

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

September 17th, 2023



Lord, how often must I forgive my brother

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New Parish Office Hours: Effective Sept. 1, 2023

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: 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

September 17th, 2023
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

During this time of pilgrimage, sinfulness in the life of the Church obscures the reality of our life in Christ - a common life that should be a sign of hope for struggling humanity. It is not without reason that we begin the Church's most solemn liturgies with an acknowledgement of our sinfulness. It should not surprise us, therefore, that the passage of Matthew's gospel from which we are reading - concerning our life in the Church - is in large part about problems associated with the sinfulness of members of the Church. Last Sunday's reading discussed the reconciliation of members guilty of public crimes destructive of the community. Today's reading concerns the forgiveness called for within the community at a personal level.

As was so often the case, Peter's impulsiveness gives rise to an important lesson. Peter has received a commission that involves considerable power in the life of the community of disciples. He thinks he is expressing what Jesus expects of him in the exercise of his authority. The question he puts to Jesus implies that he will be ready to forgive 'seven times'. His round number really hints at an indefinite readiness to forgive. Apparently, the scribes of the day taught that one was not obliged to forgive after the third or fourth time. But the response of Jesus declares that this vagueness is not enough: 'Not seven, but seventy seven times' - there should be no limit to our readiness to forgive! Perhaps, as we hear this gospel, we are tempted to think that it has little to do with us - because we have never faced up to the ill will and resentments we have towards other members of our community, and to the gossiping and factions these attitudes give rise to. Though these attitudes may not seem seriously sinful, they can be very damaging, making it impossible for our parishes to live the kind of life that leads others to share in our faith. Resentment and the vengeful spirit have been part of the human story since the beginning. Living in covenant with living God, and learning God's ways, old Israel came to accept that vengeance must be left to the Lord. For peoples who did not know the covenant, there was no limit to the spirit of revenge. In fact, the response of Jesus reminds us of this spirit, as expressed in book of Genesis, where Lamech boasts that he will exact 'vengeance seventy-seven fold' (Gen 4:24). Jesus is reminding us of his teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. In Matthew's text, Jesus is remembered as teaching, 'Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect' (Mt 5:48). Because the meaning of the word, 'perfect', in the biblical tradition has not been properly understood, one contemporary Bible renders this verse, 'Set no bounds to your love, just as your heavenly Father sets none to his'. The parable of the unforgiving manager drives home this lesson. Clearly, the ruler's generosity brings to mind the generosity of God. The debt forgiven was a fantastic amount, defying the imagination of Jesus' audience, impossible to repay. We are invited to compare our unforgiving spirit with the boundless generosity of our God.

Let us examine our attitudes to others in our worshipping community. Have we failed to face up to our antagonisms, and tended to justify them by being judgmental of the attitudes of our fellow Christians? The great Church Father, John Chrysostom, has good advice for us as we examine our conscience. If we are not aware of our destructive attitudes we shall never grow up spiritually. On the other hand, he tells us, awareness of our own failings helps us to find the wisdom, gentleness and compassion that should be ours as true followers of the Savior.

John Thornhill sm

**Scripture Readings for the Week of
September 17th, 2023**

Sunday

Sept 17th

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7;
Responsorial Ps: 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;
Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9;
Gospel: Matthew: 18:21-35

Monday

Sept 18th

Saint Joseph of Cupertino

First Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8;
Responsorial Ps: 28:,7, 8-9;
Gospel: Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday

Sept 19th

Saint Januarius

First Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1-13;
Responsorial Ps: 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6;
Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday

Sept 20th

Saints Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions

First Reading: 1 Timothy 3:14-16;
Responsorial Ps: 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Gospel: Luke 7:31-35

Thursday

Sept 21st

Saint Matthew

First Reading: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13;
Responsorial Ps: 19:2-3, 4-5;
Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

Friday

Sept 22nd

Saint Lorenzo Ruiz & Companions

First Reading: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12;
Responsorial Ps: 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20;
Gospel: Luke 8:1-3

Saturday

Sept 23rd

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

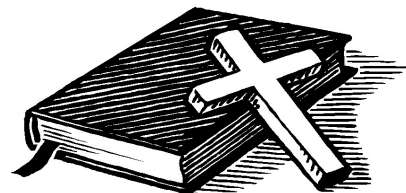
First Reading: 1 Timothy 6:13-16;
Responsorial Ps: 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5;
Gospel: Luke 8:4-15

Sunday

Sept 24th

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9;
Responsorial Ps: 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;
Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Gospel: Matthew: 20:1-16a



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

St. Helen

SATURDAY SEPT 16TH

Euch Min: Jeff Bohrer
Lectors: Jan Nicol
Acolyte: Ron Harritt

SUNDAY SEPT 17TH

Sue Hall
Sofia Miranda
Albert, Alejandro,
Emmanuel

SATURDAY SEPT 23RD

Euch Min: Mary Wendell
Lectors: Shelly Kokkeler
Acolyte: Volunteer

SUNDAY SEPT 24TH

Martha Dacar
John Haapala
Jessica, Albert, Jonathan

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: St. Helen

Monthly Need: \$10,000.00
Sept. 9th & 10th: \$2,120.46
Online Giving: \$235.00
Maintenance: \$526.00

Special Collections:
September 24th: Seminarian Appeal

ST. HELEN ONLINE GIVING

Follow the link on the website, or visit
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/sthelenjunctioncity>

MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ♦ Sept. 21st: Bingo & potluck @ St. Helen, 12:00
- ♦ Sept. 21st: Parish & Finance Council Meeting
- ♦ Religious Education class schedule on back page



Pray For...

+ OUR PRAYER CORNER +

This week, please remember:
Mike McMann+, Marvel Kunkle+,
Joseph Boyer+, Boyer Family
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.*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

St. Rose of Lima

SUNDAY SEPT 17TH

Lector: Leslie Lewis

SUNDAY SEPT 24TH

Gary & Annette Foglio

*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

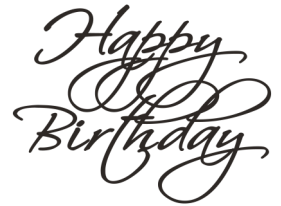
Monthly Need: \$5,200.00
Sept. 10th: \$2,353.00
Food Bank: \$84.00

Special Collections:
1st Sunday - St. Vincent de Paul
2nd Sunday - Food Pantry
Sept. 24th: Seminarian Appeal

St. ROSE of LIMA BIRTHDAYS/
ANNIVERSARIES:

Sept. 17th: John Cersovski

Sept. 26th: Cindy Skinner



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.*

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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.

Religious Education Classes:

RCIA in Spanish: Sundays @ 2:00 pm
First Communion: Mondays @ 7:00 pm
RCIA in English: Tuesdays @ 1:00 pm
Confirmation: Saturdays,
starting Sept. 23rd

First Year	12:00 - 1:30 pm
Second Year	2:00 - 3:30 pm

40 Days for Life Sept. 27 - Nov. 5

More information
coming soon about
the kickoff on
Sept. 27th
Contact in Eugene
Eileen McMahan
40dayseugene
@gmail.com

See posted flyers for
events in Portland

COME and SEE Monastic Discernment Retreat

October 20-22, 2023
Mount Angel Abbey

For men 18 to 45 years old
discerning a vocation to the
priesthood or brotherhood

FREE OF CHARGE

Contact: 503-881-8919 or
vocation@mtangel.edu

See you in September | **SAVE THESE DATES:** Wed. Sept. 13 & Fri. Sept. 29, 2023 **FAITH MOMENTS 2023 EVENTS:**



Our host sites:

Our Lady of Peace & The Grotto



→ **Wed. Sept. 13, 6:30-9pm**

**REFRESH - Twilight Talk with Dina Marie at
Our Lady of Peace Retreat:**

"Our Lady's Way to Jesus"

All are invited, Free - donations appreciated

→ **Fri. Sept. 29, 9:30am-12:30pm**

RENEW - Mini-Retreat at The Grotto:

*"We Are Never Alone: Walking with Mary and the Holy
Angels - Our Constant Companions"*

All are invited, Free - RSVP requested



Renew | Refresh | Retreat with Dina Marie & Faith Moments
Details & to register: dinamarie.org or dinamariehale@gmail.com

Catholic Community Services of Lane County is asking for your help in supporting the following events launching this month. (More information can be found on the posted flyers)

Winter Warmth Drive: September 1st - October 31st

CCS is collecting donations of hats, scarves, gloves, jackets, blankets, and socks before the cold weather truly sets in. Donations of winter clothing can be left at CCS' service centers or at participating donation drop-off barrel locations listed at cclsc.org/wwd. Financial contributions can also be made online at cclsc.org/wwd.

2023 Great Hour of Caring: September 21st, 8:00-9:00 a.m. at Venue 252 (doors open at 7:45)

This is the single most important hour of fundraising CCS does all year long! All CCS supporters past, present, and future are invited to join. You'll get to be a part of a delicious breakfast, hear inspiring stories from CCS work this past year, learn exciting news about the agency's future, and have chances to give. Tickets are available at cclsc.org/ghc2023.