



## THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT ROSE OF LIMA ~ AUGUST 23

Her beauty was breathtaking, but it was her heart that was magnificent. On August 23 we celebrate the feast day of Saint Rose of Lima.

Researching her you will discover she was known for self-imposed acts of penance like fasting, sequestering herself, and even chopping her hair and rubbing pepper into her face in an effort to diminish her striking good looks.

She was born in Peru as Isabel Flores de Olivia in 1586, but was called Rose or Rosa because of her beauty. Writers note she was so pretty people would stop in their tracks in awe of her. As a toddler, her mother would place a crown of flowers on her head to compliment her radiance. Customary of her time for most girls,

she did not attend school. Instead, Saint Rose spent her days tending her family's flower garden. She also became an impressive embroiderer creating custom lace and ornate designs and flowers on delicate silk.

Throughout her childhood she declared she wanted to become a nun and devote herself to Jesus. She had her own retreat space (some biographers refer to it as a hut, while others note it was an extra room in her



parent's home) that she would go to for solitude and prayer.

When her parents faced financial burdens, St. Rose helped by selling her embroidery and the pretty lace she created, as well as flowers from their garden. Her parents wanted her to marry. They believed if she married their financial struggles would end, but St. Rose wouldn't have it. She never gave up on entering religious life. At the age of 20, her parents finally relented, and gave her their blessing to enter the Third Order of Saint Dominic. However, they did not want St. Rose to live at the convent. So as a compromise she secluded herself and resided in the space she had previously set aside for her reflections.

Saint Rose welcomed the poor and sick children and elderly into her humble residence, so she could care for them. She was known for her dedication to the lowly and admired by poor and wealthy alike for as she said, "When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus."

She is the patron saint of Latin American and the Philippines.

*God our Father,  
like St. Rose, help us to remember what is truly important:  
that we are Your children, and You are our Father.  
You love us individually for who we are and how we live  
not for what we look like or what we own.  
Let us forever praise You, who sees into our hearts,  
who is always with us and Who eases our suffering.  
Amen.*



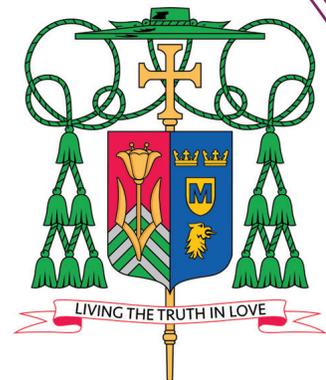
God Bless

OUR WISE, PASTORAL,  
AND HUMBLE SERVANT OF GOD  
ON THIS HIS SECOND ANNIVERSARY  
AS OUR SHEPHERD,  
WHO IS DEDICATED TO UNITING US  
IN FAITH AND LOVE  
WITH CHRIST AS OUR LIGHT.

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## VOLUNTEERS PERFORM HOME REPAIRS IN WEBSTER SPRINGS



By Katie Hinerman Klug, Marketing Communications Specialist

For the 18th year, the Parish of St. James of Charles Town continued their tradition of spending a week in Webster Springs to complete housing repairs and assist the community.

Local residents who qualify as low-income are often unable to make necessary repairs to their homes, and as a result, suffer from chronic health conditions or accessibility issues.

This year's group of adult and teen volunteers spent a week sleeping in a community-style dormitory and working on several projects, including a new roof for a local resident's mobile home.

The resident referred to the group as "miracle workers."

"We are blessed to have these volunteers spend their time with us and make a difference in the lives of those we serve," said Tina Cogar, Catholic Charities West Virginia Outreach Coordinator.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit [www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org).

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# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## First Reading JOSHUA 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore, we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

## Responsorial PSALMS 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

### R. (9a) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

### R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The LORD has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry. The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

### R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

### R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the LORD delivers him; he watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

### R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

## Second Reading EPHESIANS 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Brothers and sisters:

Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body. As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are

members of his body. *For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

## Alleluia JOHN 6:63c, 68c

### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

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## Gospel JOHN 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that together we may nourish it by giving witness to God's grace and cherish it by our devotion to each other on our journeys to God's kingdom, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For those in positions of authority, that they use their power to put God's mercy into action through the decisions they make and the policies they implement, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who will be returning to school in the coming days and weeks as they begin a new academic year, that they may be filled with curiosity and aspiration, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For families who are homeless, or living in poverty, or fleeing desperate circumstances, that they may be blessed by the generosity of those who have plenty, let us pray to the Lord. . .

*Lord hear our prayer*



# LET US GO *Rejoicing* TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

PSALM 122



## UPDATED GUIDELINES RELEASED

Bishop Mark E. Brennan released updated guidelines for our churches and facilities.

- New Norms for Reopening Parish Facilities for Meetings and Gatherings
- Updated Liturgical Guidelines
- Music Protocols for Liturgical Celebrations

These are available online at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org).

*Liturgy of the Hours*

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

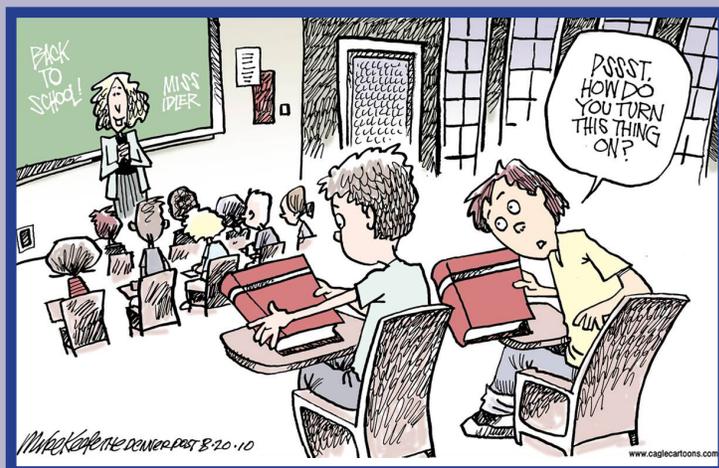
Pray the prayer for this day, this hour!

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Below are four options for enriching your spirit through daily Mass online.

- EWTN airs daily Mass from Our Lady of Angels Chapel, in Irondale, Alabama, at 8am, noon, and 7pm: [HTTPS://WWW.EWTN.COM/TV/WATCH-LIVE](https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live)
- St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York has daily Mass live streamed at 7am: [HTTPS://SAINTPATRICKSCATHEDRAL.ORG/LIVE](https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live)
- Catholic TV also streams its daily Mass: [HTTP://CATHOLICTV.ORG/MASSES/CATHOLICTV-MASS](http://catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass)
- Daily Mass Online at Notre Dame' Basilica of the Sacred Heart is live at 11:30 am Monday-Friday: [HTTPS://CAMPUSMINISTRY.ND.EDU/MASS-WORSHIP/BASILICA-OF-THE-SACRED-HEART/WATCH-MASS/SPECIAL-MASSSES/](https://campusministry.nd.edu/mass-worship/basilica-of-the-sacred-heart/watch-mass/special-masses/)