

Pastorate of the Holy Cross

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026

Happy Advent!

Today we begin our new Liturgical Year with the onset of Advent. Advent comes from the Latin word "adventus," which means "a coming, approach, arrival." Who is arriving? Jesus, our promised Savior, on Christmas Day! Each year we celebrate Advent by placing an Advent wreath in the sanctuary of the Church. They aren't found only in Catholic churches, though, but also in families' homes as a visible way to prepare for the coming of Christ on Christmas morning.

The Advent wreath is a centuries-old tradition that is found in different Christian Churches, specifically Catholic and Lutheran. The tradition can be traced back to the Germans, although the exact date is unknown. Historians believe pre-Christian Germanic people lit candles around wreaths during the dark winter months as they anticipated the warmer months to come and longer periods of light. This was probably the earliest origin of what we now call the Advent wreath, which Catholics adopted in the Middle Ages, transforming an old pagan ritual into a Christian one. By the 1600's, the Advent wreath was a prominent fixture in most Catholic Churches as a way to anticipate and wait for the coming of Jesus.

The shape of the Advent wreath is a circle, which symbolizes God's infinite love- never-ending- and continuous life. Additionally, the wreath is typically made of evergreen leaves such as pine and adorned with holly or yew, representing our immortality. As you know, evergreens never lose their color, thus drawing upon the immortality of our lives and the never-ending love of God. The four candles that adorn the wreath are lit each week throughout the Advent season. The first candle is purple and often referred to as the Prophecy Candle, which signifies HOPE in the promised Messiah. The second candle is also purple, the Bethlehem Candle. As our late Pope Francis once prayed as he lit this candle, "May we be in this world a ray of light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women." This candle represents PEACE, which can only come from Christ. On the third Sunday, we light the infamous rose (or pink) candle, called the Shepherds Candle. With this candle lit, we are anticipating the JOY that will come when the Messiah arrives. The last purple candle lit on the 4th Sunday of Advent is called the Angels Candle, reminding us of God's ultimate LOVE for us as He sends His only Son.

Today we begin to prepare and wait for the coming of Jesus. However you might choose to make this season special and different, do so. Maybe consider purchasing your own Advent wreath to help your family and home remain vigilant and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

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

Tues., Dec. 1 - Parish & Finance Council Meeting, 6:00pm

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. 28	4:00pm	People of Our Pastorate
Sun. Nov. 29	9:15am	+Arden Sorenson
Mon. Nov. 30	8:00am	Those Living in Wartorn Countries
Tues. Dec. 1	8:00am	+Linda Pierret
Wed. Dec. 2	8:00am	+Mark Liester
Thurs. Dec. 3	8:00am	Missionaries
Fri. Dec. 4	8:00am	+Ralph Schreurs
Sat. Dec. 5	8:00am	+Luke Knebel-Koster
	4:00pm	People of Our Pastorate
Sun. Dec. 6	9:15am	+Richard & Michael Hillestad

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

November 29 - December 5
Sun: Isaiah 63:16-19;64:2-7/1 Corinthians 1:3-9/Mark 13:33-37
Mon: St. Andrew/Romans 10:9-18/Matthew 4:18-22
Tues: Isaiah 11:1-10/Luke 10:21-24
Wed: Isaiah 25:6-10/Matthew 15:29-37
Thurs: St. Franics Xavier/Isaiah 26:1-6/Matthew 7:21,24-27
Fri: Isaiah 29:17-24/Matthew 9:27-31
Sat: Isaiah 30:19-26/Matthew 9:35-10:1-8

SERVICE	SCHEDULE	
	DECEMBER 5	DECEMBER 6
SERVERS	Waltman	Fiegen
GREETERS	Michael Coburn	Dellman
GIFTS	Heesch	Dreckman
EX. MINISTER	Volunteers	Volunteers
LECTOR	Madison Waltman	Karen Hudson
ROSARY		Knights of Columbus
USHER	Mike & Anna Uhl	Rodney & Maria Koch
COFFEE		Todd & Heidi Fink, Darren & Amy Randall

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.

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

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

ALL ARE Welcome

COOKIES $15 OR $25 FOR A DOUBLE DELIGHT

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



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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.



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Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 12, 2026

7:15–7:30 AM

Music

7:30 AM

Presentation of Our Lady of Guadalupe followed by the Rosary in Spanish

8:00 AM

Mass

Coffee and goodies after Mass

Provided by Several Families



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.



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Immaculate Conception

November 29 – December 7

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PRAYER FOR THE FIRST DAY

Lo, at thy sacred feet I bow, Virgin immaculate, the while my heart overflows with joy in union with thine own, because from eternity thou wast the mother elect of the eternal Word, and wast preserved stainless from the taint of Adam's sin. For ever praised, for ever blessed be the most holy Trinity, who in thy conception poured out upon thy soul the riches of that matchless privilege. I humbly pray thee, gracious mother, obtain for me the grace to overcome the bitter results of original sin; ah yes! make me victorious over them, that I may never cease to love my God.

The Raccolta (1878), no. 130, p. 267