Brunch** Free Will Donation will be held on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> after 8:30 mass. **Mission Supper**

Sign-up will start on Feb. 18th. **Mission Supper Kitchen Clean-up** March 16th @ 9:00 am many hands make light work.

**Mission Supper coming soon:** March 21<sup>st</sup> serving starts 4:30 pm. Turkey, dressing, coleslaw, cranberries, mashed potatoes, gravy, finger rolls, homemade pies, coffee, and milk. Tell everyone. Great meal.

### **Repent and Change**

A great sadness with which we all have to live is knowing the harm we have done to someone else. It is one thing to make a mistake. Mistakes are usually unintended – and relatively easy to forgive. But it is another thing to do something deliberately out of selfishness – not caring that it will harm others. Whether it is from weakness, peer pressure, or self-indulgence, sin always does harm. It can damage others – as well as ourselves. And it offends God who made us for goodness and truth – and in His own image!

Once we are aware of our misdeeds, we should realize that we must do something about them. We must become a better person. We must also attempt to restore what we damaged or destroyed. This can be difficult if the offended party shuns us – If they refuse to forgive us. Consequently, probably the heaviest burden that anyone can carry is the knowledge of being unforgiven!

Fortunately, all the scriptures for today touch upon these issues in some way. The great flood that Noah survived probably covered the entire floodplain of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. That flood plain amounts to over 333,000 square miles! The flood served to punish and eradicate all those who lived selfish, sinful, ungodly lives. The wages of sin is always death of some kind. It can affect the body as well as the soul. Furthermore, the great tragedy of spiritual death is that it can leave the soul with a feeling of hopelessness.

Noah was able to survive the flood because he was a good man. He was always open to God. He listened to the voice of the Holy Spirit – who warned Noah of what was to come. That premonition inspired him to build the Ark. Thus, he and his family survived – along with whatever else they brought along. What is noteworthy is that subsequent to the flood, is the first mention of a covenant. With that covenant, God made it clear that He truly loved and cared about the human race.

The Gospel of Mark tells us that the Holy Spirit “drove” Jesus out into the desert. While there, Jesus searched his soul for what the Spirit was asking of him. Jesus probably had a premonition of what was to come. He would preach the Good News of salvation – and about God’s merciful love. But he also understood that he would be met with resistance and opposition. Satan was there in the desert to tempt Jesus away from his mission and his future ministry. But good angels were also there to help him as he wrestled with Satan.

When he emerged from his desert retreat, Jesus was clear about what he had to do and what he had to say. Consequently, he took up what the Baptist was no longer able to do himself. It was the beginning of a whole new epoch. It was the fulfillment of all that had been promised. The Kingdom of God would be manifest and evident from that time on. All the work – the teaching and the miracles – of Jesus would make it evident.

However, to enter that Kingdom, people had to respond in a godly way. They had to repent of their sinful ways – They had to believe in the Gospel – in the Good News! There could be no excuses. People had to change their hearts and their lives! The Good News was that no one was beyond salvation. No matter what they had done –

No matter who they had hurt – No matter who bore the burden of human unforgiveness – All could be saved! God could and would forgive – when others would not. God would be merciful – when others withheld mercy. God could heal the human soul and spirit no matter what continued to assault someone externally.

Brothers and Sisters, it is a wonderful thing to know that we have a loving and merciful God. Our God created us for infinitely more than we will ever experience in this life. Furthermore, God will sustain us, no matter what we suffer because of others.

So, let us pray, that during this Lent we do far more than just give up some small thing until Easter. Instead, may we look deeply within – change something important – and change it permanently. May we, truly, repent and believe – with the power of God’s grace! Amen.

*February 18, 2024 Msgr. Russell G. Terra.*