

Lectors for Sundays

- March 8th – Adrian Smith
- March 15th – Shanta Bailey
- March 22nd – Monica Randle
- March 29th – Loretta Johnson

Eucharistic Ministers

- March 1st thru March 29th  
Franchiel Nyakatura and Tanya Selectman
- April 5th thru April 26th  
Marilyn Baker and Sr. Therese

OLSR needs you to be a Eucharistic Minister. Please contact Barbara at the church office or speak with Deacon Bill after Mass

Lectors for Holy Week

- April 2nd – Holy Thursday  
Franchiel Nyakatura
- April 3rd – Good Friday  
Deacon Scholl - Monica Randle, - Adrian Smith
- April 4th – Holy Saturday  
Marilyn Baker, Larry Poole, Loretta Johnson, Barbara Bailey
- April 5th - Easter Sunday  
Anthony Marie Johnson

**WE NEED YOUR HELP Mobilizing Our People Power for JUSTICE**

Homelessness, Affordable Housing, Helping Seniors stay in their Homes, these are the issues OLSR is working on as part of Churches United for Justice. We've got a smart plan, but the Unified Government is only going to do something if we show them the people are behind it.

**We need volunteers to help us call parishioners and friends to get our people to attend the NEHEMIAH ACTION,** which happens on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at St. Patrick's in KCK. Last year we only brought 14, this year we've promised at least 40.

**Please pray for the members and their families who are ill or unable to attend Mass. If you or a family member or friend request prayers for someone we will print them on our Prayer List. Please contact either church office to renew, add, or remove a name from the list.**

- Delories Broussard - Lawrence Brooks - Darsie Clark**
- Linda Chaplin - Evalena Davidson**
- Bernice Ingram - Lila Johnson**
- Willetta Madison - Kathy Ness**
- Louise Pollard - Levita Ross**
- Frances Smith**

Our Lady & St. Rose Catholic Church  
2300 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
Kansas City, KS 66101  
Sunday Mass 11a

- Msgr Stuart Swetland, *Pastor*
- Deacon Bill Scholl, *Parish Administrator*
- Ms. Barbara Bailey, *Pastoral Associate*
- *Patricia Goering and Anthony Marie Johnson* *Religious Educ*
- Ms. Lorraine Long, *Dir. Of Music*
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Young Disciples In Training  
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Adult Choir Rehearsal  
9:30am Sundays

# Our Lady & St. Rose Catholic Church

## Third Sunday of Lent Sunday March 8, 2026

**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,

You have frequently heard me quote or make reference to the Second Vatican Council's document *Gaudium et Spes* 22. The first part of this paragraph teaches that: "In reality it is only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of man truly becomes clear...Christ the Lord, Christ the New Adam, in the very revelation of the mystery of the Father and of his love, fully reveals man to himself, and brings to light his most high calling."

This paragraph is cited, by my count, sixteen times in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, published by St. John Paul II in 1992 and revised in 1997. I will speak about this important compendium of our faith in today's homily.

*Gaudium et Spes* 22 was called by St. John Paul II a "stupendous text." He quoted it during his pontificate more than any other Vatican II paragraph. But what does it mean?

Perhaps it is best understood by a biblical example. Today's gospel of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman (John 4:5-42), I believe, illustrates what this Church teaching is trying to convey. First, we should note how extraordinary this encounter is. Talk about reaching out to the margins—that a Jewish rabbi would openly talk intimately with a woman who is a Samaritan and a public sinner would have broken multiple cultural taboos in just one conversation. But Jesus will not be conformed to the conventions that restrict his ability to reveal to all the merciful love of the Father. He breaks through all exclusionary customs and practices (then and now) because he thirsts for our souls, for intimate relationship with all. This is one of the many reasons we should be unafraid to reach out to the marginalized, to overcome all unjust exclusionary practices and customs and attempt to see and love the *imago Dei* (the image of God) in everyone.

Second, we must note how this encounter with Jesus gradually allows this person to come to know who she really is. Yes, she confesses a sinful past but she comes to be a very effective evangelist for Jesus. Having encountered merciful love, she can give efficacious witness to the person and teaching of Jesus who has revealed the Father's love to her. In doing so, Jesus also reveals her true self to her and makes clear her calling to full worship and union with God "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23).

In today's *Magnificat Lenten Companion*, Suzanne Tanzi, a mother of five and grandmother of three who works at the Catholic University of America, writes beautifully of this encounter:

This woman was also hiding herself by being at the well at midday, when it would be deserted. Yet how she celebrated upon being discovered! She went to proclaim the truth in the town where she was previously living in shame—even forgetting her water jar at the well, as if earthly concerns had given way to the joy of being known and loved by Jesus. Bishop Massimo Camisasca once wrote, 'To return to an authentic relationship with the Lord we need to return to ourselves, to understand who we are, to gather our heart from all the distractions and divisions that weigh it down...Lent is given to us to abandon all the masks under which we have buried our face and to recover our identity.' Humbly allowing God's mercy to touch us brings us out of hiding, carrying us into the world with peace and joy, as the Samaritan woman shows us.

May we this Lent follow her wonderful example and "abandon our masks," especially by seeking the reconciliation and peace available to us through the sacrament of Reconciliation and through daily encounters with the person and teaching of Jesus. Pax, SWS

**Join In And Sing****Devotional:**

LMGM PG 410 – All The Way My Savior Leads Me

**Processional Song:**

BB NBR 500 – Come Follow Me

**The Liturgy Of The Word:****First Reading:**

BB-PG 79 – Exodus 17 vs 3-7

**Responsorial**

BB-PG 80 -Psalm 95 vs 1-2,6-7,8-9

**Second Reading:**

BB-PG 80 – Romans 5 vs 1-2,5-8

**Gospel Reading:**

BB-PG 81 – John 4 vs 5-42

**Preparation Of The Gifts:**

BB NBR 592 – Come To The Water

**Holy, Holy, Holy:** Soulful Lenten

**Memorial Accla.:** Soulful Lenten

**Lord's Prayer:** Soulful Lenten

**Amen** Soulful Lenten

**Lamb Of God:** Soulful Lenten

**Communion**

BB NBR 328 – Bread Of Life

**Recessional Song:**

LMGM PG 598 – I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**During Lent Stations of the Cross also**

Every Sunday Morning 10:15am

**Is the Lord in our midst? (Exodus 17:7)**

Today marks the third Sunday of Lent, and your enthusiasm for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving may be fading by now. Perhaps your Lenten sacrifices have been more challenging than you anticipated or you don't feel any closer to God. Like the Israelites in today's first reading, you may wonder, "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" (Exodus 17:7).

God had freed his people from slavery, yet they doubted that he would provide for them. In their thirst, they grew impatient and hardened their hearts despite all he had done for them. They even argued that slavery in Egypt was better than freedom in the desert! So they demanded that the Lord quench their thirst. In his mercy, God granted their request. Moses struck the rock, and water flowed forth for the people to drink.

In today's Gospel, we meet a Samaritan woman who also has a deep thirst. She comes to draw water, but Jesus asks her for a drink. She wonders: *Who is this?* Jesus replies, "If you knew. . . you would have asked him and he would have given you living water" (John 4:10). She doesn't grasp who Jesus is, but her thirst opens her heart to him. "Give me this water," she asks, and Jesus reveals himself to her (4:15). He is the One who offers the waters of eternal life. He is the One who knows her past. He is the promised Messiah. Unlike the thirsty Israelites who grumbled, her heart is soft, receptive to God's presence. And in his goodness, Jesus quenches her thirst, and she leaves her water jar to tell everyone about him.

Jesus wants to reveal himself to you—do you recognize him? He speaks to you through the Scriptures at Mass today; he invites you to quench your thirst as you receive him in the Eucharist. He is present in both the simple and the profound moments of life, in your dirty dishes and a beautiful sunrise. So open your eyes and "harden not your heart" (Psalm 95:8). The Lord is in your midst!

*"I'm thirsty, Lord! Soften my heart so that I can recognize you today!"*

**The Word Among Us**

**Weekly Stewardship 03/01/2026**

<b>Collected</b>	<b>Collected Fiscal</b>
\$ 2,430.00	\$ 56,566.00
<b>Collected Online</b>	<b>Collected Online</b>
\$ 1,270.00	\$ 16,172.00
<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>Needed YTD</b>
\$ 3,100.00	\$ 99,200.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>Difference YTD</b>
\$+ 600.00	\$- 26,462.00

**Capital Improvement YTD \$ 650.65**

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 ourladyandsaintrose.weshareonline.org**

**THE MYSTERY OF PRAYER...**

Come join the Blessed Xavier Seelos Institute as we walk through the story of how the mystery of prayer is revealed in Scripture. By revealing himself to us, GOD has also revealed how we are meant to interact with Him. The study focus is in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 2566-2622

**TUESDAYS \* 7:00-8:30PM**

**Donnelly College Event Center  
 608 N 18th Street – K.C.KS.**

**February 24th through March 31st  
 (No session March 17 due to spring break)**

We are studying from the newly 1992 revised Catechism of the Catholic Church composed by Pope John Paul II. Also please bring your Bible

**NEW HOME FOR YOUR ONLINE GIFTS!!!!**

If we have an email address in your parishioner profile, you should have received an email with the link to the new **OSV online giving portal**. Please create a new account and follow the steps given. If you have not received the email, just go to [ourladyandstaintrose.org](http://ourladyandstaintrose.org) and click on the icon that says Online Giving by OSV. As of February 22 the WeShare online giving portal was closed.

**Lenten - Beatitudes from the Heartland**

This survey is to gather information related to Lenten series participation. This series is intended to encourage all Catholics to deepen their engagement in their faith and parish. Please consider joining a small group within our church community. Here is the link to the form <https://forms.gle/EmGiGXenheHSgbiv7>

Or scan the QR code below with your mobile phone. Thank you.

