

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

October 22nd, 2023



*Give back to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar*

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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

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

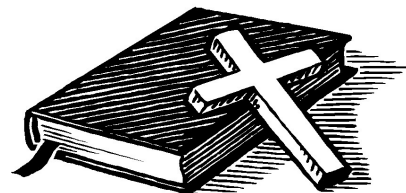
October 22nd, 2023
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

In these final weeks of the Church's year, our readings from Matthew's gospel point towards what lies ahead. Today's gospel and that of next Sunday tell of the growing confrontation with the nation's leaders that will lead to Jesus' death. And in our last three readings from Matthew's gospel Jesus warns his hearers that the end is approaching. The exchange recorded in today's gospel is well known. Matthew's brief account tells us a great deal about the situation that was developing in the last days of Jesus life. The Jewish people bitterly resented the Roman occupation of their country; now, those who have turned against Jesus exploit this explosive situation to discredit him. The dilemma that Jesus is placed in by the question put to him about the paying of the Roman tax is brought out in Matthew's account by the composition of the group putting the question - Pharisees and Herodians. The Pharisees represent Jews who have a real problem of conscience paying the tax. Strict Pharisees would have considered the inscription on the denarius handed to Jesus - which almost certainly read, 'Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine Augustus, great high priest' - to be blasphemous. This influential group, dedicated to upholding the traditions of God's people, would have asked themselves whether they were compromising their principles by paying their tax with this coin. If Jesus encouraged the paying of the tax, he would not only offend the Pharisees, but also antagonize the common people who so resented the Roman rule. The Herodians, followers of Herod - the puppet ruler in league with the Romans - had no scruples concerning the tax. If Jesus condemned the paying of the tax, he could be denounced for subversion. The famous reply of Jesus, 'To Caesar what belongs to Caesar; and to God what belongs to God' is not a clever evasion, as we may be led to think. With this reply, he turns the question back on his interrogators - taking the discussion beyond the level of the partisanship they are trying to exploit, he tells them that they are faced by a decision of conscience. As is so often the case - think of our own times - involvement in the political life of the nation is not a straightforward matter. The Romans had originally occupied Palestine at the invitation of Jewish leaders, bringing a relative stability, that replaced a situation of continuing anarchy. The contemporaries of Jesus must ask themselves whether the presence the Romans was the lesser of two evils. Today's first reading from the later Isaian writings is well chosen. Cyrus - who 'does not know' the God of Israel - is called by the prophet, God's 'anointed', as he fulfills God's designs, sending the Jewish exiles back from captivity after his defeat of the Babylonians. God is Lord of all, certainly, Jesus is telling his listeners; but Jewish conscience must judge whether the Roman presence is providential, preventing a worse situation. We should note that Jesus invites the people to make their own judgment of conscience; he does not make it for them. We would misunderstand the reply of Jesus if we thought it was meant to instruct us about the relationship that should exist between Church and State. His reply concerns, not the order of politics, but the order of moral responsibility - the individual's duty to participate in the life of the nation in a way that best promotes the common good of justice and peace. At a later date, when the Roman state became a demonic force intent on destroying the Church, defiance of the authorities was called for, and produced the martyrs who were the glory of the early Church.

John Thornhill sm

**Scripture Readings for the Week of
October 22nd, 2023**

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| Sunday October 22nd | Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Responsorial Ps: 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Gospel: Matthew: 22:15-21 |
| Monday October 23rd | Saint John of Capistrano First Reading: Romans 4:20-25; Responsorial Ps: Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 |
| Tuesday October 24th | Saint Anthony Mary Claret First Reading: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Responsorial Ps: 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Gospel: Luke 12:35-38 |
| Wednesday October 25th | Saint Antonio de Sant'Anna Galvao First Reading: Romans 6:12-18; Responsorial Ps: 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Gospel: Luke 12:39-48 |
| Thursday October 26th | Saint Peter of Alcantara First Reading: Romans 6:19-23; Responsorial Ps: 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Gospel: Luke 12:49-53 |
| Friday October 27th | Blessed Bartholomew of Vicenza First Reading: Romans 7:18-25a; Responsorial Ps: 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Gospel: Luke 12:54-59 |
| Saturday October 28th | Saints Simon and Jude First Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22; Responsorial Ps: 19:2-3, 4-5; Gospel: Luke 6:12-16 |
| Sunday October 29th | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26; Responsorial Ps: 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Gospel: Matthew: 22:34-40 |



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

St. Helen

SATURDAY OCT. 21ST

Euch Min: Mary Wendell

Lectors: Lauren Terrien

Acolyte: Ron

SUNDAY OCT. 22ND

Sue Hall

Joe Cersovski

Noe, Jessica, Jonathan

SATURDAY OCT. 28TH

Euch Min: Winn Wendell

Lectors: Shelly Kokkeler

Acolyte: Ron

SUNDAY OCT. 29TH

Martha Dacar

John Haapala

TBA

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

St. Rose of Lima

SUNDAY OCT. 29TH

Lector: Jan Malpass

SUNDAY NOV. 5TH

TBA

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: St. Helen

Monthly Need: \$10,000.00

Oct. 14th & 15th: \$1,794.37

Online Giving: \$25.00

Maintenance: \$20.00

Special Collections:

Oct. 22nd: World Mission Sunday

FINANCIAL REPORT: St. Rose of Lima

Monthly Need: \$5,200.00

Oct. 15th: \$1,781.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$86.00

Special Collections:

1st Sunday - St. Vincent de Paul

2nd Sunday - Food Pantry

Oct. 22nd: World Mission Sunday

St. ROSE of LIMA BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARIES:

Oct. 27th: Rip Lewis

Oct. 28th: Kay Goracke

Oct. 30th: Jayne Parker

Oct. 31st: Jim Stroda

*Happy
Birthday*

ST. HELEN ONLINE GIVING

Follow the link on the website, or visit
[https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/
sthelenjunctioncity](https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/sthelenjunctioncity)

MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ◆ Religious Education class schedule on back page
- ◆ Oct 21st: Bingo at St. Rose Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Oct 29th: St. Helen Bi-lingual Mass, 10:30 a.m. followed by Parish Potluck
- ◆ Nov 3rd & 4th: St. Helen Holiday Bazaar, 9:00-4:00
- ◆ Nov 5th: St. Rose Ham Breakfast & Country Store, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm



Pray For...

+ OUR PRAYER CORNER +

This week, please pray for peace in the Holy Land, and please remember: LeRoy & Claire Terrien, Mary Schoen, 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.

40 Days for Life

September 27th - November 5th

Prayer for Radical Solidarity

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own.

By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance.

In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need.

Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.

May our support help them to find hope and strength in the 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 @ 6:30 pm
RCIA in English: Tuesdays @ 12:30 pm
Confirmation: Saturdays
 Year One 1:00 - 2:30 pm
 Year Two 3:00 - 4:30 pm

For more information about Confirmation contact Tess Cersovski at 541-517-5389

Life Ministry Mini Discerning Retreat

St. Paul Parish, Silverton

Saturday, Oct. 28th 9 am - 1 pm

Presented by Elizabeth Gillette,
post-abortive mother, author, and speaker.

Using her book, **Above All, Love**, we will be encouraged to look into ourselves, the Bible, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church to discern our own approach to the abortion issue.

All are welcome, including mature teens.
Morning coffee and lunch provided.

Each participant will receive a copy of **Above All, Love**.
Retreat followed by Confession & Mass with Fr. Theo Lange.
See posted flyer for contact information and ways to RSVP.

Must RSVP to reserve your copy of the book.

**Sunday, October 22nd
World Mission Sunday**

Contributions and prayers are needed for Catholic missionaries to continue their work throughout the world. Through generous contributions the Church is able to train future priests and religious, support religious Sisters, fund clinics for the sick and dying, and provide homes for orphaned children and much more. Please consider giving generously on October 22nd.

St. Rose Annual Ham Breakfast & Country Store is November 5th, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Come enjoy good food and great gifts!

St. Helen Women's Group is preparing for their annual Holiday Bazaar on November 3rd and 4th. They are now accepting donations of gift quality items to sell at the Women's Group table, and pies to sell from the kitchen. Donations or questions should be directed to Kathy Erickson.

**St. Joseph Salem
Fire Relief Fund**

Salem's St. Joseph Parish suffered a devastating fire on August 31st. The parish thanks everyone who has donated to the Fire Relief Fund, but there is still a lot to do with at least \$5 million dollars in damage.

You can use this QR Code to make a donation to help St. Joseph Parish rebuild.



St. Helen will have a barrel to collect donations during October for the Catholic Community Services Winter Warmth Drive. New or gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and blankets are accepted. CCS is also accepting monetary donations at ccslc.org/wwd