

Pastorate of the Holy Cross

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 22, 2026

Pilgrim's Journey

It is good to be back home after my pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Mike Wensing and a group of pilgrims from the Diocese of Sioux Falls. As I said before I left, Fr. Mike has been to the Holy Land 15 times throughout this priesthood. The pilgrimage this year had been cancelled 3 different times because of Covid and then the war in the Middle East. I was a bit leary going knowing all that is going on in the world, especially in the Middle East. Sometimes my military background is a hindrance - I know too much and probably have seen too much in my military life as well. Fr. Mike specifically was excited to return to the Church of All Nations which is located over the rock that Jesus prayed at while He was experiencing His agony in the Garden of Gethsemene, prior to His arrest and crucifixion. For those of you who attended Fr. Mike's Theology on Tap talk a little over a year ago, might remember how his pilgrimage group in 2015 experienced what they describe as a great miracle during Mass at that specific Church. It was November 4, 2015, and Fr. Mike had just concluded Mass which has the altar situated right over and behind the rock where Jesus prayed. After Mass, the pilgrims noticed that the rock appeared to have liquid coming out of the side of it. Some of the people dabbed it with kleenex and the substance was red. Additionally, one of the pilgrims tasted the substance off their finger and they described the taste as if it was a nosebleed. Then the substance on the rock disappeared. This year, we had Mass on November 4, 2026, eleven years to the date of that incredible experience. Fr. Mike describes it as a Mass of thanksgiving for what the Lord had provided to him and the pilgrims in experiencing that incredible phenomenon or miracle.

That is what happens on pilgrimages. Not every time do you experience something specific like that - those rocks did not bleed this year - but a pilgrimage is supposed to be an opportunity to deepen one's relationship with God, seek spiritual growth, and connect with the history and communion of the Church. What I went on was not a "vacation" and I did not go as a "tourist" but a pilgrim. We went on multiple journeys each day to holy sites such as the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Magdala, Jerusalem, Calvary, Bethlehem, Jericho, the house where Peter denied he knew Jesus, the burial site of Jesus and so much more. Pilgrimages are meant to be taken with the intent of encountering God in a personal and transformative way. It is not merely a physical journey but a spiritual one, reflecting the soul's journey toward heaven.

We began each day on the bus prior to 7am - that meant for a 5:30 wake up call each morning - I told you it was not a vacation! After getting on the bus we prayed a pilgrim's prayer that reminded us why we were in the Holy Land and to remember certain intentions. Each day I prayed during the silent intentions for our parishes St. Rose of Lima and Risen Savior and all of our parishioners. At some point on the journey that

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day on the bus, our entire group prayed the rosary together, reflecting on the life of Christ through Mary. Lastly, at one of the holy locations we visited, we had a scheduled Mass.

If you want to know more about this journey and my hopes that in the future, our parish might be able to go on one of these pilgrimages, make sure you attend our Theology on Tap in January where I will be presenting about pilgrimages and my experience this year in the Holy Land.

God Bless You…..Fr. Andy

Announcements:

Parish Stewardship

Weekly Donation: Collection $1872.00 Online $560.00

Online Giving: https://osvhub.com/strosegarrestson/giving/funds

Dates to Remember

Mon., Nov. 23 - Serve the Banquet
Thurs., Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Mass, 9:00am.
Wed., Dec. 2- Advent Penance Service, 6:00-8:00pm.
Fri., Dec. 4 - Altar Society Meeting, 8:30am
Sat., Dec. 5 - Christmas Tea, 1:00pm.
Sun., Dec. 6 - Risen Savior Cookie Parade
Immaculate Conception Holy Day - Mon., Dec. 7 - Mass, 6:00pm.
- Tues., Dec. 8 - Mass, 8:00am.
Sat., Dec. 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 7:15am.
Sun., Dec. 13 - Children's Advent Program, 10:15am.
Mon., Dec. 14 - Fr. O'Dell Talk, 6:30pm.
Wed., Dec. 16 - Lenten Cantata, 7:00pm.
Christmas Eve - Mass, 5:00pm.
Christmas Day - Mass, 10:00am.
Mary, Mother of God Holy Day - Thurs., Dec. 31 - Mass, 6:00pm
- Fri., Jan. 1 - Mass, 10:00am.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00pm Sunday: 9:15am Daily Mon.-Sat.: 8:00am

SACRAMENTS

Matrimony: Please call the Pastor at least 6 months before the wedding date.
Baptism: Please call the Pastor.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Nov. 21	4:00pm	People of Our Pastorate
Sun. Nov. 22	9:15am	+Arden Sorenson
Mon. Nov. 23	8:00am	Those Living With Food Insecurity
Tues. Nov. 24	8:00am	Members of Our Military Stationed Overseas
Wed. Nov. 25	8:00am	Military Families
Thurs. Nov. 26	9:00am	Thanksgiving
Fri. Nov. 27	8:00am	Pope Leo
Sat. Nov. 28	8:00am	Those Traveling
	4:00pm	People of Our Pastorate
Sun. Nov. 29	9:15am	+Arden Sorenson

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

November 22-28
Sun: Ezekiel 34:11-17/1 Corinthians 15:20-28/Matthew 25:31-46
Mon: Revelation 14:1-5/Luke 21:1-4
Tues: St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions/Revelation 14:14-19/Luke 21:5-11
Wed: Revelation 15:1-4/Luke 21:12-19
Thurs: Thanksgiving Day/Sirach 50:22-24/1 Corinthians 1:3-9/Luke 17:11-19
Fri: Revelation 20:1-4,11-21:2/Luke 21:29-33
Sat: Revelation 22:1-7/Luke 21:34-36

SERVICE	SCHEDULE	
	NOVEMBER 28	NOVEMBER 29
SERVERS	Chase Johnson	Schotzko
GREETERS	Benson	Wolf
GIFTS	Randall	Stiefvater
EX. MINISTER	Volunteers	Volunteers
LECTOR	Deb Matthiesen	Nick Schotzko
ROSARY		Hillestad Family
USHER	Pat & Monica Kneip	Nick & Amanda Schotzko
COFFEE		Eric & Lindsey Wuebben, Kirsten & Dylan Jones

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES LOCATED IN THE BASKET BY THE STEPS

Please call or text (507)828-6411 to submit a request to the St. Rose Prayer Chain.





BOOK OF THE DEAD

In the month of November we remember in a special way those who have died. Please add the names of your loved ones who have died to the book that is at the front of the church near the statue of Joseph.



7th-10th Grade Students will meet at St. Rose at 4:15pm to travel to Sioux Falls to help Serve the Banquet.

Annual prison Christmas packages

The SD Prison Chaplains Association is once again asking for donations for those incarcerated. Christmas is a difficult and lonely time for inmates, and this small gesture lets them know they are not forgotten. For some, it is the only gift they will receive. Please join us in this beautiful act of charity and corporal work of mercy to "visit the imprisoned." Donations can be sent by Nov. 30 to SD Prison Chaplains Association, Christmas Sacks, PO Box 89331 Sioux Falls, SD 57109. Please write "Christmas Sacks" in the memo line. For questions, please email prisonministry@sfcatholic.org. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA
CATHOLIC CHURCH
520 CENTER AVE., GARRETSON, SD

Christmas TEA

Saturday, December 5
Social at 1:00pm
Entertainment at 1:30pm

LOTS OF GOODIES INCLUDING
TEA SANDWICHES, DESSERTS,
CANDIES, CIDER & TEA

Ladies of all ages welcome!
Wear your Christmas Tea best!



Christmas COOKIE PARADE

RISEN SAVIOR CATHOLIC CHURCH, BRANDON

Sunday, December 6, 2026

COOKIES AND CANDIES - A WIDE ASSORTMENT
YOU DO THE CHOOSING!
COOKIE SALES START @ 9:00 AM

ALL ARE Welcome

COOKIES $15 OR $25 FOR A DOUBLE DELIGHT

WARM SOUPS, HOTDOGS & MORE
FOR A FREEWILL OFFERING
SERVING @ 12:00 PM

50/50 CASH RAFFLE
AMAZING RAFFLE BASKETS TO WIN AND MORE!

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Advent
BABY SHOWER

November 29 - December 24

Please leave unwrapped NEW gifts in the crib in the annex.

Gifts will be shared with those in need in the parish, community and diocese.

SUGGESTED GIFTS

(Newborn–12 months)

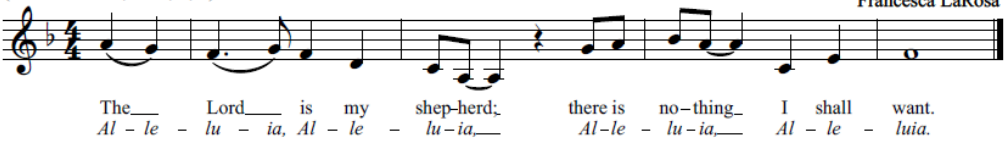
Sleepers	Diapers & Wipes	Bath Items
Onesies	Jackets	Blankets
Socks	Snowsuits	Bottles
Outfits	Hats & Gloves	Baby Toys

The Lord Is My Shepherd; There Is Nothing I Shall Want (Or: *Alleluia*)

(Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6)

(Psalm 23)

Francesca LaRosa



**Optional Alleluia refrain may be used only for the 4th Sunday of Easter, Year A.*

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