Lectors for Sundays
Ordinary Time Readings

August 16th – 20th Sunday
Jason Niraula

August 23rd – 21st Sunday
Adrian Smith

August 30th – 22nd Sunday
Shanta Bailey

September 6th – 23rd Sunday
Franchiel Nyakatura

Eucharistic Ministers

August 2nd thru August 30th
Jeanna Thatcher & Franchiel Nyakatura

Sept 7th thru Sept 30th
Marilyn Baker & Tanya Selectman

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Saint and His Work – John Paul the Great
The Seelos Institute Adult Education – Donnelly College
Lecture Series – Tuesdays at 7:00pm – Event Center
August 18th – Msgr. Swetland
"Working with Christ:
The Social Vision of John Paul II"

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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 – Opal Murphy
Kathy Ness - Levita Ross – Vicki Taylor-Hamilton

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Sunday Mass 11a

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

Our Lady & St. Rose Catholic Church

20th Sunday In Ordinary Time Sunday August 16, 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,
"There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't yet met." –Old Irish saying often (mistakenly) attributed to W.B. Yeats
Today's readings focus on the stranger, the outsider, the foreigner. In the first reading, foreshadowing its fulfillment in the Gospel, the prophet Isaiah speaks of the time of salvation when "The foreigners [will] join themselves to the Lord." This movement towards reconciliation and unity leads to one of the most beautiful lines in the prophetic texts: "for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Is. 56:7c).
In the second reading, St. Paul teaches us that God desires to "have mercy upon all" (Rom. 11:32). Elsewhere, St. Paul makes this point explicitly: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave or free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28).
This teaching is poignantly illustrated in today's gospel (Mt. 15:21-28). Because of the growing opposition to Jesus' ministry and person (especially from the religious leaders of his people, the Pharisees), he withdraws from the land of Israel to Tyre and Sidon (port cities in modern-day Lebanon).
Unsurprisingly, there he encounters a "foreigner," a Canaanite woman who herself is moving south away from her people. The scripture passage makes clear that Jesus and the woman are moving towards each other. Jesus is fleeing persecution and opposition; the woman is seeking relief and healing for her daughter.
She has obviously heard of the Jewish belief in a foretold Messiah and has embraced the possibility that Jesus of Nazareth might be he. She uses messianic titles, "Lord" and "Son of David" in her greeting. In some ways, she is the female version of the Magi coming from afar to greet the King of Israel.
She so identifies with her daughter's suffering that she cries out, "Lord, help me!" Despite Jesus' seeming intransigence, her love and commitment to her daughter will not be lessened. She persists despite what must seem like a rebuke, calling upon the compassion of the Lord. Her deep faith and devotion impress Jesus, who grants her deepest desire.
The contrast between Pharisaical haughtiness and the Canaanite woman's passion and humility is striking. As the biblical scholar Erasmo Leiva-Merikakis (Fr. Simeon) writes: "Mere humanity and humble acknowledged distress, by contrast, are shown to be infinitely more efficacious in bringing down the mercy of God than all the arcane knowledge and rigorous observance of the self-righteous."
This encounter and healing foreshadow the universal mission of the Church to go unto "all nations" (cf. Mt. 28:16-20). It shows us how our authentic encounter with Jesus Christ brings "newness"—healing, salvation, and unity. As St. John Paul II taught in *Redemptor Hominis* 10:
In the mystery of the Redemption man becomes newly 'expressed' and, in a way, is newly created. He is newly created! 'There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave or free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus' (Gal. 3:28). The man who wishes to understand himself thoroughly—and not just in accordance with immediate, partial, often superficial, and even illusory standards and measures of his being—must with his unrest, uncertainty, and even his weakness and sinfulness, with his life and death, draw near to Christ. He must, so to speak, enter into him with all his own self, he must 'appropriate' and assimilate the whole of the reality of the Incarnation and Redemption in order to find himself.
Ultimately, only in Jesus do we discover who we really are (cf. *Gaudium et Spes* 22).

Pax, SWS

Join In And Sing

Devotional
LMGM 510 – Oh, What He's Done For Me

Processional Song:
BB NBR 562 –Sing, O Sing

First Reading:
BB–PG 193 –Isaiah 56 vs 1,6-7,
Responsorial
BB–PG 193– Psalm 67 vs 2-3,5,6,8
Seond Reading:
BB–PG 193– Romans 11 vs 13-15,29-32
Gospel Reading:
BB-PG 194 – Matthew 15 vs 21-28

Preparation Of The Gifts:
BB NBR 666 – You Alone

Holy, Holy, Holy: Mass of St Cyprian
Memorial Accla.: Mass of St Cyprian
Lord's Prayer: Malotte
Amen Mass of St Cyprian
Lamb Of God: Mass of St Cyprian

Communion:
BB NBR 485 – Age To Age

Meditation:
Anointing Fall On Me (Lyrics included)

Recessional Song:
BB NBR 559 –Thanks Be To God

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Every Sunday Morning 10:15am

Great is your faith! (Matthew 15:28)

Only once in Matthew's Gospel did Jesus characterize someone as having *great faith*. It wasn't Peter, who professed Jesus as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Nor was it Joseph, who obeyed an angel and took Mary as his wife (1:24). No, Jesus reserved this term for an unnamed gentile woman who wouldn't take no for an answer.

Jesus was in the territory of Tyre and Sidon when he met this woman. These cities, located south of modern-day Beirut, Lebanon, were the foremost Mediterranean seaports at the time. Evidently, the news of Jesus' miracles had traveled far beyond the borders of Israel, because this Canaanite mother was determined to approach Jesus personally on behalf of her tormented daughter.

This mother's strong faith stands in stark contrast to the inflexibility of the scribes and Pharisees. They had interrogated Jesus and his disciples about the fact that they didn't wash their hands before eating (Matthew 15:2). They had standards that Jesus had to meet before they would believe.

Conversely, the Canaanite woman was eager to believe. She was hoping that Jesus would be accommodating toward her despite her religious status. Even when he initially rebuked her, she persisted. Rather than being offended, she remained open. She believed he had the power and the willingness to work a miracle. As a result, she, a Gentile, experienced his love and power: her daughter "was healed from that hour" (Matthew 15:28).

This woman's trust endeared her to Jesus—and to readers of Matthew's Gospel ever since. Just as Jesus commended her faith, he welcomes all of us when we come to him with humble faith. He wants to shower his healing and "mercy upon all" (Romans 11:32). So if you hesitate to bring your needs to Jesus—or to return to the sacraments after time away—let this mother's faith strengthen yours!

"Jesus, I believe in you!"

The Word Among Us

Our Lady & St. Rose Catholic Church August 16, 2026

Weekly Stewardship 08/09/2026

Collected	Collected Fiscal
$ 910.00	$ 10,184.00
Collected Online	**Collected Online**
$ 305.00	$ 3,285.00
Needed Weekly	**Needed YTD**
$ 3,100.00	$ 18,600.00
Difference	**Difference YTD**
$- 1,215.00	$- 5,131.00

Capital Improvement YTD $ 20.00

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A Family Blessing
Lord of All,

Bless our Families.
Be thy formed by blood or by Circumstance,
Make them holy.

May We find You
In our relationships.
In our marriages, in our families,
In our houseeholds, in our communities.,
In our global humanity

May we look across
All that divides us
And see family,
And embrace as a family does.
And love as a family ought to.

For where two or three gather
In your name.
There are you.
Amen

Anointing Fall On Me by Ron Kenoly

Chorus…
Anointing Fall on Me - Anointing Fall on Me
Let the Power of the Holy Ghost - Fall on Me
Anointing Fall on Me

Touch My Hands, My Mouth and My Heart
Fill My Life Lord; Every Part
Let the Power of the Holy Ghost - Fall On Me
Anointing Fall On Me