

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020**

**4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 20**
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38

Monday, December 21
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a
Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday, December 22
1 Sm 1:24-28
Lk 1:46-56

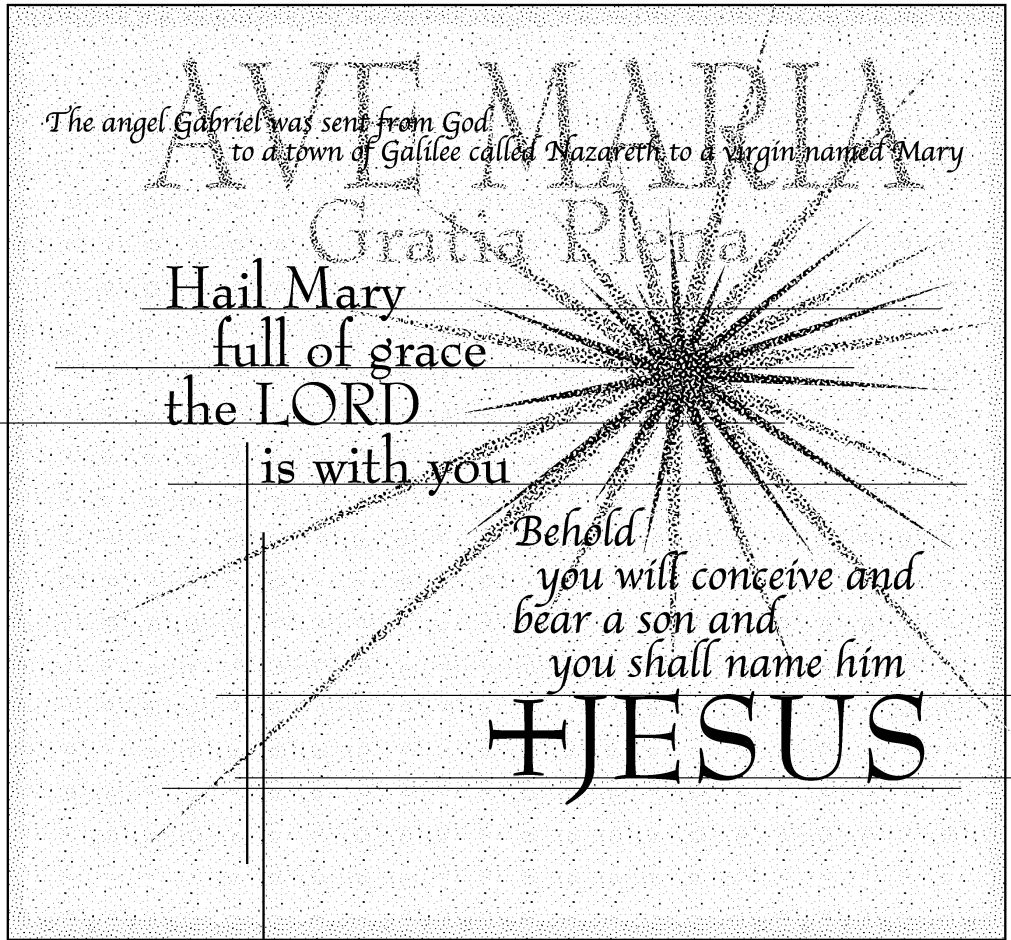
Wednesday, December 23
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Lk 1:57-66

**The Nativity of the Lord
Thursday, December 24**
Friday, December 25

Is 9:1-6
Ti 2:11-14
Lk 2:1-14

Saturday, December 26
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Mt 10:17-22

**The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sunday, December 27**
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



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SAINT ROSE OF LIMA

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 21	No Mass
Tuesday, December 22	No Mass
Wednesday, December 23	
8:30 a.m. Lewiston	<i>Ted and Evelyn Thesing+</i>
Thursday, December 24	
4:00 p.m. Wilson	<i>Raymond Dvorak+</i>
6:00 p.m. Lewiston	<i>Parishioners of the Cluster</i>
8:00 p.m. Altura	<i>Jerry Ruhoff+</i>
Friday, December 25	
9:00 a.m. Lewiston	<i>Elain Loughrin+</i>
Saturday, December 26	
4:30 p.m. Wilson	<i>Olive Kenitz+</i>
Sunday, December 27	
8:30 a.m. Lewiston	<i>Parishioners of the Cluster</i>
10:30 a.m. Altura	<i>Shauna Ruhoff+</i>

St. Rose of Lima

Sacrificial Giving – December 6, 2020

Contribution Total..... \$ 2,245.00

St. Anthony of Padua

Sacrificial Giving – December 13, 2020

Contribution Total..... \$ 538.00

Immaculate Conception

Sacrificial Giving – December 12, 2020

Contribution Total..... \$ 470.00

Health and Safety Guidelines

- Please do not attend if you are feeling even the slightest bit ill or are in a high-risk category.
- Wash your hands before attending and use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting.
- People not of the same household must always remain at least six feet apart .
- All attendees must wear masks.

WELCOME TO OUR TRI-PARISH COMMUNITY

New Parishioners are invited to contact the Tri-Parish Office at 507-523-2428 or via email at strose@hbc.com. Normal office hours are Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Fridays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

BAPTISM: Baptisms are regularly celebrated during Saturday and Sunday Masses and Sunday afternoon. Parents are asked to meet with Fr. Thompson before the baptism of their first child. Please call the St. Rose Rectory to set the date of the baptism.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions are offered every Saturday at St. Rose from 11:00 a.m. to noon, or anytime by appointment with Fr. Thompson.

MARRIAGE: Instruction must begin at least six months in advance. Please contact Fr. Thompson to begin the preparation process. An Engaged Encounter or similar course is also required.

RCIA: Those wanting to learn more about our faith or are interested in becoming full members in the Catholic Church please contact the Office.

Prayer Chain: Call Rosie Moger 523-3357 with prayer requests or to join the prayer chain.

Bulletin announcements: Please submit items to the office by Wednesday 11:00 a.m. for publication in the following Sunday bulletin.

New Giving Options Now Available!

We now have two new options for sacrificial giving to your church of choice. We hope these will be easy and convenient ways to offer your support at all three parishes. You can also choose whether you want to make a one-time gift or choose the recurring option .

1. **Online Giving:** Go to the following site: giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/strose. There you will be asked to choose which parish and what fund you would like to give to (currently the fund choices are Adult Support, Christmas Offering, and Charity Fund.)

2. **Text:** Simply text the word “give” to **507-578-5629**. You will get a link sent back to you to make your donation. It's that simple!

Of Interest to All

Congratulations to the following parishioners who were sealed by the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, December 9 at St. Rose: Tyler Kreidermacher, Tanner Mundt, Collin Klug, Matthew Schell, Alexander Perez, Bailey Stone, Natalie Pilger, Abby Kanz, Katelyn Fohrman, Mckylah Burt, Ellie Sannes, Anna Hennessy, Anissa Neu, Gavin Boyum, Cole Mueller, Katie Ketchum, Hanna Hundt, Cody Wojahn.

With the close of the calendar year not far away, now may be a good time to prayerfully consider your sacrificial giving. In order to be considered in the 2020 tax year, all contributions must be postmarked by December 31. The last regular collection of the year will be on the weekend of December 26-27. For informational purposes, below is a table of where our parishes stand financially as of November 30 for St. Rose and Immaculate Conception, and September 30 for St. Anthony.

	Lewiston	Altura	Wilson
Budgeted Giving YTD	\$45,291	NA	NA
Actual Giving YTD	\$40,205	\$5,000	\$11,091
Expenses YTD	\$44,582	\$12,200	\$11,354
Giving YTD Last Year	\$49,114	\$6,500	\$10,115

(Note this is for the fiscal year, which began July 1)

The St. Anthony rib dinner was again a smashing success! 335 drive-thru meals were served, and the profit for our faith formation fund was **\$3,794.28!** Fun facts: 13 roasters were used and 20 pumpkin cakes were made by 16 families. Thanks to all who bought tickets, worked, or donated. It couldn't be done without everyone pulling together to make this such a success!



Thinking about adoption but not sure where to start?

Catholic Charities offers free adoption information meetings to help you learn about the process to begin building your family. We have adoption social workers in Winona, Rochester, Mankato, and Worthington who can walk you through the process of international or domestic infant adoption. Please email adoption@ccsomm.org or call 507-287-2047 to schedule an information meeting.

Christmas/New Year's Masses

December 24

4:00 p.m. – Immaculate Conception, Wilson

6:00 p.m. – St. Rose of Lima, Lewiston

8:00 p.m. – St. Anthony of Padua, Altura

December 25

9:00 a.m. – St. Rose of Lima, Lewiston

January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

9:00 a.m. – St. Rose of Lima, Lewiston

Note: The 6:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve and 9:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas morning will each be live streamed. Go to our website, www.st-rose.org.

In order to assure there is space for everyone, we are asking those planning to attend Christmas Masses to register by going to our website (www.st-rose.org) and clicking on “Christmas Mass Sign-up” or calling the office at 523-2428.

How to Watch Live Streamed Masses

Those who are unable to make it to Mass in-person are invited and encouraged to join us live online! Every Sunday Mass at St. Rose is live streamed, as well as the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve and 9:00 a.m. Christmas Morning Masses. Here's how:



1. Go to www.st-rose.org. (You can also find worship aids at this site).
2. Click on “Watch Live-Streamed Masses”
3. This will take you to our Facebook page when you will be able to watch the Mass live at the scheduled times.

You can also go directly to our Facebook site: www.facebook.com/saintroselewiston.

Life in the Spirit seminar, hosted by the Lumen Christi prayer group, welcoming the entire diocese, starting **January 6.** Would you like to deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit? Would you like to learn about and identify the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that you have been given? Join us for a (free) Life in The Spirit seminar, using “The Wild Goose” series by Father Dave Pivonka, starting Wednesday, January 6 and ending February 17. We will meet online via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Zoom login information will be sent upon registration. Contact Joshua for more information and to register: (218) 349-9660 or jjj3279@aol.com.



ADVENT GIVING TREE

We are asking for everyone to drop their gifts off at the St. Rose church hall *only* on **Sunday, December 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Gifts will be distributed on **Monday, December 21 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.**, also at the St. Rose Hall.

Our Charity Fund: This fund responds to needs in our community, making a difference in many lives. Your generosity assists local families directly and long-term. Find envelopes in back of church labeled Charity Fund. You may return these in the collection baskets at Mass or mail to the office.

Pastor's Perspective: Time to Press Pause

We are now in the final days of waiting for the birth of Jesus and preparing his way in our lives. Waiting in anticipation of a joyful occasion can be both exciting and excruciating. I add the latter because we don't always want to wait! I remember as a child how slowly the days before Christmas inched along. A sloth seemed fast in those days. As I have grown older, these final days have become excruciating because of the race that is the final preparations before Christmas. Now, this year may be different; but the final preparations may be even blurrier because we are doing so many things differently. As you look at your upcoming celebrations, you may be excited, you may be sad. No matter where you are at: Jesus is coming!

As you look at how your celebrations will be different, I want to encourage a few activities and attitudes. First, for those who will be sitting in the front sofa at the Christmas Mass (that is, in your own home), dress up. Make this a special occasion, because it is! If you celebrate at home, press pause on the distractions and let yourselves be brought into the mystery and wonder of the manger scene. If you don't normally do this, it's not too late to make a creative manger and nativity scene to remind you of the reason for the season.

Second, keep celebrating! We tend to do much of our Christmas celebrating during Advent, and wrap it up with a big bang on Christmas eve or day. The 25th is the first day of Christmas. This is a great year to remember the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas." The celebration continues all the way through Epiphany. Don't press pause too early!

Finally, remember why Jesus was born. The angels proclaim to the shepherds "peace to people of good will." Be of good will. Be people of peace. Press pause on division and extreme views of others. Jesus brought people together: Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and angels, the magi. But he also separated people like Herod who sought control and power at all costs. Don't be like Herod. Jesus taught us to love our enemies, not overpower them. Jesus came as the prince of peace. Let peace reign in your hearts this Christmas and beyond.