

ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH

PARROQUIA SANTA ROSA DE LIMA

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PRAY... GROW... SERVE / ORAR... CRECER... SERVIR

EUCCHARIST / EUCARISTIA

Historic Chapel / Capilla Histórica

Monday-Friday ----- 8:30 am----- (English)
1er Viernes ----- 7:00 pm----- (Español)
Sunday ----- 7:30 am----- (English)
1er Dimanche ----- 10:00 am----- (Français)
2nd Sunday ----- 5:00 pm----- (Tagalog)

Church / Iglesia

Saturday Vigil ----- 5:00 pm----- (English)
Sunday ----- 9:00 am----- (English + ASL)
----- 11:00 am----- (English)
Domingo ----- 1:00 pm----- (Español)

RECONCILIATION / RECONCILIACION

Historic Chapel / Capilla Histórica

Thursday ----- 7:00-9:00 pm---- (English/Español)

Church / Iglesia

Saturday ----- 4:00-4:30 pm----- (English)
Domingo ----- 2:15-3:15 pm----- (Español)

NEWCOMERS / NUEVOS MIEMBROS

Meeting - Duggan Room / Reunión - Salón Duggan

2o Domingo ----- 12:00 pm----- (Español)
2nd Sunday ----- 12:15 pm----- (English)

OTHER SERVICES / OTROS SERVICIOS

Stephen Ministry

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Accessibility / Fácil Acceso: Hearing systems, accessible seating, large print worship guides and ASL interpretation are available. / Aparatos amplificadores de sonido y asientos accesibles están disponibles.

BAPTISM / BAUTISMO

Begin classes while pregnant or awaiting adoption. Baptisms will not be scheduled until classes have been completed (2 sessions required). Parents MUST pre-register to attend. CLASS DATES: **2018:** Jan. 13 & 20, Mar. 10 & 17, May 12 & 19, Sept. 15 & 22, Nov. 10 & 17

Comience las clases cuando este embarazada o esperando una adopción. Los Bautizos no se podrán programar hasta que las clases hayan sido completadas (Se requieren 2 sesiones). Los padres TIENEN que pre-registrarse para atender. FECHAS DE CLASES: **2018:** Ene. 13 & 20, Mar. 10 & 17, May. 12 & 19, Sep. 15 & 22, Nov. 10 & 17

MARRIAGE / MATRIMONIO

Couples seeking marriage must make arrangements with a Priest or Deacon a minimum of six months prior to setting a wedding date. Do not plan a reception until you have met with the Priest or Deacon. At least one party must be a member of St. Rose.

Las parejas que buscan el matrimonio deben hacer arreglos con un sacerdote o diácono con un mínimo de 6 meses antes de fijar una fecha para la boda. No planifique una recepción sino hasta que se haya reunido con el sacerdote o el diácono. Al menos una persona debe ser miembro de Sta. Rosa.

DECEMBER 3, 2017

ADVENT I



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Michael Friel, Principal-----301-869-0940
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Christmas Trees & Shoppe Árboles de Navidad y Tienda Navideña

OPEN DECEMBER 1 - 17: SAT. & SUN., 9:00AM-8:00PM / MON. - FRI., 3:00-8:00PM

CHILDREN'S SHOPPE: SAT., DEC. 2, 9:00AM-5:00PM / SUN., DEC. 3, 9:00AM-12:00PM

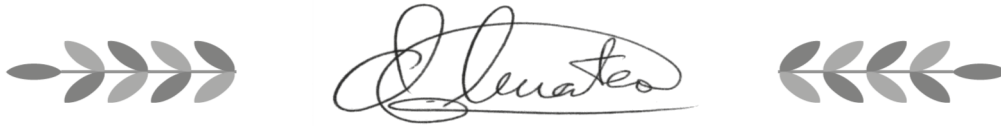
WREATH DECORATING: SAT., DEC. 2 & 9, 9:00AM-3:00PM / SUN., DEC. 3 & 10, 1:00-5:00PM

POINSETTIA PICK UP: SAT., DEC. 2, 1:00-7:00PM / SUN., DEC. 3, 8:00AM-4:00PM

INFO: christmas@strose.com



WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR / PALABRAS DE NUESTRO PASTOR



Our lives are made up of endless change. We begin a new season in the church year, a time of watching and waiting. We know that the Lord of life has come. Two thousand years ago He was born in a stable. We know that He will come again; at the end of time, certainly on the day of our death. With faith we know that He is with us, everyday, every moment no matter where we go or what we do.

Today's readings challenge us to be alert, awake and watchful. The Lord will come to us at a time we least expect. His coming is not to be a threatening or dreadful experience, on the contrary, we willingly and lovingly face the end of time in order to live more fully in the present. We do this not only to be more aware of our own spiritual needs and growth, but also to take notice of all of our brothers and sisters who are also in need.

In the Gospel the master leaves home and places his servants in charge. That means we are responsible for our own preparation to make straight the ways of the Lord. We cannot delegate our spiritual welfare to others. Just as the Son of God freely chose to enter into our human history, so we are challenged to follow in His ways. It will not be easy because to follow the Lord demands the very best in us. Those who freely choose his ways can expect to suffer, to have trials and difficulties. We are not to lose heart as we let go and let God be God for us.

St. Paul assures us that God is deeply within our human history. Our God is a faithful God. We lack no spiritual gifts as we await the revelation of the Lord Jesus in our lives. God is the potter and we are the clay. We are the work of His hands.

Advent is the season to embrace all those things that hasten the approach of the Kingdom. We are to be watchful, awake and on guard for His coming.

So, what are we to do? Welcome God into the world again by renewing His presence in your heart and in your home. Look for the signs of His love from your family and friends. Look into the faces about you and really take notice of the children and all those in need of your care, concern and love. It is in their faces that you will discover the God we all wait for and long to meet. Know and realize that God is present in every person you meet.

The Lord's coming in glory is not the end of the world. It is the world's new beginning. It is our task as followers of the Lord of life to be part of that beginning.

Nuestras vidas se compusieron de cambios sin fin. Hoy comenzamos una nueva etapa en el año litúrgico, un tiempo de mira y espera. Sabemos que ha llegado el Señor de la vida. Hace 2 mil años nació en un establo. Sabemos que él vendrá otra vez; al final de los tiempos, sin duda en el día de nuestra muerte. Por la fe sabemos que él está con nosotros, cada día, cada instante no importa a dónde vayamos o qué hagamos.

Las lecturas de hoy nos desafían a "estar alerta," "despiertos" y "vigilantes." El Señor vendrá cuando menos lo esperamos. Su venida no debe ser una experiencia amenazadora o terrible, por el contrario, voluntariamente y con amor debemos enfrentar la parte cara final de la vida y así poder vivir más plenamente en el presente. Lo hacemos no sólo para ser más conscientes de nuestro necesidad de crecimiento espiritual sino también para darnos de cuenta de todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas que también nos necesitan.

En el Evangelio el dueño sale de su casa y deja a sus siervos a cargo de todo. Eso significa que somos responsables de nuestra propia preparación para enderezar los caminos del Señor. No podemos delegar nuestro bienestar espiritual a otros. Como el Hijo de Dios eligió libremente entrar en la historia de la humanidad El ahora nos desafía a seguir en sus caminos. No será fácil, porque seguir al Señor exige lo mejor de nosotros. Los que libremente eligen seguir al Señor deben contar con el sufrimiento y a tener pruebas y dificultades. No debemos perder el corazón porque Dios está con nosotros.

San Pablo nos asegura que Dios está profundamente dentro de nuestra historia humana. Nuestro Dios es un Dios fiel que nos ha dotado con toda clase de dones espirituales mientras esperamos la revelación del Señor en nuestras vidas. Dios es el alfarero y nosotros la arcilla. Somos la obra de sus manos.

El Adviento es tiempo para abrazar todo aquello que acelere el acercamiento del Reino. Debemos ser vigilantes, estar despiertos y en guardia para su venida.

Por tanto, ¿qué debemos hacer? Dar la bienvenida a Dios en el mundo otra vez, renovando su presencia en tu corazón y en tu casa. Buscar los signos de su amor en tu familia y amigos. Mira las caras de aquellos en torno nuestro y realmente prestemos atención a los niños y todos aquellos que necesitan de nuestro cuidado, preocupación y amor. Es en sus rostros que descubres al Dios que todos esperamos. Saber y darse cuenta que Dios está presente en cada persona que nos encontramos.

El Señor que viene en la gloria no es el fin del mundo. Es el nuevo comienzo del mundo. Es nuestra tarea como seguidores del Señor de la vida ser parte de esa realidad.



NEXT WEEK / LA PROXIMA SEMANA

CALENDAR / CALENDARIO

Not all meetings & events appear on this calendar!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 9:30 am Fulfillment of All Desire (DGN)
- 6:30 pm Gr. 7-12 Religious Education (CHLL/YC)
- 7:00 pm Fulfillment of All Desire (LR)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 6:30 pm Gr. K-6 Religious Education (CHLL)
- 7:00 pm Confirmation Family Session (CH)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 10:30 am Arimatheans Ministry (LR1)
- 6:30 pm HS MOHO - Ministry of Hanging Out (YC)
- 7:00 pm Taizé Prayer (HC)
- 7:30 pm Maria Auxiliadora Coro Planificación (LR1)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00 pm (HC)
- 9:00 am Worship Guide Assembly - Team C (PCF)
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (CH)
- 7:00 pm Maria Auxiliadora Coro Practica (KD)
- 7:30 pm Yarn Angels Knitting & Crocheting (STP)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- 8:30 am Mass (HC)
- 9:30 am Symbolon (DGN1)
- 12:15 pm Mass (HC)
- 7:00 pm Bilingual Mass/Misa Bilingue (CH)
- 8:00 pm La Purisima (DGN)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 6:30 am That Man Is You (CH)
- 8:00 am Entrenamiento de Catequistas (BR)
- 8:30 am Formación para Lectores - Equipo C (HC)
- 9:00 am Pastoral Council (DGN1)
- 9:30 am Lector Formation - Team C (HC)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 | ADVENT II

- 9:30 am Gr. 7-12 Religious Education (CHLL/BR/YC)
- 12:00 pm Reunión de Nuevos Miembros (DGN)
- 12:15 pm Newcomer's Gathering (DGN)
- 5:00 pm Filipino Mass & Simbang Gabi (CH/PCW)
- 5:00 pm Adaptive Religious Education (LR/CHLL)

LITURGY SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE LITURGIA

2nd Sunday of Advent /

2^o Domingo de Adviento

December 9/10, 2017

Masses/Celebrants:

- Sat., 5:00 pm (CH) Fr. Agustín Mateo
- Sun., 7:30 am (HC) Fr. Justin Huber
- Sun., 9:00 am (CH) Fr. Agustín Mateo
- Sun., 11:00 am (CH) Fr. Justin Huber
- Sun., 1:00 pm (CH) Fr. Francis Russo (español)

Scriptures:

Is. 40:1-5, 9-11 / 2 Peter 3:8-14 / Mk. 1:1-8

Bread Bakers: Group 8 **Liturgical Ministers:** Team C

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

† *Deceased* * *Living*

- Mon., 12/4 8:30 am † Noreen Lucey
- Tue., 12/5 8:30 am † Carlos Weill
- Wed., 12/6 8:30 am † Martino de Porres Toan Quach
- Thu., 12/7 8:30 am † Rev. Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner
- Fri., 12/8 8:30 am † Angelina, Charles, Frank Maldarelli Sr.
- Sat., 12/9 5:00 pm † Marie Acuna
- Sun., 12/10 7:30 am † Rev. John S. Mattingly
- Sun., 12/10 9:00 am † Jacob Russell
- Sun., 12/10 11:00 am † Ruphina Manka-Wanki
- Sun., 12/10 1:00 pm † Rosa Bazquez, Andres & Enrique Arcos

CONGRATULATIONS / FELICIDADES

Baptism / Bautizo: Anthony David García de León, Matia Julissa Quinteros Hernández, & Mateo Valentino Velasquez

Marriage / Matrimonio: Manuel Oswaldo Alfaro Maravilla + Sinia Yaneth Reyes Fuentes



PLEASE PRAY FOR... / POR FAVOR RECE POR...

THE SICK / LOS ENFERMOS

Maria Alcivar, Cliff Arsenault, Will Bauman, Dolna Brieske, Maddie Cabatic, Danna Cevallos, Lyn Dibble, Linda Edgeman, Jose Escalante, Mary Eustice, Antonia Giuliano, Marta Guerrero, Gregory Hanks, Elsie Hebert, Fernando Hernandez, Kenneth Homon, Evelin Idrovo, Carolina Kline, Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, Augusto Lora, Yanira Mancia, Linda Markle, Priscila Martinez, Jennette Mattero, Josie Mattero, Virginia Mendoza, Son Nguyen, Rafael Orellana, Gloria Ortwerth, Martha Ramos, Camila Robbins Fonseca, Francisco Romero, Patricia Sattalo, Paula Turner, Adela Valderrama, William Valentine, Amy Williams, and Salvador Zelada.

THE DECEASED / LOS DIFUNTOS

Leirice Arakal, friend of Lurline Peeler; Yolanda Carrasco, mother of Katya and Daniella Cunanne; Betty Jean Davis, mother of Diane Smith; Sabrina Davis, niece of Alejandra Muñoz; Piedad Guzmán, friend of Emma Soto; Maria Jose Sandoval, sister of Nancy Valeriano; and Bob Veit, friend of Michael Berceci.



WORSHIP / ADORACION



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASSES

Fri., Dec. 8. Join us on this Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 8:30am and 12:15pm, Historic Chapel (English); and 7:00pm, Church (Bilingual). Liturgical Ministers are asked to sign up by the Liturgical Ministers table.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE / RITO PENITENCIAL DE ADVIENTO

Wed., Dec. 13, 5:00pm (service in English) and 7:00pm (bilingual service), Church. Priests will be available to hear confessions in English and Spanish. / Miercoles, 13 de diciembre, 5:00pm y 7:00pm, en la iglesia.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

You and your household are invited to light the Advent Wreath before a weekend Mass. SIGN UP: <http://tinyurl.com/ADVWRE>



BLESSING THE ADVENT WREATH AT HOME

Gather your family together and bless your Advent wreath at home! Find the blessing here: <http://tinyurl.com/usccbwrathblessing>

ADVENT TAIZÉ PRAYER

Wed., Dec. 6, 7:00pm, Historic Chapel. Come celebrate Advent with the simplicity and peace of prayer and song in the style of Taizé, which includes sung meditative music, scripture readings and a brief time of reflective silence.



NEED A LITTLE BREAK FROM CHRISTMAS BUSYNESS?

Come and spend time in Advent prayer and reflection. Offered twice on Tues., Dec. 19, 9:30am OR 7:00pm, both in the Lewis Room. Facilitated by Christine Jeffrey.

THE SIMPLICITY OF OUR ADVENT MUSIC

Despite the urge for us to rush during Advent with preparations for Christmas, we are called to find simplicity in our lives as we wait in joyful hope. The music chosen for Mass during this season is a reminder for us to find peace in ourselves and in our world. May the music each Sunday of Advent offer a sense of quiet which ushers you through each week until we can truly celebrate the coming of Emmanuel.



CALLING ALL CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5!

PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS PROCESSION!

Participate in the entrance procession at the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass! There is a place for everyone—the more the merrier! A small number of participants will be selected by lottery to serve in specific nativity character roles. MANDATORY REHEARSAL: Sat., Dec. 23, 9:00am-11:00am, Jeremiah Room. INFO & RSVP (by Tues., Dec. 13): Allison Boyle, swimcoachmom2@gmail.com

MASS SCHEDULE

ADVENT 4 + CHRISTMAS EVE + CHRISTMAS DAY

Because the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve fall on the same day this year, we have adjusted morning Mass times for December 24. All Masses will be held in the Church.

4th Sunday of Advent - Sun., Dec. 24

8:00am - Mass in English
10:00am - Mass in English
12:00pm - Misa en Español

Christmas Eve - Sun., Dec. 24

4:00pm - Mass in English
6:00pm - Mass in English
8:00pm - Misa en Español
10:00pm - Mass in English



Christmas Day - Mon., Dec. 25

10:00 am - Mass in English

EDUCATION / EDUCACION



ARE YOU A HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR OR SENIOR?

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM!

All high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors are invited to join the Confirmation Retreat Leadership Team. We are looking for faith-filled, dependable, and mature leaders who can work in a team environment and are ready to be role-models in faith for our Confirmandi. We will meet once a week for six weeks leading up to the Confirmation Retreat in February. INFO & APPLICATION: www.strose-parish.com/youth-ministry DEADLINE: December 13

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES

Adult Catholics (aged 18+) who have been baptized, received First Eucharist and are practicing their faith, but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, are invited to participate in a preparation program. Classes will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, January-May. INFO & REGISTRATION: <http://strose-parish.org/adult-confirmation>



COMMUNITY / COMUNIDAD



JOIN THE O.W.L.S. FOR A POTLUCK CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Tues., Dec. 12, 12:00pm, Duggan Room.
Join the Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors for this
fun annual event! After lunch, bring your
Christmas spirit and best voice to the King
David Room to sing Christmas carols! Bring

a dish to share. Friends are welcome! RSVP: Linda LeBlanc,
301-963-1269 or stroseowls@gmail.com

CALLING ALL CHILDREN AGES 5-12!

ENTER THE "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST

All children ages 5 - 12 are invited to enter this annual
contest sponsored by our Knights of Columbus! Cash prizes
will be awarded to first and second place winners in each
age category. A flyer with all the details is being distributed
this weekend, and extra copies will be available in the
Church Foyer. DEADLINE: Thurs., Dec. 14. Drop posters off at
the Parish Office with Susan Joseph or Ivonne Salazar.

BOOK NOOK & CAFÉ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Jan. 5-7, 2018. Volunteers are needed to help with the
event. Sign up this weekend after Masses.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

Mon., Dec. 11, 8:30pm. The celebration includes a procession
from the Historic Chapel to the Church, Mass with an offering
of flowers, and is followed by a serenade to Our Lady of
Guadalupe with Mariachis, light refreshments (free) and a
sale of religious items.

CELEBRACIÓN DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Lunes, 11 de diciembre, 8:30pm. Procesión
Guadalupana desde de la Capilla Histórica a
la Iglesia, Santa Misa con ofrecimiento de
flores, seguido de mañanitas a la Virgen de
Guadalupe con Mariachi, un pequeño
refrigerio gratis, y venta de artículos
religiosos. INFO: Zenaida Lezama, 240-388-
1990; Jesus Hernandez, 770-527-2619



CHRISTMAS CAROLS & COOKIES

Wed., Dec. 20, 6:30-8:30pm, Woodlands Room. This beloved
annual carol sing-a-long with those in our community who
have special needs and developmental differences is a joint
effort of our Accommodating Hearts ministry, our Teens Love
Christ (TLC) Choir, our Youth Ministry MOHO group, and
UpCounty Community Resources. Come and join in the fun!

Q & A WITH FR. JUSTIN

Email your questions to:
fatherjustin@strose.com



QUESTION: What is the significance of the Advent Wreath?

ANSWER: Every year around Christmas time, we start seeing green wreaths sitting on tables with four candles embedded: three purple and one rose. We may see them, but do we know what they signify?

An astute observer will recognize that the colors of the candles match the colors of the priest's vestments at Mass on the four Sundays in Advent. Advent is primarily marked by the color purple. Purple is a color that denotes a penitential attitude which marks the period of Advent preparation preceding Christmas. As such, it is an echo of the penitential period of Lenten preparation preceding Easter. At the midpoint of Advent, the color temporarily changes to rose on Gaudete Sunday (*Gaudete* meaning "Rejoice!" in Latin), which reminds us that the coming of Christ at Christmas will soon be here.

Besides the colors, there is additional rich symbolism to be found. Candles are a symbol of the light of Christ coming into the darkness of a world marred by sin. Candles are traditionally made of beeswax: just as the wax of the bees is consumed to produce light, so too does Christ allow himself to be consumed in his passion and death to bring the light of the resurrection into the world. The wreath itself is typically made of evergreen branches reminding us of eternal life, as does the circular shape of the wreath; a circle has no beginning or end.

A great family practice is to light the appropriate candles on the Advent Wreath each evening as a prelude to the family dinner. By setting up an Advent Wreath in your home and lighting the candles each day as a family, you can bring the light of Christ and the joyful expectation of Christmas into your lives in a wonderfully tangible way.

For an excellent and more detailed presentation, do an internet search for: "The History of the Advent Wreath" by Rev. William Saunders.



SERVICE / SERVICIO

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - CAN YOU HELP?

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Basilica of the National Shrine will sponsor dinner for those who are alone or in need on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. Volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve, and deliver meals, and help with other logistics. INFO & SIGN UP: www.nationalshrine.org/christmasdinner or 202-526-8300

GIFTS FROM THE HEART -

AN ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT-GIVING PROGRAM

This St. Rose program was created to help reclaim the true meaning of Christmas. Instead of spending time and money buying gifts for loved ones who already have all they need, honor them by supporting the needy in their name. When you place an order from the GFTH Form, you'll receive a card specifying the gifts and charity you chose. You then present the cards to your loved ones, who will know that their gift has helped others in need! GFTH Forms are in the Church Foyer and on our website: www.strose-parish.org/service. All checks are made out to St. Rose of Lima Parish and are tax deductible.



THE GIFTING TREE

Christmas Gifting Tree: Bring holiday cheer to our neighbors in need. St. Rose will fill special Christmas requests from needy families identified by the City of Gaithersburg through our annual Gifting Trees. These trees (located in the Church Foyer and the Church Lower Level) have tags on them with the requested items. Take a gift tag or two from the tree, purchase the requested item, and return it (with tag affixed) underneath the Gifting Tree by Sun., Dec. 10.



ECUADOR RETREAT IMMERSION -

A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

All youth and young adults (ages 15-30) are invited to join St. Rose for a life changing retreat immersion to Ecuador this summer. Registration is now open

and will close the first week of December. INFO: www.strose-parish.org/ecuador

CHRISTMAS SHOPPE - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!

After many years, "Santa's Elves" Kay and Kathy are retiring from the Christmas Shoppe. Replacement chair/co-chairs are needed for 2018. Shadow them this season, and for a one-day Christmas buying trip in January. Learn or practice your skills at marketing, advertising, buying, displaying and pricing, all while helping St. Rose. INFO: Kathy, 301-330-4660, or Kay, 301-869-2064

STEWARDSHIP /



CORRESPONSABILIDAD

UNA ORACIÓN DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD

Mi Iglesia está compuesta de personas como yo.
Ayudo a hacer lo que es.

Será amable, si soy amable.
Sus bancas estarán llenas, si ayudo a llenarlas.
Hará un gran trabajo, si trabajo.
Hará donaciones generosas para muchas causas,
si soy un contribuidor generoso.
Traeré otras personas a sus celebraciones,
si los invito y los traigo.

Será una Iglesia leal y de amor, de valentía y de fe,
y una Iglesia con un espíritu noble,
si yo, quien ayudo a que sea lo que es,
estoy lleno de estas mismas cosas.

Por lo tanto, Señor, te pido por fuerza y valor,
que pueda dedicarme a hacer mi parte
de ser todas las cosas que quiero que mi Iglesia sea.

Amén

THANK YOU! / ¡GRACIAS!

TREASURE / TESORO November 18 - 24, 2017

Your Gifts to the Lord

Offertory	\$26,132
Mortgage Reduction	\$580
Direct Debit Mortgage Reduction	\$5,311
Capital Campaign	\$135
Gift Certificate Profit	\$199

Our Weekly Tithe

Parish Poor Box	\$1,307
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$500

Financial Fact

Our two major fundraisers - Fiesta and Christmas Trees & Shoppe, contributed \$59,234 to parish operations in our last fiscal year (July 2016-June 2017). As this year's Christmas Trees & Shoppe sale begins, we thank the many volunteers who make these events a reality and our parishioners and community members who support them.

TIME & TALENT / TIEMPO Y TALENTO

Jack McKinney

Jack serves the parish in many ways - as our parish photographer (recently took photos at our Special Needs Mass), a middle school catechist, a sacramental prep retreat team member, a substitute acolyte, and more.