

*St. HELEN and
St. ROSE of LIMA
ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCHES
March 19th, 2023*



I was blind and now I see

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Parish Office Hours: 8-12 Tuesday thru Friday

Bi-lingual assistance is available

Baptisms: Spanish-2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month @ 9:00am
& after Spanish Mass on Sunday

English-2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month @ 10:30am

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

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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
Bi-lingual Saturdays from
Confession: 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Parish Administration-St. Rose of Lima

Pastor: Rev. Edgar Rivera
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 Administration-St. Helen

Pastor: Rev. Edgar Rivera
Parish Council, Chair: Mary Wendell
Finance Council: Rev. Edgar Rivera
Javier Gonzalez
Winn Wendell
Luis Gomez
Parish Property: Jeff Bohrer
Religious Ed. Coordinator: Jesus Aguirre Alvarez
Music Director: Mark Williams
Pianist: Juan Avendaño

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: Wed. 6:00-7:00 pm
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 541-912-0220

Comunidad Santa Elena

Comunidad Advisor: Sra. Araceli
Sp. Parish Council Chair: Luis Gomez
Choir Director: Constantino Sanchez
Euch Min: Yolanda Morales
RCIA: Eusebio & Maria Estrada

March 19th, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A

Another riveting narrative from John's gospel. More than once, Jesus was condemned for healing on the Sabbath. In this reading, one such incident is described at length, in a way that calls to mind words of this gospel's Prologue: 'The Word was the true light, and his own people did not accept him'. The courageous refusal of the 'man born blind' to be intimidated by the authorities of the synagogue, when even his family refuse to stand by him, has given us one of the most memorable incidents in the gospels. Like the story of the Samaritan woman, this incident is recounted in a manner that gives expression to a profound meditation upon the saving work of Christ. The Savior himself intones the theme of this meditation: 'I am the light of the world'. The powerful symbolism of light often finds expression in the Scriptures. It is often appealed to in the Psalms, the confession of faith of the ordinary people in old Israel - God's Word is 'a light on the path' of life (Ps 119); Yahweh himself is Israel's 'light and salvation' (Ps 27). The contrast between light and darkness is often appealed to in the New Testament, as in today's reading from Ephesians.

The tragedy of spiritual blindness is vividly exemplified in the refusal of the Pharisees to be open to what was confronting them in the signs given through the ministry of Jesus - as their empty reasoning is made to look foolish by the straightforward honesty of the man they are trying to intimidate. 'You can be his disciple', they declare in their frustration, 'We are disciples of Moses'. And, as he responds to their arguments, pointing out that his miraculous healing shows that Jesus is surely 'a prophet' and that he must have 'come from God', the man who was born blind is progressively 'enlightened' - to be finally welcomed by Jesus into the company of his disciples, making his confession, 'Lord, I believe you are the Son of Man' - the very title that was to seal the fate of Jesus before the Sanhedrin.

As he urges the Ephesians to a life of authentic discipleship, Paul contrasts a life of 'goodness, right living and truth' with the 'shameful' things done in the dark. The story of the 'man born blind' and his courage in the face of great odds reminds a community with deep roots in old Israel of the challenge of genuine discipleship.

It is now well recognized that the meditation upon Christian faith and life that gave us John's gospel was made against the background of the Church's sacramental life. It may well be that today's narrative - with its progressive reference to anointing, washing and confession of faith - is influenced by the baptismal practice of the community. In the early centuries, the instruction of the catechumens concerning the Church's sacramental life was an 'enlightenment'. It is interesting to note, at a time when the catechumenate is assuming an increasing importance in the life of the church, that these instructions made frequent use of John's gospel.

John Thornhill sm

**Scripture Readings for the Week of
March 19th, 2023**

Sunday

March 19th

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13;
Responsorial: Ps. 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14;
Gospel: John 9:1-41

Monday

March 20th

Saint Salvator of Horta

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;
Responsorial: Ps. 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29;
Gospel: Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24 or
Luke 2:41-51a

Tuesday

March 21st

Blessed John of Parma

First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12;
Responsorial: Ps. 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
Gospel: John 5:1-16

Wednesday

March 22nd

Saint Nicholas Owen

First Reading: Isaiah 49:8-15;
Responsorial: Ps. 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Gospel: John 5:17-30

Thursday

March 23rd

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14;
Responsorial: Ps. 106:19-20, 21-22, 23;
Gospel: John 5:31-47

Friday

March 24th

Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero

First Reading: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22;
Responsorial: Ps. 34:17-18, 19-20,
21 and 23;
Gospel: John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

March 25th

Annunciation of the Lord

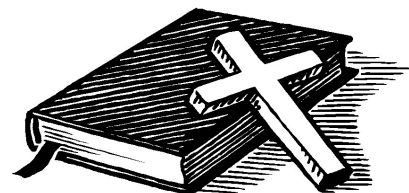
First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10;
Responsorial: Ps. 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11;
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Sunday

March 26th

Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14;
Responsorial: Ps. 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45



LITURGICAL MINISTERS
St. Helen

SATURDAY MAR. 18TH

Euch Min: Mary Wendell
Lector: Shelly Kokkeler
Acolyte: Ron Harritt

SUNDAY MAR. 19TH

Martha Dacar
Lauren Terrien
Sofia, Noe, Emmanuel

SATURDAY MAR. 25TH

Euch Min: Winn Wendell
Lector: Jan Nicol
Acolyte: Lauren

SUNDAY MAR. 26TH

Leola Giles
Alex Johnston
Joseph, Sofia, Jessica

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: St. Helen

Monthly Need: \$10,000.00
March 11th & 12th \$2,972.00
Maintenance \$882.00

Special Collections:

Lent - Rice Bowl for Catholic Relief Services
April 9th - St. Vincent de Paul

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
St. Rose of Lima

SUNDAY MAR. 19TH

Lector: Josie Essner

SUNDAY MAR. 26TH

Jacoba Booth

*Interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister?
Please contact Jan Malpass*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Easter Egg Hunt after Mass on Easter Sunday, for infants through high school. If you would like to help or donate, please contact Arlene Logan.

FINANCIAL REPORT: St. Rose of Lima

Monthly Need: \$5,200.00
March 12th \$2,284.00

Special Collections:

1st Sunday - St. Vincent de Paul
2nd Sunday - Food Pantry
Lent - Rice Bowl for Catholic Relief Services

MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ♦ March 23rd: St. Helen Potluck & Bingo, 12:00 p.m.
- ♦ March 25th: St. Helen Bingo Night, 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ March 26th: Return Rice Bowls
- ♦ April 1st: St. Rose Spring clean-up beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**St. ROSE of LIMA BIRTHDAYS/
ANNIVERSARIES:**

- Mar. 18th: Adrianna Humbert
- Mar. 20th: Harry Campbell
- Mar. 25th: Jennifer Daeges

*Happy
Birthday*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Apr. 2: Palm Sunday, normal weekend schedule
Apr. 6: Holy Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Mass, St. Helen
Apr. 6: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,
8:00 p.m. -12:00 a.m.
Apr. 7: Good Friday, 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Apr. 7: The Lord's Passion & Adoration of the Cross,
5:00 p.m. Eng. & 7:00 p.m. Sp., St. Helen
Apr. 8: Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m., St. Helen
April 9: Easter Sunday, normal Sunday schedule

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.



Pray For...

+ OUR PRAYER CORNER +

This week, please remember:
LeRoy Terrien (birthday), all who have asked for prayer, and our fellow parishioners who cannot attend Mass at this time.
If you would like us to hold someone in prayer, please contact the Parish Office.

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\$26 PER MONTH To place an ad contact the St. Helen Parish Office.

Lenten Schedule

Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Monday - Friday

- 3:00 p.m. - St. Helen Chapel & Facebook Live

Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent

- 6:30 p.m. - St. Rose (English)
- 7:00 p.m. - St. Helen (Bilingual)

Penance Services

Wed., Mar. 22nd - St. Peter, 6:00 p.m.

Wed., Mar. 22nd - St. Thomas More, 6:00 p.m.

Thu., Mar. 23rd - St. Mark, 6:00 p.m.

Wed., Mar. 29th - St. Mary, 6:00 p.m.

Portland Rachel's Vineyard Retreat April 14-16, 2023

This retreat is for anyone impacted by abortion. Lodging, meals, and materials are included for the cost of \$250. Financial assistance is available! Contact Project Aurora 541-942-2861 or info@project-aurora.org. More information at www.project-aurora.org & www.RachelsVineyard.org

Catholic in Recovery Retreat

Join us on March 24th-26th at St. Benedict Lodge, 56630 N. Bank Road, McKenzie Bridge, OR. The cost of the retreat is \$300/participant (\$50 discount if you register before the end of January, 2023). Final day to register is March 15, 2023.

For more information and registration go to:
<https://catholicinrecovery.com/events/>.

Led by the Spirit

A Lenten Adventure with Dina Marie Hale

The St. Jude Community cordially invites you
to a Lenten Parish Recollection on:

Saturday, March 25th, from 9:30-11am

Inside St. Jude Church
4330 Willamette Street
Eugene, OR 97405

For details call: 541-344-1191

www.DinaMarie.org

Free, come join us for this Lenten Reflection!

PRIEST APPRECIATION DINNER

All are invited to the annual Priest Appreciation Dinner on Friday, April 21st at the Knights of Columbus Hall - 1144 Charnelton St., Eugene. Parking available at St. Mary's.

5:30 p.m. - Social Seating is limited. Semi-formal dress.

6:30 p.m. - Dinner \$15.00/person for buffet, please indicate chicken or fish entrée.

Reservations: email or call David Olszyk, olsdan@proaxis.com or 541-589-8070.

To confirm reservation and prepay:

Mail check payable to KC 898 c/o David Olszyk, 3149 Duck Horn Dr., Eugene, OR 97404.

Please consider adding a donation to your check as an offering toward our guests' expenses.

Sponsored by the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus of Eugene, Archbishop Ireland Assembly 898 and Father Vincent R. Capodanno Assembly 3258.