

*St. HELEN and
St. ROSE of LIMA
ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCHES
March 26th, 2023*



I am the resurrection and the life

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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

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 26th, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A

Our Lenten journey is drawing to a close; today's readings remind us of what lies ahead, with Ezekiel's vision of new life for a valley of bones and Paul's promise that the Spirit that will 'give life to our mortal bodies'. The gospel reading from John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus. This sequence - carefully crafted as a prelude to the passion narrative - prepares us for what is to come; Jesus confronts death itself and emerges victorious.

As the narrative opens, the Lord's coming death is called to mind, Mary the sister of Lazarus is identified as the one who, at this time, 'anoints the Lord with ointment' - for 'the day of his burial' (cf. Jn 12:7). The illness of Lazarus 'will not end in death, but in God's glory' and the glory of the Son of God. The death of Jesus, if he 'goes to Judaea' is a real and terrifying prospect for his disciples - leading Thomas to exclaim, 'Let us go too, and die with him'.

The narrative highlights the 'friendship' of Jesus with the family of Bethany: soon to be caught up in the drama of the Savior's rejection by the nation's leaders. Such a detail, we know, has significance in the meditative style of John's gospel. 'I call you friends, not servants' (Jn 15:15), Jesus will tell his disciples. And the repeated reference to 'the beloved disciple' in the narrative that follows brings out in graphic detail the implications of these words - an encouragement for all who follow the way of discipleship. We are left in no doubt that Jesus triumphs over death in all its horror. The mortal remains of Lazarus have been in the tomb for 'four days': 'He will smell', his sister warns. Numerous mourners have now assembled, not all of them well disposed towards Jesus - an intimation of what is soon to follow. 'Could he not have prevented this man's death', some of them ask.

This confrontation with death, Jesus makes clear, is a sign. As he sets out for Bethany, after the death of Lazarus, he declares, 'I am glad for your sake, because now you will believe'. And although he knows that the Father 'always hears him', he addresses the Father publicly, 'for the sake of those who stand around, so that they may believe that it was you who sent me' - the claim of his divine mission that is many times repeated in the course of John's gospel.

In the exchanges that take place between Jesus and the sisters of Lazarus, he leads them towards the fullness of faith that will unite them with him in his final victory over death - his Paschal Mystery. Like his other disciples, Martha has already found faith in Jesus as 'the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world'; now she is led to recognize the full implications of this coming, as she affirms her faith in the truth of Jesus' words, 'I AM the resurrection and the life' - the very source of 'eternal life'. 'Lazarus, here! Come out': the victory is complete and absolute. 'Unbind him, let him go free': words of promise for all who will believe in his coming triumph.

John Thornhill sm

**Scripture Readings for the Week of
March 26th, 2023**

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

Monday

March 27th

Saint Gregory of Narek

First Reading: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30,
33-62 or Daniel 13:41c-62;
Responsorial: Ps. 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Gospel: John 8:1-11

Tuesday

March 28th

Saint Catharine of Bologna

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9;
Responsorial: Ps. 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21;
Gospel: John 8:21-30

Wednesday

March 29th

Saint Ludovico of Casoria

First Reading: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;
Responsorial: Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;
Gospel: John 8:31-42

Thursday

March 30th

Saint Peter Regalado

First Reading: Genesis 17:3-9;
Responsorial: Ps. 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Gospel: John 8:51-59

Friday

March 31st

Saint Stephen of Mar Saba

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13;
Responsorial: Ps. 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;
Gospel: John 10:31-42

Saturday

April 1st

Saint Hugh of Grenoble

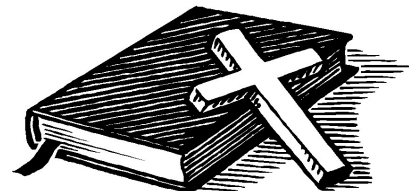
First Reading: Ezekiel 37:21-28;
Responsorial: Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12, 13;
Gospel: John 11:45-56

Sunday

April 2nd

Palm Sunday

Procession: Matthew 21:1-11
First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7;
Responsorial: Ps. 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,
23-24; Second Reading: Phil. 2:6-11
Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

St. Helen

SATURDAY MAR. 25TH

Euch Min: Winn Wendell

Lector: Jan Nicol

Acolyte: Lauren

Coffee Hour Host:

SUNDAY MAR. 26TH

Leola Giles

Alex Johnston

Joseph, Sofia, Jessica

Terrien Family

SATURDAY APR. 1ST

Euch Min: Jeff Bohrer

Lectors: Brittany & Alex J.

Acolyte: Ron, Roberto,
Alejandro, Martin

SUNDAY APR. 2ND

Joan Durbin

Jesus O., John H., & Jan N

Joseph, Noe, Emmanuel,
Roberto, Martin

Interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister?

FINANCIAL REPORT: St. Helen

Monthly Need: \$10,000.00

March 18th & 19th \$2,832.94

Online Giving \$500.00

Maintenance \$45.00

Special Collections:

Lent - Rice Bowl for Catholic Relief Services

April 9th - St. Vincent de Paul

MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ♦ 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.

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



Pray For...

+ OUR PRAYER CORNER +

This week, please remember:

Linda Bryson (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.*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

St. Rose of Lima

SUNDAY MAR. 26TH

Lector: Jacoba Booth

SUNDAY APR. 2ND

Jan Malpass

*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 19th \$1,557.00

Food Bank \$10.00

Special Collections:

1st Sunday - St. Vincent de Paul

2nd Sunday - Food Pantry

Lent - Rice Bowl for Catholic Relief Services

St. ROSE of LIMA BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARIES:

Mar. 25th: Jennifer Daeges

Mar. 27th: Mike Ripley

Mar. 31st: Kenny & Cindy Skinner
(Anniversary)



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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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)

Good Friday "Way of the Cross" at Planned Parenthood

Through his Holy Passion, Our Lord united Himself with all the victims of suffering in this life. None suffer more innocently than children in the womb whose lives are taken by abortion. None suffer more deeply than their mothers, who carry such a burden of guilt and shame.

On Good Friday we remember all the victims of abortion - the children lost, the mothers wounded, the communities blighted - in a solemn, ecumenical prayer service:

Event: Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion

When: Friday, April 7th at 1:00 p.m.

Where: Planned Parenthood abortion clinic
3579 Franklin Blvd., Eugene (Glenwood area)

More info: Contact Teresa at olsdan@proaxis.com

Join us as we pray for healing for the victims of abortion and for a final end to this injustice in our land.

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

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.