

*I have come to set  
the earth on fire,  
and how I wish it were  
already blazing!*

*- Luke 12:49*

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**VICTORY**  
CHURCH

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday	5:00 P.M. (Confessions 4:00-4:30 P.M.)
Sunday	8:00 A.M. • 10:00 A.M. 11:30 A.M. (Maronite Rite)
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	8:30 A.M.
Wednesday	12:00 P.M. ( followed by Confessions)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS • Monday-Friday, 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.



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## PARISH STAFF

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, August 16 – St. Stephen of Hungary**

5:00 p.m. + George Blubaugh  
(Deacon Richard and Kay Baumann)

**Sunday, August 17 – St. Hyacinth**

8:00 a.m. + Dave Cowgill (Terrie & Randy Harlor)

10:00 a.m. + Carolyn Panzera (Nick Panzera)

11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

**Monday, August 18 – St. Helena**

8:30 a.m. + Larry & + Marsha Dieker  
(The Dieker Family)

**Tuesday, August 19 – St. John Eudes, Priest**

8:30 a.m. + Felix Melaragno (Larry Woerner)

**Wednesday, August 20 – St. Bernard, Doctor of the Church**

12:00 p.m. + Thomas Croarkin  
(MaryTherese Croarkin)

**Thursday, August 21 – St. Pius X, Pope**

8:30 a.m. + Ralph Bohlman (Pat Feamster)

**Friday, August 22 – The Queenship of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 a.m. + Joanna Policaro  
(Joe & Marina DiDonato)

**Saturday, August 23 – St. Rose of Lima**

5:00 p.m. + Joseph Cummings Murray  
(Joseph F. Murray)

**Sunday, August 24 – St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

8:00 a.m. + Angela Milano  
(Edilia & Alfonso Falasca)

10:00 a.m. + Antonio "Tony" Polletta (Jackie Polletta)

11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

## GIFTS FOR GOD

August 5, 2025 to August 11, 2025

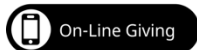
Envelopes .....	\$ 3,853.00
Loose Checks .....	\$ 1,042.00
Loose Cash.....	\$ 1,286.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 5,294.57
Total.....	\$ 11,475.57
Less Diocese 10% Assessment.....	\$ 1,147.56
Net Parish Collection .....	\$ 10,328.01
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$ 50.00

## MASS ATTENDANCE

August 9 / August 10 - 648

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – 192

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 143; 10:00 a.m. – 218; 11:30 a.m. – 95



Thank you for your contributions. Please consider online giving. This is a safe, secure, and flexible way to manage your giving. To sign up, go to the **Church website: [www.ourladyofvictory.cc](http://www.ourladyofvictory.cc)**, Our Sunday Visitor at <https://www.osvhub.com/ourladyofvictory/funds>, or use the QR Scan Code shown here.

## THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who made our Festival such a beautiful success: the volunteers, organizers, sponsors, performers, those who joined the raffle, donated to or bid in the silent auction, and all who came and supported.

Your generosity, joyful presence, and love for Our Lady of Victory shone through every moment. The spirit of our community is alive and strong, and we are so grateful!

– Fr. Jacques Kik

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**@OLVColumbus**





Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting nonperishable food for the hungry this weekend, Saturday, August 16th and Sunday, August 17th. Please drop off food in the bins in the back of church. Thank you for your generosity in feeding the hungry.



### **CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025**

#### **SPEAKER: FATHER JACQUES KIK**

Join us Friday, September 5 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Father Jacques Kik. Since July 2023, Our Lady of Victory Parish has been the spiritual home for the Maronite Mission of *Our Lady of Lebanon*. Fr. Kik's talk will be on "The Lebanese Maronite Church." St. Gabriel Radio is sponsoring the September luncheon. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Dave Kilanowski at [dkilano@aol.com](mailto:dkilano@aol.com). Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Fr. Kik's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! **Our next luncheon on Friday, October 3, 2025 will feature a talk by Father William Hahn on vocations. Please mark your calendar.**

## **PASTORAL PLANNING SURVEY**

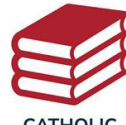
Bishop Fernandes has a desire to hear from as many of the Christian Faithful in the Diocese of Columbus about their perspective on his four priorities of pastoral concern:



VOCATIONS



EVANGELIZATION



CATHOLIC  
EDUCATION AND  
FORMATION



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Please take a brief  
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## **SAVE the DATE**

BRIAN MUHA MEMORIAL FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL

SEPTEMBER 20, 2025  
ST. CHARLES PREPARATORY SCHOOL

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

The Brian Muha Foundation memorializes Brian Muha, a graduate of St. Charles Preparatory School and student at Franciscan University, who was killed in a random act of violence at the age of 19, twenty-six years ago. The foundation honors his kind and charitable spirit by helping others who are in need. The Run the Race Club (RTR) was started by Brian's mother, Rachel Muha, and the foundation. RTR offers a safe and loving atmosphere on Columbus' West Side (The Hilltop) where children can go to play, learn and study. RTR provides education, clothing, food, furniture, toys and more to families in our community, at no cost. The Muha Foundation is able to help others continue to 'Run the Race' through its generous donors and fundraising events such as the annual 'Night of Champions'.

To learn more visit  
<https://brianmuhafoundation.org>



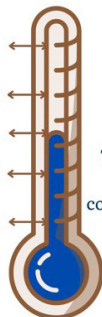
**Pregnancy Decision  
Health Centers**

### **THERE IS STILL TIME TO GIVE!!**

We are at 57% of  
our parish goal!

Any amount is  
appreciated, and  
every dollar over our  
goal comes back to  
our parish!

\$67,250  
\$50,000  
\$38,608  
\$20,000  
\$10,000



**Our Goal:**  
\$ 67,250

Thank you for your gifts!  
Support the Appeal at  
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1922-2024 CHURCH

## **2025 SAVE THE DATES**

### **Lancaster Gala**

Sept 18th  
The Tree Church



Rebekah Hagan

A leading voice on unplanned  
pregnancies, chemical abortion  
and abortion pill reversal



### **Columbus Gala**

Sept 25th  
Villa Milano



Toni McFadden

International Speaker and  
Author of "Redeemed: My  
Journey after Abortion"

[SupportLifePDHC.org](http://SupportLifePDHC.org)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

Our Lady of Victory welcomes new children to our Program!  
Important Dates & Information for the 2025-26 School Year!

### 2025

- August 25th **Protecting God's Children Session (PGC) 6:00 p.m. in the PLC**  
**Fingerprinting will be available at 5:00 p.m.**
- September 17th Catechist Meeting (Mass 6:00 p.m., Meeting in PLC, 7:00- 9:00 p.m.)
- September 21st **First Day of Class for PreK-5th Grades at 8:55 a.m.**  
**Parent's Welcome Back Gathering at 9:00 a.m.**
- September 28th **First Day of Class for 6th-8th Grade at 8:55 a.m.**
- September 28th On-line Students Begin – Pick-up Materials at 9:15 a.m.
- September 28th **First Communion REQUIRED Parent Meeting – 4:30 p.m.**
- September 28th **Confirmation REQUIRED Parent Meeting – 5:15 p.m.**
- November 8th **First Reconciliation (2nd Graders) 10:00 a.m. in the church**
- November 9th 8th Grade **REQUIRED** Speaker, Pam Heil, at **6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the church
- December 7th **Christmas Play for PreK through 5th Grades – 9:10 a.m. in the PLC**

### 2026

- January 10th **First Communion Retreat – 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the PLC**
- February 28th **Confirmation Retreat – 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**
- April 25th **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION at 11:00 a.m. in the church**
- April/May **TBD – CONFIRMATION – TBD from the Bishop's Office**
- April 26th **Last Day of Class Pre-K through 8th Grade**

### RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

**Registration will begin online August 11th.** The Registration Link and information will be emailed to you as well as posted on the OLV Website. **PLEASE** register ASAP so you can reserve your child's spot in their class. **If you are new to the parish, you need to be a REGISTERED** member of OLV for your children to attend Religious Education. Contact Krista Joseph to begin the registration process.

**Please remember** that our **First Communion Program is a 2-YEAR program** with preparation **beginning in 1st Grade** – It is required that your child attend 1st Grade in order to make their First Communion in 2nd Grade. Our **Confirmation Program is also a 2-YEAR program** with preparation **beginning in 7th Grade** and Confirmation in 8th Grade.

**\*\*If your child did not attend class last year in 1st or 7th grade, please contact Krista ASAP so she can arrange for your child to get caught up to receive their Sacraments on time.**

Our PreK Class is limited to 16 Children and those spots fill up fast!

Please see our website for information describing all the programs at OLV.

We also offer a Special Needs program that is individually created for your special needs child.

Please contact Krista Joseph in the Religious Ed office to schedule a meeting.

**Krista Joseph, Director of Religious Education – [religioused@ourladyofvictory.cc](mailto:religioused@ourladyofvictory.cc)**

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

OLV continues to follow the Diocese of Columbus commitment to the protection and safety of children and the Safe Environment Program. The Safe Environment Program mandates that all Volunteers 18 years or older who would like to participate in parish programs or ministries who have been delegated care, custody, or control of children must complete this program. Information on the specific process and program registration can be found on the Our Lady of Victory website: [ourladyofvictory.cc](http://ourladyofvictory.cc) – located under the "Religious Ed" tab. You may also contact Pat Fulcher at [religioused@ourladyofvictory.cc](mailto:religioused@ourladyofvictory.cc) for this information.

### OUR LADY OF VICTORY ICONS



Our Lady Icons are available in the Parish Office! Please stop by to purchase between 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Due to popular demand, our resident iconographer, Claude Abssi, has agreed to reproduce the original "Our Lady of Victory" icon. A limited number of 100 reproduced copies will be available. The price is \$100.00 each. We can accept cash or checks made payable to "Our Lady of Victory."



### **LATE SUMMER GETAWAY!**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you and your spouse all the tools for a better, stronger, more loving marriage. "But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." Help your marriage be like the rich soil and attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on September 5th-7th, 2025. Get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Location: Procter Camp and Conference Center – London, OH. Other weekend dates are available on our website. Apply at [WWME.org](http://WWME.org) or call Don and Kim Downs at 614-893-1935 or scan QR code. Early registration is recommended.



### **OUR NEW WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING!**

Go to [www.ourladyofvictory.cc](http://www.ourladyofvictory.cc) and explore.

The "Home" page has all our current events. The "About Us" page has a weekly schedule and current & past bulletins. There is a "Religious Education" tab with information regarding our programs. Visit the "Music" page for our upcoming concerts. The "Requests" page is where to go for information on Sacraments from Baptism to Anointing of the Sick.



### **JUBILEE OF ANNIVERSARIES MASS**

Registration is open for the Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass. **This is open to all married couples celebrating a milestone anniversary (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+).** The 2025 Jubilee of Anniversaries will take place on **Saturday, August 16th, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral** (212 E Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215). Couples can register here: <https://columbuscatholic.org/marriage-family/marriage/jubilee>. For questions or more information, please contact the Office of Marriage and Family: [jspoolstra@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:jspoolstra@columbuscatholic.org).



## **BISHOP EARL FERNANDES**

## **SPIRITUAL ENTREPRENEURS IN A MODERN WORLD**



### **EXECUTIVE SPEAKER SERIES**

**7 PM - 9 PM | 08.20.25 | OUR LADY OF VICTORY**

**Registration required at [YCPColumbus.org](http://YCPColumbus.org)**

### **PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS AT OLV**

Our Lady of Victory will be hosting a Protecting God's Children Session on Monday, August 25, at 6:00 p.m., in the Father Romano Parish Life Center. We will also be offering BCI Fingerprinting by FastFingerprints. The Diocese of Columbus requires both fingerprinting and the PGC class to be fully compliant to volunteer with children. BCI Fingerprinting begins at 5:00 p.m. The PGC class begins at 6:00 p.m. Please be sure to come early to get your Fingerprinting done! To register for the Protecting God's Children program online, go to: <https://www.virtusonline.org>. Click on the GREEN button – "First-Time Registrant" – located on the left side of the page and begin the registration process from there.



### **BIRTHRIGHT OF COLUMBUS**

Please join Birthright of Columbus for our **Annual Luncheon and Silent Auction, on September 13 here at Our Lady of Victory.**

Please come to celebrate and support Birthright being a friend to moms-to-be in Columbus for 50+ years. Tickets are \$50.00 for adults and \$25.00 for children. Please RSVP to 614-313-5150 or mail to Sue Wilson, 5548 Parkshire Drive, Columbus, OH 43229. The deadline for reservations is September 5, 2025.



## DISCOVER GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR FAMILY



**OCTOBER 4, 2025**  
**10:30 AM - 6:00 PM**  
**ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE**  
**GAHANNA, OH**

**Couple \$64**  
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Register by August 18 to grab  
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Questions? Contact Dana Dosen at (440) 570-9732 or [ddosen@buckeyecatholic.com](mailto:ddosen@buckeyecatholic.com)

## FORMED.ORG

**FORMED.ORG** is a Catholic online platform that  
features Catholic video programs, audio talks,  
eBooks, and movies!

To sign up for FORMED:

1. Go to **FORMED.ORG**.
2. Click on **SIGN-UP**.
3. Select **"Sign Up as a Parishioner."**
4. Enter OLV ZIP Code, **43212**.
5. Select **"Our Lady of Victory Parish."**  
Select **Next**.  
Enter your Name and Email address.  
Select **"Sign Up."**

At initial sign-up, parishioners will receive a verification email. **READ CONTENT** – which includes a FORMED.org Link & confirmation for OLV Parish Access. After initial access, go to FORMED.ORG, click on SIGN-IN and enter the same email address that you used to sign up.



## PRESERVING CHRISTIANITY IN THE HOLY LAND THROUGH EDUCATION

A Benefit Dinner for the  
FRANCISCAN FOUNDATION FOR THE HOLY LAND

MASS, RECEPTION & DINNER

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025**

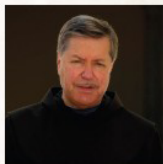
Mass Begins at 5:00 PM, Reception and Dinner to Follow

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### — KEYNOTE SPEAKERS —



**FR. JOHN PUODZIUNAS**  
President of the Franciscan Foundation  
for the Holy Land



**FR. PETER F. VASKO**  
Founding President of the Franciscan  
Foundation for the Holy Land

### — HONORED GUEST & MASS CELEBRANT —



**BISHOP EARL K.  
FERNANDES**  
Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus



If nothing is done to stem the alarming exodus of our Christians from the Holy Land, then within 50 years, Christianity will disappear from the very land where Christ founded the Church.

This exodus from the Holy Land can be attributed in large part to a lack of formal education. Without this access, Christians encounter difficulties in securing meaningful employment, which ultimately leads to a lifetime of financial struggles. Solving this gap in education begins with ensuring younger generations have access to education.



To learn more about  
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education in the Holy Land,  
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For table package information and purchase, scan the  
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For additional inquiries, please email  
[CradlingChristianity@gmail.com](mailto:CradlingChristianity@gmail.com).





## Music at Our Lady presents PBS “Songs at the Center” LIVE!

featuring Tony Arata – one of three Artists performing that evening.

Friday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the PLC. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Hosted by the remarkable Eric Gnezda.

Eric is an award-winning songwriter and creator and host of Songs at the Center, which graces over 400 stations nationwide!

Tony Arata was born in Savannah, GA and grew up on nearby Tybee Island. While studying for a journalism degree from Georgia Southern University, he began performing his original songs in local bands. In 1986, he and his wife Jaymi moved to Nashville where his unique, soulful style began to get the attention of people like Allen Reynolds and Garth Brooks. Garth, to date, has recorded seven of Tony's songs, and “The Dance” won Song of the Year at The Academy of Country Music and received both a Country Music Association and a Grammy nomination, as well as a most-performed song in Radio and Records Magazine.

Tony is a member of the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame (2012). He has also had No. 1 records with “Here I Am” for Patty Loveless, “I’m Holding My Own” for Lee Roy Parnell, and “Dreaming With My Eyes Open” for Clay Walker. Other artists who have recorded his songs include Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris, Bonnie Raitt, Trisha Yearwood, Delbert McClinton, Don Williams, Reba McEntire, Suzy Bogguss, and Hal Ketchum. Tony has also recorded four solo albums featuring new songs, covers, and guest appearances by many of Nashville's finest musicians as well as folks who have recorded his songs, including Garth, Patty, and Lee Roy.

*“One of my favorite songwriters has to be Tony Arata. He’s a cat who doesn’t care about appearances. He doesn’t care about money. He cares about his children, his wife, and his music. That’s neat.”*

– Garth Brooks

Our Lady Concert Series featuring

## Songs at the Center Live

Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

with Eric Gnezda founder host of his PBS TV show and artist friends in our Parish Life Center

Join us for an enchanting evening that transcends the ordinary—a concert featuring stars of the acclaimed Columbus-based PBS series, Songs at the Center!

Prepare to be dazzled by an extraordinary lineup of special guests: Tony Arata, Arkady Gips, Keith Larsen. Hosted by the remarkable Eric Gnezda. Eric is an award-winning songwriter and creator and host of Songs at the Center, which graces over PBS 400 stations nationwide!

Join us for a night that promises to uplift, entertain, and inspire!



TONY ARATA



ARKADY GIPS



KEITH LARSEN

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(Lk 19:10)

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## New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2:17-22

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off  
and peace to those who were near;  
for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.  
So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,  
but you are citizens with the saints  
and also members of the household of God,  
built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.  
In him the whole structure is joined together  
and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;  
in whom you also are built together spiritually  
into a dwelling place for God.

## The Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it.  
A man was there named Zacchaeus;  
he was a chief tax collector and was rich.  
He was trying to see who Jesus was,  
but on account of the crowd he could not,  
because he was short in stature.  
So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him,  
because he was going to pass that way.  
When Jesus came to the place,  
he looked up and said to him,  
“Zacchaeus, hurry and come down;  
for I must stay at your house today.”  
So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him.  
All who saw it began to grumble and said,  
“He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.”  
Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord,  
“Look, half of my possessions, Lord,  
I will give to the poor;  
and if I have defrauded anyone of anything,  
I will pay back four times as much.”  
Then Jesus said to him,  
“Today salvation has come to this house,  
because he too is a son of Abraham.  
For the Son of Man came to seek out  
and to save the lost.”

## St. Rose of Lima – Feast Day: Aug. 23



On August 23, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Rose of Lima, the first canonized saint of the Americas. Born Isabel Flores de Oliva in Lima, Peru, in 1586, she was nicknamed “Rose” by her family after a servant saw her face miraculously transformed into a beautiful rose. This name suited her, for her life would become a fragrant offering to Christ.

From her earliest years, Rose showed an extraordinary devotion to God. She fasted regularly, spent long hours in prayer, and cultivated a deep love for the Blessed Sacrament. Inspired by the life of St. Catherine of Siena, she took a vow of perpetual virginity at a young age, choosing Christ as her only spouse. Her parents hoped she would marry, but Rose felt strongly that God was calling her to a different life.

Although she longed to join a convent, her family’s financial situation required her to remain at home. Rose embraced this as part of God’s plan. She transformed her small bedroom into a place of prayer and penance, wearing a crown of thorns hidden under flowers and practicing fasting as a form of self-discipline. These sacrifices were not acts of self-punishment, but rather ways for Rose to unite her sufferings with Christ’s for the salvation of souls.

Rose also served the poor with great tenderness. To help her family, she grew flowers and did needlework, selling them in the market. She used much of her earnings to care for those in need, nursing the sick and helping the hungry. Her compassion and humility became well known in Lima. Many sought her prayers, convinced that God listened closely to her.

At age 20, Rose became a member of the Third Order of St. Dominic, allowing her to live a consecrated life at home. She continued her intense prayer life, often spending entire nights before the Blessed Sacrament. Witnesses later testified to her extraordinary mystical gifts, including visions of Christ and Mary. Despite these favors, Rose never sought attention — she wanted only to glorify God.

Her life was not without suffering. She endured misunderstanding, illness, and spiritual trials. Yet through it all, she remained joyful, trusting entirely in God’s providence. Rose once said, “Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven.”

St. Rose of Lima died on August 24, 1617, at just 31 years old. The entire city of Lima mourned her passing, and miracles were reported at her tomb. Pope Clement X canonized her in 1671, declaring her patroness of Peru, the Americas, and the Philippines. She is also the patron saint of florists and gardeners, embroidery workers, and those ridiculed for their piety.

St. Rose's life reminds us that holiness is not reserved for priests or religious alone. She showed that in the midst of daily life—working, caring for family, and helping neighbors—we can grow close to Christ. Her love for the poor, her devotion to prayer, and her willingness to suffer for the sake of others remain powerful examples for all Christians today.

As we celebrate St. Rose of Lima, let us ask for her intercession, that we too may live lives of prayer, generosity, and faithful love for God.

*St. Rose of Lima, pray for us!*



**St Rose of Lima Church in Peru**

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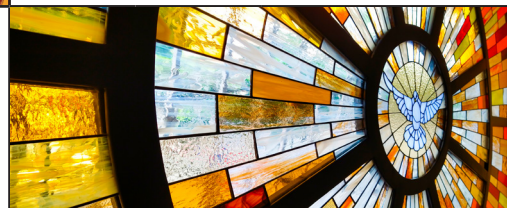
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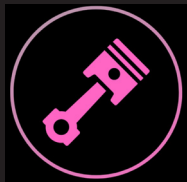
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