

Greetings Our Lady of Greenwood, St. Rose of Lima, and Holy Trinity Parishes!

On behalf of Fr. Tim and the staff of our three parishes we hope you had a blessed and joyous Advent and Christmas season. Those of you who may have lost family members during this time or were mourning the loss of loved ones please know our prayers were with you and they continue to be.

As most of you know, that in addition to our duties here, Fr. Tim and I have been helping with St. Rose and Holy Trinity for the past few months. Under the leadership of Deacon Russ Woodard, Holy Trinity is doing well and continues to be served by the priests of St. Bartholomew parish. St. Rose is also doing very well and has an excellent staff that keeps things moving and has been tremendous help to us. **However, they have been without a consistent priest on site for a few months now and we believe that the time has come to offer them a little more pastoral presence than a weekly visit from me on Thursdays.**

Fr. Tim has agreed to provide a more regular presence during this interim period. As a result, Fr. Tim will be dedicating most of his time to leading the people of St. Rose until such time as they are assigned a pastor. This will mean a few sacrifices for us here at OLG but I think we will be able to make it work. After some consultation with the staff of OLG and St. Rose, here are the changes that will be happening:

- 1) Fr. Tim and I will both be taking our days off on Monday. I will still provide a morning Mass here but there will only be one Mass on Monday. We will be available and working the other six days of the week with Fr. Tim focusing his attention on St. Rose and I will be here at OLG.
- 2) The daily Mass schedule will be the big change. **We would like to provide one daily Mass at St. Rose Tuesday – Friday and one here at OLG Monday - Saturday.** This will mean one daily Mass at OLG. We have been privileged to be able to offer two Masses up to this point, but we are one of the only parishes in the Archdiocese that has been able to do that. I will still be working to offer Confessions daily Monday – Saturday but there maybe some sacrifices here as well. **Please note there are several times where Confession is available in the evening even though there is no Mass.**

The revised daily Mass and Confession schedule is as follows:

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary (OLG)

Monday

- Mass: 7:30am (Fr. Todd). I will occasionally need to cancel this because of family or other obligations. If I can't be there I will try to find a retired priest like Fr. Rodas to take the Mass before cancelling.
- Confessions: after morning Mass only.

Tuesday

- Mass: 5:45pm
- Confessions: 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Wednesday

- Mass 8:30am (when school is in session)
- 7:30am (when school is on break)
- Confessions 9:15am (for students after 8:30am Mass), 8am when school is not in session.
- Confessions: 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Thursday

- Mass: 7:30am
- Confessions: after mass and 6:15 – 7:15pm

Friday

- Mass: 8:30am (when school is in session)
- 7:30am (when school is on break)
- Confessions 9:15am (for students after 8:30am Mass), 8am when school is not in session.
- Confessions: 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Saturday:

- Mass: 7:30am
- Confessions: after Mass, 3pm-5:15pm

St. Rose of Lima:

Monday

- No Mass or Confessions

Tuesday

- Mass: 8:30am
- Confessions: immediately following Mass

Wednesday

- Mass: 5:45pm
- Confessions: immediately following Mass

Thursday

- Mass: 8:30 am (Mass is for school and will remain at this time when school is not in sessions)
- Confessions: when in session St. Rose students will go to Confession following Mass

Friday

- Mass: 5:45pm
- Confessions: immediately following Mass.

For the time being the weekend Mass schedules will remain the same. Fr. Tim will continue to serve our weekend Masses and he will still continue with some of his teaching obligations here, working with RCIA, Confirmation, and Baptismal Preparation. The Archdiocese will continue to provide weekend support for St. Rose until we hear otherwise. Fr. Tim and I will be working together and will be helping each other out in both parishes.

This will all begin on January 10th, the first day of Ordinary Time after the Christmas Season. Please be attentive to the bulletin for Confession times and Mass times as these can sometime change depending on when school is in session or if we have an obligation away from the parish. We try not to make last minute changes but it does occasionally happen.

We ask for your prayers during this time and **please take advantage of the opportunities that are available at both parishes.** Don't be afraid to make the drive down to Franklin or the trip up to Greenwood if a particular time of a daily Mass or Confession works better for your schedule. This is a temporary arrangement until we hear from the Archdiocese what the more permanent arrangement will be. We ask for your patience and prayers as we continue to seek to proclaim the Gospel here in Johnson County!

God Bless,

Fr. Todd