



December 25, 2021

DAILY MASS

Monday - Saturday	7:30 am
Monday, Tues., Thurs., Friday	12:15 pm
Wednesday Evening	7:00 pm

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday -	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am 4:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday	7:00 am - 7:30 am
Wednesday	6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday - Church	2:45 pm - 3:45 pm

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Monday - Friday	7:00 am
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday	8:30 am - 4:00 pm
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Closed Wednesdays 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

PASTORAL STAFF

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR, Fr. Bing Colasito
 PAROCHIAL VICAR, Fr. Samuel Aliba
 DEACON, John Mezydlo
 DEACON, Tom Henrich

PARISH STAFF

Office Administrator, Alicia Gonzales	Ext. 104
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Youth & Young Adults Coord., Joshua Baldwin	Ext. 102
RE Coordinator, Renee Hunsaker	Ext. 105
Music & Media Director, Matt Ficarra	Ext. 106
Maintenance/Custodian, Ray Lopez	

MISSION OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

45033 North 12th Street
 New River, Arizona 85087

WEEKEND MASS

Sunday	9:00 am
Office Hours Tuesday	10am - 11am & 1pm - 2pm

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Sunday	8:30 am
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ADORATION Thursday	7:00 am - 4:00 pm
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The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.

At this most wonderful time of the year may you and your loved ones find both joy and happiness! Let Christmas be the day we can put away other things in our hearts and make room for Jesus !

Blessings,
The Staff of St. Rose





GOSPEL MEDITATION

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Take a moment to contemplate the symbols of the season. The crèche tells us the Gospel stories: first from Luke, which details the human birth in a lowly stable and the angels' message to shepherds; and later from Matthew, which describes the arrival of Magi, who signify that God's salvation extends to all. The angels stand as heralds of the good news, an emblem for each of us on this solemn feast, of our own duty to spread the message that Christ is born and saves us from our sins. The tree stands as a symbol of life, its green branches unfading even in the winter cold, just as God's life remains in us even though our human form should die. The wreath made of evergreens reminds us that God is one, without beginning or end. The candles recall the birth of him who is forever the Light of the world. Today, we celebrate the fact that God came to earth as a beautiful, innocent infant who rejects no one. We rejoice this day in the birth of Christ! And tonight, we remember that Jesus Christ came into this world quietly, humbly, and gracefully, an example of how we should live our lives.

Blessed Christmas to each of you!

We are the shepherds! We have a responsibility.

As we experience the birth of Jesus. The angels have appeared to the outsiders of that time, the shepherds, and have told them about a wondrous birth of an infant and who he was and what he was destined to do. Therefore, they all decide to go see this miracle themselves. They go in haste.

Because of the experience of what they see, they become the first evangelists: "they made known the message that had been told them about this child." That is why I call them the first evangelists.

That is our calling too, as we see this great event happening in our lives. Jesus, the infant who was born more than two thousand years ago, will come into our lives again as we receive Communion today, and then we become like the shepherds going out and telling all we know about this infant. We are called to glorify and praise God for all that we have seen and heard.

Go be shepherds. Merry Christmas!



"My First Christmas In Heaven"

I see the countless Christmas Trees around the world below,
with tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear,
for I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
but the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up
here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,
for it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart,
but I am not so far away. We really aren't apart.
So be happy for me dear ones. You know I hold you dear,
and be glad I'm spending Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above.
I send you each a memory of, my undying love.
After all "LOVE" is a gift, more precious than pure gold.
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do,
for I can't count the blessing or love he has for each of you.
So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear,
Remember, I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.



Pope Francis called for a Synod, which is a special kind of Council, on the subject of journeying together as a Church during these times. Part of the preparation for the Synod is the Diocesan Consultation, that is, engaging people in a conversation about journeying together better as a Church - and a deeper communion of life with Jesus and the faithful.

At St. Rose, we invite everyone to be part of this process by answering the **consultation questions**. Other options are; **big discussion groups** and **focus discussion groups**. Let us journey together as a Church; we need your voice, we need your stories, and your real-life experience of communion, participation, and mission.