

Prepare your
Young Disciples in Training to
Love Christ. Know Christ.
Show Christ!
Learn about Christ and how he loves
us and walks with us throughout our
life.

1st and 3rd Sundays at 9:45am!
Rides are available upon request.

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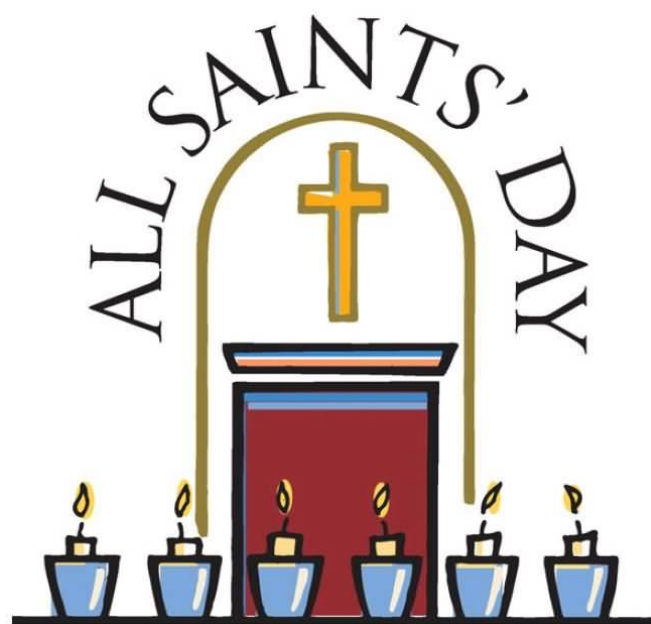


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The law of Moses revealed this and foreshadowed its fulfillment in Jesus. We are to love even the stranger, the alien, the widow, the orphan, the debtor, and our neighbors in need (cf. Exodus 22:20-26). For in fact, we too, in various ways, have been the alien, the stranger, the widowed and orphaned, the one in need or in debt.

We can truly love in a self-sacrificial, Christ-like way because we know the living Lord who is our rock, our fortress, and our strength (cf. Psalm 18). His gospel has come to us in the power of the Holy Spirit and compels us to love, serve, and forgive as we have been loved, served, and forgiven. We are called to love not just in word but in every deed. May God give us the strength to persevere in love and devotion (cf. 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10)!

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Mass Schedule November 1st – All Saints Day
Donnelly College at 12:20pm
Our Lady & St. Rose at 7:00p

Your Generosity Ignited Change On World Mission Sunday – Thank You!

Your active participation on World Mission Sunday has been heartwarming! By extending your generosity to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, you've ignited change, supported missionaries worldwide, nourished the hungry, and aided the building of the Church in the Pope's mission territories. Your gifts, combined with countless others, were the spark that set "hearts on fire"! God's blessings be upon you for embodying the true missionary spirit!

Sunday Mass 11:00AM

- Msgr Stuart Swetland, *Pastor*
- Deacon Bill Scholl, *Parish Administrator*
- Ms. Barbara Bailey, *Pastoral Associate*
- Ms. Franchiel Nyakatura, *Dir. Religious Educ*
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Young Disciples In Training
9:30am Sundays

Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:45am Sundays



Don Wolf

Mission Statement

Our Lady & St. Rose Catholic Church is a faith-filled, diverse, family community, devoted to fulfilling the Gospel and God's commandment to love one another through worship, evangelization, and works of justice and charity.

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel (Matthew 22:34-40), a lawyer asks a question "to test" Jesus. The word used for *test* in the Greek is *peirazō* which means to try, to test, to tempt, as in to try or test or tempt one's character, one's fidelity, one's virtue. Matthew uses it to describe the devil's temptation of Jesus in the desert.

What is being tested or tried here? It is Jesus' faithfulness to his mission, his fidelity to the Father. Just like last week's question about taxes, the leaders are trying to trip Jesus up so they can destroy him and his ministry.

The ultimate "trial" of course will be his passion. As Fr. Simeon of the Carmelites (Erasmio Leiva-Merikakis) comments, "The Passion will be a ruthless peeling back of Jesus' being, layer by layer, both physically and spiritually, to see if loving fidelity is still found in his very heart and bone marrow." As the author of the Letter to the Hebrews states: "Surely he did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham; therefore, he had to become like his brothers in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested" (Hebrews 2:16-18).

Jesus passes these tests with "flying colors." In word and deed, his faithfulness, his fidelity, his merciful love is made manifest. Today's gospel response sums up the law and the prophets in the twofold command of love of God and love of neighbor.

Of course, these commands flow from one another. As John teaches us: "If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20). To love God is to love what God loves and God loves all—every single person—and so must we.

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