

*St. HELEN and
St. ROSE of LIMA
ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCHES*

December 3rd, 2023



*Stay awake because you do not know
the hour when the master is coming*

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Parish Office Hours:
Mon, Wed, Fri: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Tue: 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Thur: Office Closed

Bi-lingual assistance is available

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month @ 9:00am
Weddings & Quinceañeras: Please Contact the Office
Please direct all correspondence for St. Helen & St. Rose of Lima to the St. Helen Parish Office, including: Weddings, Baptisms, Quinceañeras, Home Blessings and other Sacraments, Parish Hall and all other inquiries.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
St. ROSE of LIMA**

Sunday Mass: 8:30 am
Wed Holy Hour: 4:30 pm to 5:20pm with
 5:00 Rosary and Confession
Daily Mass: Wednesday at 5:30 pm

St. HELEN

Sat Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm
Sun Masses: 10:30 am
 12:30 pm (Spanish)
Daily Mass: 8:30 am Tues.- Fri.
Tuesday Mass: 7 pm (Spanish)
Adoration (Fri): 9:00 am–6:00 pm
 With Bi-Lingual Rosary &
 prayers starting at 5:00 pm
Confession: Saturdays 4:00-4:45 pm

Parish Administration-St. Rose of Lima

Administrator: Rev. Christopher Rayan
Parish Council, Chair: Arlene Logan
Parish Finance Advisors: John Parker & Don Cersovski
Parish Property: Bill Stroda & Kenny Skinner
St. Rose Cemetery Sexton: Kenny Skinner

Parish Groups & Contacts

St. Helen Prayer Chain: Joan Durbin 541-729-9162
Women of St. Helen: Kathy Erickson, Chair
St. Helen Choir: Mark Williams
 Practice: Sun. 9:45-10:15
Knights of Columbus: Kenny Skinner, Grand Knight
 7:00 pm, 1st Tues. of the
 month, St. Rose Parish Hall
RCIA: Cheryl Smith & Jan Nicol
Bible Study: Sunday, 9:15 am
Bulletin Editor: Jackie Terrien

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Administrator: Rev. Christopher Rayan
Parish Council, Chair: Mary Wendell
Finance Council: Rev. Christopher Rayan
 Javier Gonzalez
 Winn Wendell
 Ron Harritt
Parish Property: Jeff Bohrer
Music Director: Mark Williams
Pianist: Juan Avendaño

Comunidad Santa Elena

Comunidad Advisor: Sra. Araceli
Choir Director: Constantino Sanchez
Euch Min: Yolanda Morales
RCIA: Eusebio & Maria Estrada

December 3rd, 2023
First Sunday of Advent, Year B

Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

Family Connection:

During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also check to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again. Talk about how your family can recommit to daily prayer, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again. Read as a concluding prayer Paul's words to the Corinthians found in today's second reading, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, or pray the Lord's prayer.

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**Scripture Readings for the Week of
December 3rd, 2023**

Sunday

Dec 3rd

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;
Responsorial Ps: 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Monday

Dec 4th

Saint John Damascene

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5;
Responsorial Ps: 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Gospel: Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday

Dec 5th

Saint Sabas

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10;
Responsorial Ps: 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Gospel: Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday

Dec 6th

Saint Nicholas

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a;
Responsorial Ps: 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Gospel: Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday

Dec 7th

Saint Ambrose

First Reading: Isaiah 26:1-6;
Responsorial Ps: 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Gospel: Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday

Dec 8th

Immaculate Conception of Bl. Virgin Mary

First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15, 20;
Responsorial Ps: 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Saturday

Dec 9th

Saint Juan Diego

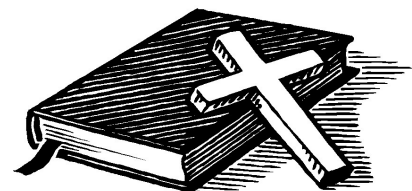
First Reading: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26;
Responsorial Ps: 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Gospel: Matthew 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday

Dec 10th

Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11;
Responsorial Ps: 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14;
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14;
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

St. Helen

SATURDAY DEC. 2ND

Euch Min: Jeff Bohrer
Lectors: Alex Johnston
Altar Server: Ron Harritt

SUNDAY DEC. 3RD

Karl Kurien
Jesus Ortiz Torres
Emmanuel, Jessica

SATURDAY DEC. 9TH

Euch Min: Mary Wendell
Lectors: Shelly Kokkeler
Altar Server: Ron Harritt

SUNDAY DEC. 10TH

Kathy Lighty
Joe Cersovski
Joseph, Noe, Jonathan

*Interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister?
Please contact the office at 541-998-8053.*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

St. Rose of Lima

SUNDAY DEC. 10TH

Lector: John Parker

SUNDAY DEC. 17TH

Josie Essner

*Interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister?
Please contact Jan Malpass
541-995-8025 or janeem53@hotmail.com.*

FLOWER DONATIONS & COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UP

If you wish to donate flowers or host a coffee hour please sign up on the sheets in the back of the church.

FINANCIAL REPORT: St. Helen

Monthly Need: \$10,000.00
Nov. 25th & 26th: \$1,941.81
Online Giving: \$25.00
Christmas Flowers: \$20.00
CCHD: \$20.00

Special Collections:

Dec. 10th: St. Vincent de Paul
Dec. 17th: Retirement Fund for Religious

FINANCIAL REPORT: St. Rose of Lima

Monthly Need: \$5,200.00
Nov. 26th: \$1,687.00
Food Bank: \$100.00
CCHD: \$48.00

Special Collections:

1st Sunday - St. Vincent de Paul
2nd Sunday - Food Pantry
Dec. 17th: Retirement Fund for Religious

OFFICE POSITION OPEN

St. Rose & St. Helen parishes are looking to hire a new office assistant to perform secretarial and receptionist duties. Expertise in Quickbooks, Word, Publisher, and Google are required.

Bi-lingual ability is a plus. If you would like to apply, or know someone who would be interested in applying, please contact the office.

St. ROSE of LIMA BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARIES:

Dec. 9th: Saul Cisneros
Dec. 10th: Beth Campbell

*Happy
Birthdays*

MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ◆ Dec. 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- ◆ Dec. 11 & 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
- ◆ Dec. 21st: Advent Penance Service, 6:00 pm



Pray For...

+ OUR PRAYER CORNER +

This week, please remember:
Mary Schoen, all prayer chain intentions,
and all who are unable to attend
Mass at this time.

*If you would like us to hold someone in prayer,
please contact the Parish Office.*

Prayer for Eucharistic Revival

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age.

Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread.

Give us the eyes of faith to recognize His presence in our brothers and sisters, especially in the face of the poor and the suffering.

Nourished by the Eucharist, send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary disciples, proclaiming the Gospel to every heart and extending Your kingdom to every land. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN

YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ...ANNIVERSARY WISH COULD GO HERE FOR ONLY \$10 PER WEEK OR THE BEST DEAL IS A MONTH FOR ONLY \$26 PER MONTH To place an ad contact the St. Helen Parish Office.

St. Helen Christmas Party has been postponed, due to the need for furnace repairs in the hall. A new date hasn't been set, but will most likely be in January.

Women's Group raffle tickets are still available and the drawing will take place at the Christmas party. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Please watch for updated information as it becomes available.

Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8th (Holy Day of Obligation)

8:30 AM - St. Helen, English Mass

5:30 PM - St. Rose, English Mass

7:00 PM - St. Helen, Spanish Mass

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dec. 11th

7:00 PM - St. Helen, Spanish Mananitas

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dec. 12th

7:00 PM - St. Helen, Spanish Mass



MINISTERS RETREAT

LET US ADORE HIM!

13 DECEMBER, 2023 | 9AM- 2PM

JOIN US FOR MASS, ADORATION, FORMATION, LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP!
IF YOU SERVE IN ANY MINISTRY IN YOUR PARISH YOU ARE INVITED!

PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 4TH, 2023
<https://www.fbyc.info>
Cost is \$25 Per Person.
Question Contact: Emma Seiler
Emmaefbyc.info
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JOIN ARCHBISHOP SAMPLE IN ROME

Archbishop Alexander Sample invites you to attend a special pilgrimage to Rome to visit the heart of the Church and celebrate vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This 11-day pilgrimage, September 25 through October 5, 2024, will include stops in Siena, Florence, Assisi, and Orvieto. Pilgrims will experience private, guided tours and have the opportunity to visit magnificent churches, holy places, museums, and Roman ruins. Pilgrims will also get to attend the Diaconate Ordination of American seminarians at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome with Archbishop Sample presiding - a once in a lifetime opportunity!

For more information go to <https://archdpdx.org/Rome>

Advent Morning Retreat at St. Jude Catholic Church, Eugene

Join Dina Marie for this Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 16th, 9:30-11:00 a.m., at St. Jude Catholic Church. Our theme is: "Walking with Our Lady to Bethlehem." Come and be refreshed as we prepare the way for Our Lord during the season of Advent. Refreshments will be served and a free will offering is appreciated. All are welcome, bring the entire family.

St. Jude Catholic Church is at 4330 Willamette St., Eugene