



# Saint Rose of Lima

## Roman Catholic Church

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### Sacrament of Baptism

"It is a very humbling experience to be asked into the realm of a newborn child's family. It is always an honor to bless the new family and offer the sacraments to them." Deacon Pete Semich provides education to parents and prospective Godparents preparing for the Baptism of their child.

The Rite of Baptism is universal throughout all Catholic churches. Deacon Pete shares a video that explains the rite and the symbolism attached to the Sacrament of Baptism.

The child is presented to the church and the child's name is said publicly. This cements your relationship to the child. The parents are then asked what they want from the Church. After the parents respond "Baptism" they are asked if they will raise the child in the Church. The Godparents are asked if they are ready to help the parents.

The celebrant blesses the child with the sign of the cross on his forehead. The parents and Godparents also trace the sign of the cross on the child's head. They are encouraged to do this throughout the child's life.

The first part of the service is the Liturgy of the Word. A reading from the scriptures reminds us that God is the center of our lives as a family. Prayers of the Faithful are given and a Litany of the Saints serve as a reminder that the saints are examples for all of us.

The water is then blessed. If it has already been blessed, a prayer of thanksgiving is given for the gift of the saving water.

The congregation is then asked to renew their own Baptism and reject Satan and sin. They are speaking for themselves as well as the child who cannot speak for himself.

The water is poured on the child's head. He is then anointed with Chrism oil. This oil is also used during Confirmation to complete the seal.



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At Saint Rose, a small white stole is laid on the child to symbolize being clothed in white. The Baptismal candle is lit from the Pascal candle. This is to remind us that Christ is the Light of the World. This candle is given to the parents and can be used on other important occasions: anniversary of the Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation.

After the video, discussion centers on the practical aspects of being baptized at Saint Rose. The family must be registered in the parish. This can easily be done online at [www.saintrose.org](http://www.saintrose.org) or by completing the registration form available in the Welcome Packets in the gathering area of the church or at the church office.



The Godparents must complete a Godparent form and one of them must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the church. A non-Catholic is designated as a Christian Witness on the formal document. Proxies can stand in for Godparents in cases of emergency. The Godparents' names will appear on the certificate.

At Saint Rose, Baptisms are done on Saturday afternoon after 3:00 pm through Sunday. Baptisms can be done within the celebration of the Mass or as a separate ceremony outside of the Mass. If done during Mass, the celebrant will perform the Baptism. If done outside the Mass either one of the priests or deacons can officiate. Call the church office to set up a date and time. It is important to note that as a general rule Baptisms are put on hold during the penitential seasons, especially Lent. In emergency situations, this can be lifted. There is more flexibility during Advent.

In the Catholic Church, the Baptism of infants is the norm however, provisions are made for older individuals. Beginning at age seven, the age of reason as defined by the church, the child participates in RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children). At age 18, an individual wishing to join the church and receive the Sacraments goes through RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults).

If you are interested in having your child Baptized or have any questions, call the church office at 615-893-1843.

### ***The Sacrament of Baptism***

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (*vitae spiritualis ianua*) and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word."

Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph 1213



# The Eucharist

The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our faith. It is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of the Christ, who became Incarnate for our salvation. After the words of consecration, what was ordinary bread and water is changed. The elements still look, taste, feel, and smell like bread and wine, but the very substance of what it is, is completely new: it is the Lord. Our entire life should flow from the altar and lead back to the altar; the conversations we have, the people we surround ourselves with, the decisions we make, should be centered on what we receive at Mass: Christ in the Eucharist!

Our Lord took on our flesh in order to redeem it, to allow us to be able to enter in to that Heavenly reality. He left us His flesh so that He may remain with us “till the end of time” (Matthew 28:20). When we enter the church, we enter not just another building, but the very place where God has chosen to dwell. This is why we genuflect in front of the tabernacle and keep a spirit of quiet reverence in the church proper. In Matthew 26:27 we hear the words that are used in the prayer of consecration: “Take this all of you and eat of it, this is my Body; take this all of you and drink, this is the Blood of the new and eternal covenant which will be poured out for the forgiveness of sins.” In the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of John we hear what is often called the Bread of Life discourse in which Christ says that His Body is true food and His Blood is true drink, and that anyone who wishes to have eternal life must eat of His Flesh and drink of His Blood.

The Eucharist is very much a mystery, but it is also a beautiful gift given to us. We can say with the author of the Book of Deuteronomy, “What other nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call upon Him?” (4:8). Our God allows Himself to be hidden and in a very real way invites us to remain hidden with Him. He concealed His divinity at the Incarnation and still



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hides Himself in what appears to be bread and wine. He told us of this mystery during His life and now invites us to place our faith, our trust, and our love with His hidden Presence in the Eucharist.

Here at Saint Rose we are blessed to have so many times for Adoration of the Sacrament. Every morning during the week before Mass we have Adoration, as well as 48 hour

adoration from Wednesday after Mass until Friday morning Mass. I invite you to find some time during these opportunities and place yourself before our Lord for a while; you will not be disappointed. When we give God time to act in our life, He responds very generously. Let us come and adore!

In Christ,

Rev. Nicholas M. Allen  
Pastor





# The Fatima Centennial and



At Fatima, Our Lady stressed the importance of the daily Rosary. She asked for it at each of the six apparitions to the three children and said it was the means by which violence and warfare can be stopped and peace granted to the world. This aspect of Her message could not have been more emphatic. During the July 13 Apparition, She asked that the Rosary be prayed every day "in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary because only She can help you." On October 13, Our Lady identified Herself as "the Lady of the Rosary,"

Sister Lucia said the request for the Rosary every day was not because it is a condition for getting into heaven, but that we pray very much every day. Naturally, the Rosary was the most accessible form of prayer for the three children, as it is for the great majority of people. "To pray the Rosary is something everybody can do, rich and poor, wise and ignorant, great and small."

She wrote, "I believe that, after the liturgical prayer of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the praying of the Rosary, in view of the origin and sublime prayers used in it, and of the mysteries of the Redemption which we recall and on which we meditate during each decade, is the most pleasing prayer that we can offer to God, and one which is most advantageous to our own souls. If such were not the case, Our Lady would not have asked for it so insistently.

She promised that by this prayer we would have peace in our hearts, our families and our world. In asking for the Rosary, Mary presented us with the weapon that has so often saved the Christian world in times of terrible crises. Throughout history, devotion to Mary and the Rosary have often turned the tide when defeat of Christianity and of Nations seemed absolutely inevitable. One of the greatest

defeats was on October 7, 1571, now celebrated as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. She has given us the weapon, as St. Padre Pio always said, to defeat all the evils of our times.

In 1957 Lucia said to Father Fuentes, "In these last times in which we live, Our Lady has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent, that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, temporal or especially spiritual, in the life of each one of us, of our families, of the life of people's and Nations that cannot be solved by the Rosary. With the Holy Rosary, we will save ourselves, we will sanctify ourselves, we will console Our Lord and obtain the salvation of many souls."

The Brown Scapular is also intimately associated with the Fatima apparitions. While the crowd of 70,000 people were seeing the miracle of the sun on October 13, 1917, Jacinta, Francisco, and Lucia saw St. Joseph and the Child Jesus with Our Lady in a blue and white mantle, Our Lady of Sorrows (Dolors) and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. These have usually been interpreted as representing the mysteries of the Rosary, but they also saw a final apparition of Our Lady holding down the Brown Scapular with the Child Jesus in her lap. Lucia later said, "The Rosary and the Scapular are inseparable," and "all Catholics should wear the Scapular as part of the Fatima message." She said She wants everyone to wear it because it is a sign of our consecration to Her Immaculate Heart.

The Scapular is a constant reminder that we give to Our Lady all that we are and all that we have in time and eternity. Our consecration is a total surrender, a complete giving up of oneself to her. From the moment we are enrolled in the Scapular, we are dedicated to her in a special way and have a special claim upon her protection and intercession. The Scapular is for us Her garment of salvation!

Jacinta and Francisco both knew they would join Our Lady very soon in heaven. But before Jacinta was taken into heaven, Our Lady revealed some remarkable statements to her. Some of these were:

1. "Many souls go to hell because of sins of the flesh."
2. "Certain fashions would be introduced that would offend Our Lord very much."
3. "Irregular marriages are not good. They do not please Our Lord."
4. "Priests must be pure, very pure. They should not busy themselves with anything, except what concerns the church and souls."



Devotional scapulars are two small rectangular pieces of cloth, connected by narrow bands, and touch the back and chest of the wearers.



# Our Lady's Peace Plan from Heaven



Pope Francis held Mass at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13, 2017, in Fatima, Portugal.

He elevated into sainthood the two shepherd children Jacinta and Francisco Marto.

5. "If the government of a country leaves the church in peace and gives liberty to our holy religion, it will be blessed by God."
6. "Tell everybody that God gives Graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Ask them to plead for peace from the Immaculate heart of Mary, for the Lord has confided the peace of the world to Her."

Today, many people, are seriously concerned about the direction of current events and where they may lead. So let us turn to God's Plan for peace, based on these requests from Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Penance and Reparation, Daily recitation of the Holy Rosary, The Five First Saturdays Devotion, and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our mother.

It is in Mary, who alone is Our Life, Our Sweetness, Our Hope in this vale of tears. It is through Her plan and no other, that we can find Truth, Light, and Peace; in a world filled with unrest. Our hope, our trust, our confidence must be in Mary - for it is to her that God has entrusted the peace of the world!

May the celebration of the Fatima Centennial inspire all of us to be more faithful than ever to live Our Lady's messages!

Mary Ray

## Jubilee Prayer of Consecration

Hail, Mother of the Lord,  
Virgin Mary, Queen of the Rosary of Fatima!  
Blessed among all women,  
you are the image of the Church dressed in the Paschal Light,  
you are the honour of our people,  
you are the triumph over the mark of evil.  
Prophecy of the merciful Love of the Father,  
Teacher of the Annunciation of the Good News of the Son,  
Sign of the burning Fire of the Holy Spirit,  
teach us, in this valley of joys and sorrows,  
the eternal truths that the Father reveals to the little ones.  
Show us the strength of your mantle of protection.  
In Your Immaculate Heart, be the refuge of sinners  
and the way that leads to God.  
In unity with my brethren,  
In Faith, Hope and Love, I surrender myself to you.  
In unity with my brethren, through you, I consecrate myself to God,  
O Virgin of the Rosary of Fatima.  
And thus surrounded by the Light that comes from your hands,  
I will give Glory to the Lord for ever and ever. Amen.







## Learning, Love and Service at Saint Rose Catholic School

Happy summer! As the school year draws to a close, one of my last teacher duties for the year is to compile the annual Social Justice list of service projects completed by our students. This is a happy task and I'm always so proud of our teachers and students when I look at the 11 page-long list of activities our school has completed this year. I wanted to share some of the history and rationale behind these efforts and how they have had an impact upon our school and community.

Since 2009, the Diocese of Nashville Catholic Schools Office has encouraged each school to have a Social Justice Plan in place that allows every student to experience the importance and joy of serving others. Since our school motto is Learning, Love and SERVICE, this was easy to do here in Murfreesboro. As a Saint Rose School faculty, we decided that each homeroom would have a goal of at least one service project per semester. We try to make each project meaningful, age-appropriate, and hands-on.



Preparation of palms



Pulsera Project



We also try to partner with many parish ministries and Murfreesboro community projects to support the important work being done right at Saint Rose Parish. For example, classes will have a food drive for the Saint Rose Food Pantry. Several times, classes have held a diaper drive to support our local crisis pregnancy center, Portico. Our newest project in Spanish Class was to support the international program Pulsera Project by selling beautiful handmade bracelets to students and members of the school community; the money raised supports the educational programs, scholarships, workers' rights, community development, housing programs, youth shelters, and a wide range of other projects that empower the artists, their families, and their communities in Nicaragua and Guatemala. This project was a big success with hundreds of bracelets being sold in our first year!

Some other social justice projects have already become traditions at Saint Rose School. For example, the Kindergarten classes go every year to visit our local Catholic hospital, St. Thomas Rutherford, and sing Christmas carols to the nurses, patients and staff. Our 8th grade students spend their last full day at Saint Rose School serving the homeless at the local homeless day shelter, Journey Home. Our 3rd grade collects toys for the local Toys for Tots and then goes to actually help organize the toys in December. Mrs. Klukowski's 7th grade class collects recycling from the entire parish campus every Thursday morning before the 8:00am bell rings!



Kindergarteners caroling at Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital



It is rewarding to see that the social justice program promotes a spirit of service when we see our Saint Rose School alumni continue to serve by engaging in such service as the Youth Ministry summer program of Catholic Heart Work Camp. Two of our alumni were even selected to serve in the Peace Corps in Guinea and Ecuador. Serving others does not end with graduation!



8th graders served at the Journey Home



4th graders collected water to use in our school's 5K and Fun Run

We always like to consider new programs that we could participate in, so please send us your ideas and suggestions. It does not have to be complicated; some of our favorite projects have been as simple as writing letters to our sick parishioners, making Veteran's Day cards for the VA, adopting a family in the parish Giving Tree program, packing a box for a serving soldier who is away for the holidays, and even making get well cards for friends and family members of our students.

We would love to hear from our parishioners who may have ideas to add to our social justice program.

Julie Baker Menke

### Our Mission

Saint Rose Catholic School unites with the family to provide a quality Catholic education in a Christ-centered environment, promoting learning, love and service, which prepares students for the future.







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### Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5:30 pm Vigil

Sunday, 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

### Daily Mass (school in session)

Monday-Thursday, 7:00 am

Wednesday, 6:00 pm

Friday and Saturday, 8:15 am

### Daily Mass (school not in session)

Monday-Saturday, 8:15 am

Wednesday, 6:00 pm

### Spanish Mass

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 7:30 pm

### Reconciliation

Wednesdays, 5:00-5:45 pm

Saturdays, 4:00-5:15 pm

Or by appointment

### Summer Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8-12 and 1-4 pm

Friday 8-12 noon

Exceptions noted in the bulletin

## PARISH PICNIC

Celebrate the Feast of Saint Rose

Sunday, August 27

after the 11 Mass until 3:00

Dessert - last name A-J

Side dish - last name K-Z

BRING LOUNGE CHAIRS

Food can be dropped off in the

gym starting at 10:15 am