

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

November 19th, 2023



Come, share your master's joy

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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

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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

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 Administration-St. Helen

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

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

Comunidad Santa Elena

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

November 19th, 2023
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

Family Connection:

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about the correlation between faithfulness and responsibilities. Family life provides many opportunities to illustrate this connection for children. As children prove themselves trustworthy, they can be trusted to take on greater responsibilities. Jesus teaches us in this parable that when we show ourselves to be trustworthy in small matters, we can be trusted to participate in greater matters of responsibility.

As a family, choose one thing to do this week to serve others. Conclude in prayer together, asking God's help so that your family may serve others more faithfully.

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

Sunday

Nov 19th

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31;

Responsorial Ps: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6;

Gospel: Matthew: 25:14-30

Monday

Nov 20th

Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne

First Reading: 1 Mac 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;

Responsorial Ps: 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday

Nov 21st

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

First Reading: 2 Mac 6:18-31;

Responsorial Ps: 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday

Nov 22nd

Saint Cecilia

First Reading: 2 Mac 7:1, 20-31;

Responsorial Ps: 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15;

Gospel: Luke 19:11-28

Thursday

Nov 23rd

Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro

First Reading: 1 Mac 2:15-29;

Responsorial Ps: 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;

Gospel: Luke 19:41-44

Friday

Nov 24th

Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

First Reading: 1 Mac 4:3-37, 52-59;

Responsorial Ps: 1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd;

Gospel: Luke 19:45-48

Saturday

Nov 25th

Saint Catherine of Alexandria

First Reading: 1 Mac 6:1-13;

Responsorial Ps: 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19;

Gospel: Luke 20:27-40

Sunday

Nov 26th

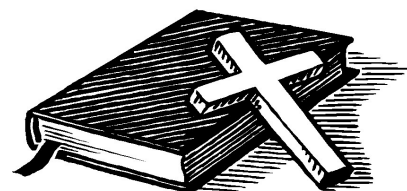
Christ the King Solemnity

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17;

Responsorial Ps: 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6;

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28;

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

St. Helen

SATURDAY NOV. 18TH

Euch Min: Ron Harritt
Lectors: John Haapala
Acolyte: Ron

SUNDAY NOV. 19TH

Joan Durbin
Lauren Terrien
TBA

SATURDAY NOV. 25TH

Euch Min: Winn Wendell
Lectors: Shelly Kokkeler
Acolyte: Ron

SUNDAY NOV. 26TH

Leola Giles
Joe Cersovski
TBA

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: St. Helen

Monthly Need: \$10,000.00
Nov. 11th & 12th: \$TBA

Special Collections:

Nov. 19th: Campaign for Human Dev.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

St. Rose of Lima

SUNDAY NOV. 26TH

Lector: Arlene Logan

SUNDAY DEC. 3RD

Jacoba Booth

*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. Rose of Lima

Monthly Need: \$5,200.00
Nov. 12th: \$TBA

Special Collections:

1st Sunday - St. Vincent de Paul
2nd Sunday - Food Pantry
Nov. 19th: Campaign for Human Dev.

OFFICE POSITION OPEN

St. Helen & St. Rose parishes are looking for a new office assistant. Applicants should contact the office for a job description. More information will be available soon.

A big thank you to all who supported the Ham Breakfast and Country Store. We appreciate all the volunteers and everyone who attended and enjoyed our annual fundraiser.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ◆ Nov. 23rd: St. Rose Mass, 8:30 am
- ◆ Nov. 23rd: St. Helen Mass, 10:00 am
- ◆ Nov. 30th: St. Helen Women's Group, 6:30 pm, Location TBD

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: Mary Schoen, 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.

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.

Coffee/Vino with Vinnies - November 30th

Join St. Vincent de Paul for a cup of coffee at 9 a.m. or a glass of wine at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 30th as we gather for casual conversation and Q&A about Emergency Services and Egan Warming Centers.

These gatherings are free and last about one hour. Reserve your spot for morning or evening at svdp.us



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 \$25Per Person.
Question Contact: Emma Seiler
Emmaefbyc.info
Presented by The
Fr. Bernard Youth Center
In Partnership with The Archdiocese of Portland



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>

November 22nd - Saint Cecilia

Although Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs, the familiar stories about her are apparently not founded on authentic material. There is no trace of honor being paid her in early times. A fragmentary inscription of the late fourth century refers to a church named after her, and her feast was celebrated at least in 545.

According to legend, Cecilia was a young Christian of high rank betrothed to a Roman named Valerian. Through her influence, Valerian was converted, and was martyred along with his brother. The legend about Cecilia's death says that after being struck three times on the neck with a sword, she lived for three days, and asked the pope to convert her home into a church. Since the time of the Renaissance she has usually been portrayed with a viola or small organ.