

**St. Rose of Lima Church  
February 4th, 2018**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Pastor:  
Father David Martin**



**Masses:**

**Thursday: 12:10 PM Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM**

**Confession:**

**Saturday at 3:00 PM**

**Baptisms:**

**Please call the Office 653-6850 for arrangements.**

**LENT 2018**

**“BE THE BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF”**

It is hard to believe that Lent is just around the corner. February 14 is Ash Wednesday. With January at our backs, we look forward in anticipation to Lent, ‘new spring time,’ that leads us to great celebration of Easter. For this year, our Lenten Theme will be, “Be the Best Version of Yourself!” It is a ‘call’ that invites all of us to look inward, to our hearts to see where we need to surrender and to let go in order to grow in deeper relationship with Jesus.

We’re all broken human beings, every single one of us. We all have our messes. But God’s here to love us, to heal us, to transform us, and through us to become his presence, his hands and heart and voice. We need to be trusting people... to become agents of change...of healing and reconciliation. Our ability to choose is our ultimate power as human beings. We can choose or refuse Jesus at any time. But God is faithful, regardless of what we do. So let us all be drawn by the gentleness of love during these weeks of preparation.

And May God Bless you with God's inclusive, compassionate and abundant love as we begin Lent 2018!

**Mass:** times to be announced

**Evening and/or Taize Prayer**

**Daily Reflection Booklets:**

**Reconciliation**

And....

### **Lenten Series**

Who would like to find inner peace?

Who would desire a deeper friendship with Jesus?

Who would like to discover what '*becoming* the best version of yourself' really means?

The parish communities of St. Rose, St. Augustine's and St. Matthew's are invited to a "Lenten Series" beginning Sunday evening, February 28th at 7:00 pm, at St. Matthew's Church. This series will consist of (5) One and half hour (1 ½) sessions with the theme "Be of **be the best version of Yourself, " through developing a deeper relationship with Jesus.**

You will find all the information that you need in one of these brochures. If you didn't receive a brochure when you came in, please make sure that you pick one up on the way out. **Also, for those who wish to participate or if you think you may be attending, please sign the "sign-up sheet" located the entrance. This will help us to know how much material to prepare!**

Please take advantage of the various options offered to us during Lent to help us all to grow in our journey to Easter, where we will truly celebrate, Resurrection... "The Best Version of Yourself!"

Blessings,

Fr. David

## Announcements

- 1) **ELF volunteer reading mentors** are urgently needed at many schools in Saint John. Please consider donating two hours to a deserving Grade 2 student in your community this winter. Visit [elfnb.com](http://elfnb.com) to register as a volunteer and sign up for our upcoming training session. For more information, contact us by calling 609-5665 or email [laura.morrell@elfnb.com](mailto:laura.morrell@elfnb.com). We can't wait to hear from you!
- 2) **Liturgy Committee** - if you are interested in becoming involved with the Liturgy Committee, please let Father David know or call the Office at 653-6850.
- 3) **Scripture Study** – We will be beginning a scripture study group, one evening a week, following the *Little Rock Scripture* program. All are welcome. If you are interested, please call the Office for further details – 653-6850.
- 4) **Knights of Columbus** will hold their **next Marian Hour of Prayer on February 22<sup>nd</sup>** at St. Rose of Lima. All are most welcome!
- 5) **The CWL** will hold their **monthly meeting** NEXT Monday, **February 12<sup>th</sup>**, at 10:00 AM at the Denis Morris Community Centre. **Membership Dues of \$22** will be collected at Masses on the weekend of **February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**.
- 6) **Knights of Columbus Breakfast – Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> at Assumption Centre.** 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Adults \$7/Children \$3. Come and enjoy a good breakfast with your friends.

### BULLETIN NOTICES:

Due to limited space, please remember that the bulletin is to communicate to you our parish activities first. This would include reflections, activities, notices, and educational material- catechesis or Religious Education for everyone. Secondly, notices from the bishop's office or a diocesan event. Finally, events from other parishes will be posted. If you wish to post something in the bulletin it **must be approved by Father David**. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**In the charity of your prayers, please remember: Peter Wall, Donald Melanson, Donald Alderman, "William "Billy" Gormley, Marina Mintern, Marlene Breen, John Armstrong**

*Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Gerry Frigault*

## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 6	7:00 PM	Manuel Salvador
Wednesday, February 7	9:00 AM	Virgin Mary
Thursday, February 8	12:10 PM	Paul Pare
Saturday, February 10	4:00 PM	Lori (Perry) Galliera
Saturday, February 10	5:30 PM	Art Losier
Sunday, February 11	9:00 AM	Mary May
Sunday, February 11	11:00 AM	Bill, Charles, Elsie and Anne Wills

## Stewardship for the weeks ending January 31st, 2018

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>2417.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>234.85</b>
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	<b>397.40</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>70.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3119.25</b>

### St. Rose of Lima OUTREACH

WOW...Here we grow again! The response to our "new" outreach program, **Soup for AIDS Saint John** has been wonderful... I am very proud of you! With that being said, it has been decided that soup will be prepared on the **SECOND MONDAY of the Month**. We have a lot of room in the freezer at "**Rose's Kitchen**" so we welcome your donations at the parish office. Donations needed: frozen vegetables, rice, pasta (appropriate for soup), etc. As well, we welcome more volunteers! Perhaps a worthwhile Lenten project....? Keep up your great work!! Fr. David

### Freedom

Jesus comes as One who can set us free from inordinate attachments, those things to which we desperately cling in our search for happiness. "Is not life more than these?" he asks, as he gently and lovingly touches the very places in our lives where we are most bound. "You lack this one thing. Let it go. Come and follow me."

-Br. David Vryhof