

April 5, 2026



# ST. RITA IN THE DESERT

*Catholic Church*

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

*"He saw and believed." (John 20:8)*

*"Vio y creyó." (Juan 20:8)*

### Reflection:

Easter Sunday is a celebration of joy and victory over death, marked by Jesus' resurrection. When Peter and the beloved disciple arrive at the empty tomb, they see and believe. This moment invites all of us to renew our faith and embrace the hope that the Resurrection brings. Jesus' victory assures us that even in the face of hardship and sorrow, life and love have the final word. As we rejoice in this great mystery, let us open our hearts to be transformed by the Risen Christ, living with renewed purpose and sharing this hope with others.

### Socratic Question:

How does the empty tomb on Easter inspire you to live with hope and share the joy of the Resurrection with others?

### Reflexión:

El Domingo de Pascua es una celebración de alegría y victoria sobre la muerte, marcada por la resurrección de Jesús. Cuando Pedro y el discípulo amado llegan al sepulcro vacío, ven y creen. Este momento nos invita a todos a renovar nuestra fe y abrazar la esperanza que trae la Resurrección. La victoria de Jesús nos asegura que, incluso frente a dificultades y tristezas, la vida y el amor tienen la última palabra. Al regocijarnos en este gran misterio, abramos nuestros corazones para ser transformados por Cristo Resucitado, viviendo con renovado propósito y compartiendo esta esperanza con los demás.

### Pregunta socrática:

¿Cómo te inspira el sepulcro vacío en Pascua a vivir con esperanza y compartir la alegría de la Resurrección con los demás?

Source: *Truthly App*

## CLERGY

### Pastor:

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### Deacon:

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## WEEKEND MASS

*Horario de Misas*

**SATURDAY** | Sábado

5:00 pm—English

**SUNDAY** | Domingo

8:00 am—English

10:00 am—English

12:00 pm—Spanish

## CONFESSION

*Confesiones*

**SATURDAY** | Sábado

3:30 pm—4:30 pm

In the church or by appointment

En la iglesia o por cita



## PARISH OFFICE

*Horario de Oficina*

**MONDAY-**

**WEDNESDAY** | De

Lunes a Miércoles

8:30 am—4:00 pm

**THURSDAY** | Jueves

8:00 am—2:00 pm

**FRIDAY** | Viernes

9:00 am—1:00 pm

*Office closed*

*12pm—1pm daily*

## WEEKDAY MASS

IN SHRINE

Misa Diaria en el Santuario

**MONDAY-FRIDAY** |

De Lunes a Viernes

8:00 am —English

## ADORATION

**FRIDAY** | Viernes

8:30 am—9:30 am

In the church or by appointment

*En la iglesia o por cita*

## PARISH INFORMATION

### COLLECTIONS | COLECTA

March 29, 2026



Offertory: \$6,795.00  
Rectory Debt: \$2,425.00  
Campus Maint: \$752.40  
Easter Flowers: \$722.57 (Total to date)

Thank you for your support.  
*God bless you!*

<https://www.stritainthedesert.org>  
select "Giving" and then "Online Giving"

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**Guild of St. Rita:**  
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### BULLETIN DEADLINE & QUESTIONS

Email bulletin request(s) to:

[bulletin@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:bulletin@stritainthedesert.org).

By **10am** on the **Wednesday** before the *Sunday* you want it published.

### HOMEBOUND EUCHARIST

If you have a family member or know of a parishioner in the St. Rita area in need of having the Eucharist brought to them regularly, please contact the Parish Office.

### EMERGENCY ANOINTING OF THE SICK

520-543-8415

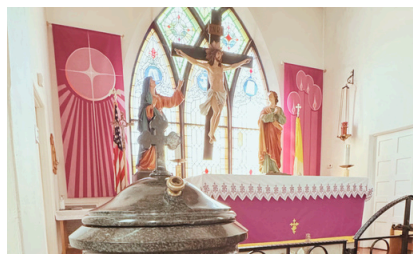
### MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

In accordance with Canon 948, if any faithful would like the Mass to be offered for their individual intention only, please make your request at the Parish Office.



#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- Fridays following 8am Mass for 1hr
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at 3-4pm in the John XXIII

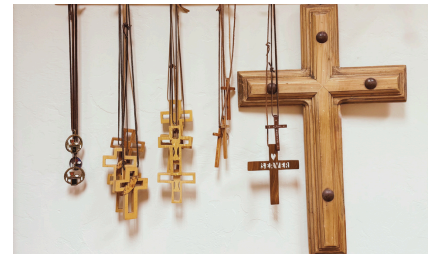


#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 8am Mass

#### BAPTISMS

Visit [stritainthedesert.org](http://stritainthedesert.org)  
[LITURGY](#) [SACRAMENTS](#) [BAPTISM](#)  
and complete the *Intent to Baptize* Form



#### CONFIRMATION

Contact Youth Minister or OCIA director

#### MARRIAGE

Marriage arrangements must be made 4 months in advance. Visit <https://www.stritainthedesert.org/marriage> for more information.

## OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

April 5, 2026

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Hallelujah, hallelujah! He is risen from the grave! As we celebrate this joyful truth, we reflect on the forty days and forty nights we have journeyed together, encountering the realities of the fall, sin, and death. God created us very good, and through sin we fell. Yet even in our fall, God chose to redeem us according to His divine plan.

As we reflect on this sacred journey, just days ago we witnessed Jesus wash the feet of His disciples, institute the Eucharist and the priesthood, and enter the Holy City of Jerusalem—only to be betrayed by one He loved.

Today, we rejoice in the Good News: Jesus Christ has risen from the tomb, and death no longer has power over Him—or over us who have been baptized into His life, death, and resurrection.

May the spirit of Easter fill our hearts with peace, joy, and love as we rejoice in the new life found in Jesus Christ, today and forever.

Finally, I would like to thank our wonderful parish community, our dedicated staff, and all of our parish volunteers. It is through your love of God and your faithful service that I am able to minister to you. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who have helped make our Easter celebrations such a beautiful and meaningful experience of the Risen Christ.

May the Risen Lord bless you and keep you, and may He draw you and your loved ones ever closer to His Sacred Heart. God bless you. Peace and all the joy of Easter!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Reverend Alonzo M. García, Pastor



## OFICINA DE PASTOR

5 de abril de 2026

Querida Familia Parroquial y Amigos,

**¡Aleluya, aleluya! ¡Cristo ha resucitado del sepulcro!** Al celebrar esta gozosa noticia, recordamos el camino que hemos recorrido durante estos cuarenta días y cuarenta noches, reflexionando sobre la realidad de la caída, el pecado y la muerte. Dios nos creó muy buenos, pero por el pecado caímos. Sin embargo, aun en nuestra caída, Dios eligió redimirnos según su plan divino.

Al reflexionar sobre este camino, hace apenas unos días fuimos testigos de cómo Jesús lavó los pies de sus discípulos, instituyó la Eucaristía y el sacerdocio, y entró en la Ciudad Santa de Jerusalén, solo para ser traicionado por alguien a quien amaba.

Hoy celebramos la Buena Nueva: Jesucristo ha resucitado del sepulcro, y la muerte ya no tiene poder ni sobre Él ni sobre nosotros, que hemos sido bautizados en su vida, muerte y resurrección.

Que el espíritu de esta Pascua llene nuestros corazones de paz, alegría y amor, mientras celebramos la vida nueva que encontramos en Jesucristo, hoy y siempre.

Finalmente, quiero agradecer a nuestra maravillosa comunidad parroquial, a nuestro dedicado personal y a todos nuestros voluntarios. Es gracias a su amor por Dios y a su servicio fiel que puedo servirles. Les expreso mi más sincero agradecimiento a todos los que, de alguna manera, han hecho de nuestras celebraciones de Pascua una experiencia tan hermosa del Cristo Resucitado.

Que el Señor resucitado los bendiga y los guarde, y acerque a ustedes y a sus seres queridos cada vez más a su Sagrado Corazón. ¡Dios los bendiga! ¡Paz y toda la alegría de la Pascua!

Sinceramente en Cristo,



Reverendo Alonzo M. García, Pastor



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### IN THE JOHN 20:1–9,

On Easter Sunday, we encounter the miraculous news of the Resurrection. Mary Magdalene, upon discovering the empty tomb, runs to inform the disciples. When Peter and the beloved disciple arrive, they see the burial cloths and believe. This moment marks a profound transformation from despair to hope, from sorrow to joy. The Resurrection is not just an event of the past; it is a living reality that fills our lives with hope and meaning today. As we celebrate this glorious day, let us open our hearts to the life-changing power of the Risen Christ. How can we live as witnesses to His victory, sharing the gift of new life with the world?

#### **Reflection Question:**

In what ways can you allow the joy and hope of the Resurrection to transform your life and influence those around you?

### EN JUAN 20:1–9,

En el Domingo de Pascua, nos encontramos con la noticia milagrosa de la Resurrección. María Magdalena, al descubrir el sepulcro vacío, corre a informar a los discípulos. Cuando Pedro y el discípulo amado llegan, ven las vendas y creen. Este momento marca una profunda transformación de la desesperación a la esperanza, de la tristeza a la alegría. La Resurrección no es solo un evento del pasado; es una realidad viva que llena nuestras vidas de esperanza y sentido hoy. Al celebrar este día glorioso, abramos nuestros corazones al poder transformador de Cristo Resucitado. ¿Cómo podemos vivir como testigos de Su victoria, compartiendo el don de la nueva vida con el mundo?

#### **Pregunta de reflexión:**

¿De qué maneras puedes permitir que la alegría y esperanza de la Resurrección transformen tu vida y afecten a los que te rodean?

## DID YOU KNOW...

### EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday is the pinnacle of the Christian liturgical year, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. This event is the foundation of Christian faith, as it signifies Jesus' victory over sin and death, bringing hope of eternal life to all who believe in Him. The day marks the culmination of the Paschal Triduum, following Good Friday and Holy Saturday, transitioning from the sorrow of the crucifixion to the joy of the resurrection.

The word "Easter" itself has intriguing origins. In Old English, it was called "Ēastre" or "Ēostre," named after a spring festival celebrating renewal and rebirth. This mirrors the resurrection theme of new life in Christ. Additionally, Easter is a "moveable feast," meaning it doesn't fall on the same date each year. It is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox. This method places Easter between March 22 and April 25.

### REFLECTION QUESTION

How does the celebration of Easter inspire you to embrace new beginnings and share the hope of the Resurrection with others?

Easter invites Christians not only to rejoice in the victory of Christ but also to live out the resurrection's transformative power in their daily lives.

*via truthly app*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR, INTENTIONS, OBSERVATIONS & READINGS

### MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

*Saturday April 4*

**8:00 am**

SI Dani Michel

**5:00 pm**

St. Rita

*Sunday April 5*

**8:00 am**

†John B. Morgan

†Antonieta Calderon

**10:00 am**

†José Arteaga, María Peña  
Carmen, Victor, Armando  
Cancino

**12:00 pm**

†Antonieta Calderon

*Monday April 6*

**8:00 am**

†James W. Logan

†Jeffrey Roberts

*Tuesday April 7*

**8:00 am**

†Lynne Rice

†Merlin & Carol Lippert

*Wednesday April 8*

**8:00 am**

†Louisa & Joe Moreno &  
Family

*Thursday April 9*

**8:00 am**

First Responders

*Friday April 10*

**8:00 am**

United States Armed Forces

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

*Sunday, April 5*

**Easter**

- **St. Vincent Ferrer**

8:00 am - Mass (English)

10:00 am - Mass (English)

12:00 noon - Mass (Spanish)

*Monday, April 6*

- **St. Galla of Rome**

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:00 pm Men's Group (Oscar  
Romero Room)

*Tuesday, April 7*

- **St. John Baptist de la Salle**

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

*Wednesday, April 8*

- **St. Dionysius of Corinth**

8:00 am - Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 am Women's Scripture  
Study (Oscar Romero Room)

*Thursday, April 9*

- **St. Casilda of Toledo**

8:00 am - Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

*Friday, April 10*

- **St. Michael De Sanctis**

- **Ezekiel the Prophet (OT)**

**or July 23**

8:00 am - Mass

8:30 am Eucharist Adoration

*Saturday, April 11*

- **St. Stanislaus**

- **St. Gemma Galgani**

5 pm - Mass (John XXIII)

source: [young-catholics.com](http://young-catholics.com)

### READINGS & OBSERVANCES

**FIRST READING:**

"He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead." (Acts 10:42)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." (Ps 118:24)

**SECOND READING:**

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God." (Col 3:1)

**GOSPEL:**

"He saw and believed." (Jn 20:8)

*Sunday, April 5*

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Ps 118:1-2,  
16-17, 22-23 | Col 3:1-4 |  
Jn 20:1-9

*Monday, April 6*

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-  
8, 9-10, 11 | Mt 28:8-15

*Tuesday, April 7*

Acts 2:36-41 | Ps 33:4-5, 18-19,  
20, 22 | Jn 20:11-18

*Wednesday, April 8*

Acts 3:1-10 | Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7,  
8-9 | Lk 24:13-35

*Thursday, April 9*

Acts 3:11-26 | Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-  
9 | Lk 24:35-48

*Friday, April 10*

Acts 4:1-12 | Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24,  
25-27a | Jn 21:1-14

*Saturday, April 11*

Acts 4:13-21 | Ps 118:1, 14-15ab,  
16-18, 19-21 | Mk 16:9-15

# PARISH MINISTRIES

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### *Altar Server*

If your boy would like to become an Altar Boy, please review the [Altar Server Manual](#) together and complete the [Altar Server Application](#) online or email: [travis71durman@gmail.com](mailto:travis71durman@gmail.com)

### *Altar Society*

The St. Rita Altar Society is looking for volunteers to maintain the Altar in the Shrine and St. John XXIII. If you love to decorate or enjoy floral arrangements, we invite you to glorify the Lord by your creativity.

### *Eucharistic Ministry*

Interested in learning more about the role of an Extraordinary Minister or would like to be part of this vital ministry, Submit your [EOMHC Sign-up](#) form online.

### *Lectors*

Become a Lector. Submit your [Ministry Request form](#) online.

### *Music Ministry*

Curious about our choirs? Love to sing sacred music? Join us, our rehearsals are open to everyone!

**Adult choirs (18+):** Tues at 6:30 pm

**Youth choir (8-18):** Wed at 4:30 pm

**Spanish choir:** Wed at 6:15 pm

Do you play piano, guitar, flute or clarinet? We want to meet you!

Coro español: ¡Queremos desarrollar nuestro coro!  
¡Considere unirse a nosotros o volver a unirse a nosotros! ¡Voz, guitarra y bajo bienvenidos!

### *Ushers*

Ushers play a pivotal role in our parish, not only aiding others but also serving as the welcoming face to newcomers. For our regular parishioners, they provide a sense of familiarity and continuity across all Masses. Submit your [Usher Sign-Up](#) form online.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### *Outreach Ministry*

Join us as we provide support every week to our Meals to Grow Program, Food Bank and other critical human needs in our community. Email: [outreach@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:outreach@stritainthedesert.org)

### *Pastoral Council*

Currently on hold, seeking someone to assist in leading it. Contact front office if interested.

### *Porter's of St. Joseph*

Email: [porters@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:porters@stritainthedesert.org)

### *Right to Life*

Email: [rtl@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:rtl@stritainthedesert.org)

### *Family Faith Formation*

[www.watch.formed.org](http://www.watch.formed.org)

### *Vocations*

Contact Mr. Adam LaGuardia: [Vocations@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:Vocations@stritainthedesert.org)

### *Welcome Committee*

If you are interested in joining the Welcoming Team, submit your [Welcoming Team request form](#) online.

### *Guild of St. Rita*

Volunteers manage our beautiful Gift shop, plan our St. Rita's feast day celebration & host many other parish events as requested. Join us every **2nd & 4th Wed** of the month | **6pm** | Mother Teresa Rm | Email: [guild@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:guild@stritainthedesert.org)

### *Sewing Angels*

All are welcome to join. Meet us in the church hall every **Wednesday** from **9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

### *Mujeres De Fe (Women of Faith)*

Para mas Informacion  
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El praesidium de St.Rita se llama "Maria Puerta del Cielo" y se reúne los Martes a las 6:00 de la tarde en el salon Oscar Romero, o puedes contactar a Sandra (520)395-7225 or email: [legiondemaria@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:legiondemaria@stritainthedesert.org)



**Rachel's VINEYARD**  
Healing the pain of abortion - one weekend at a time

If you are interested in getting more information and/or registering for a Retreat Weekend, please call (520) 743-6777 or visit [RachelsVineyard.org](http://RachelsVineyard.org)



**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

If you need assistance from St Vincent de Paul or want to join the ministry to help others, contact James Mahaffey at (520) 307-3411

### **Marian Book Club**

Every **Thursday**  
**4:30-6pm**  
Oscar Romero

All are welcome to join!

### **Women's Scripture Study**

**Wednesday mornings 9 am**  
Oscar Romero Room  
All women are welcome  
[irenetoews@cox.net](mailto:irenetoews@cox.net)

# Rectory Debt Payoff Update

As of Sunday, March 29, 2026

\$112,158

**\$345,000**  
GOAL

138

**500**  
FAMILY PLEDGED/DONATED GOAL

**We need your help!** Until this phase is complete, we cannot seek Diocesan approval for a new church capital campaign. Let's come together as a faith family to make it happen

Be part of our parish family's exciting next chapter



Scan to Pledge



Come Visit our Lady of the Desert Marian Rose Garden for prayer or Meditation.

Consider becoming a volunteer to revitalize our church grounds. If interested, please contact the office for more information.



**DO YOU RECALL WHAT THIS SAID LAST WEEK...?**

## VISITA DE LA VIRGEN A LOS HOGARES

El grupo de la Legion de Maria les recuerda que Nuestra Santísima Madre quiere visitar sus hogares, para que sientan su protección y compañía, para que compartan con Ella las necesidades que tiene cada miembro de su familia, Ella quiere escuchar sus plegarias y llevarlas a su amado Hijo Jesus.

En el vestíbulo estarán algunos miembros del grupo de la Legion de Maria, para tomar sus datos y programar la visita. Gracias.

## ST. RITA EASTER EGG HUNT

Begins when the whistle blows at **11:30 am**  
*Please bring your own basket*

**Ages 0-3** | Fountain area  
*(in front of the office)*

**Ages 4-6** | Mary's Rose Garden  
*(walled off area on the East side of the Shrine)*

**Ages 7-10** | area West of the Shrine & North of the sidewalk leading to Colossal Cave Rd

## GUILD OF ST. RITA

Join us every 2nd & 4th Wed of the month | 6pm | Mother Teresa Rm  
For more info Email: [guild@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:guild@stritainthedesert.org)

## PARISH RUMMAGE SALE

**April 18, 8am-1pm**

Mark your calendars!

*Volunteers Welcome - Contact: [christie.isabel@gmail.com](mailto:christie.isabel@gmail.com)*

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Sunday, April 12th  
3pm in the Shrine**

*Join Us*



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Enter code

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### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

April 19th (*Full Pancake Breakfast*)

May 17th (*Pancake Breakfast*)

Mark your calendars and join the  
Knights for Breakfast

### KNIGHTS FUNDRAISER FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Support a St. Rita Special Olympian competing with Arizona USA Softball at the Special Olympics USA Summer Games (June 20-26).

Pick up **farm-fresh eggs** for \$5/dozen and support a great cause.

*Stop by the table to donate or learn more.*

### Arizona Knights of Columbus Charity Raffle

Don't miss your chance to win the  
**\$10,000** Grand Prize!

Tickets are just \$5 each, 5 for \$20, or  
the best value—30 for \$100.

Every ticket makes a difference. Half of all proceeds raised by St. Rita Knights stay right here in our community. In 2026, funds will support St. Rita Parish and the Vail School District Transition from School to Work program, helping special-needs students prepare for life after high school.

*Visit the Knights' table after all Masses* near the parish hall to get your tickets. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

For more information, contact Wayne Glembin at  
(520) 449-7115 or [gkcouncil14230@gmail.com](mailto:gkcouncil14230@gmail.com)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our crawfish is freshly air-shipped from Louisiana! Crawfish, fresh mussels, and shrimp are cooked on-site with bold Cajun seasoning for a true Vietnamese Southern fusion seafood experience.

### WHEN AND WHERE

Our Lady of La Vang Parish  
**St. Frances Cabrini Church**  
 3201 E. Presidio Road Tucson,  
 AZ 85716

Friday, **April 17, 2026** | 5:00-10:00 PM  
 Saturday, **April 18, 2026** | 11:00 AM -  
 10:00 PM

FREE ENTRY — Open to the  
 Public!

### FOOD

- Our famous crawfish!
- Egg rolls
- Mussels & Shrimp
- Potato & corn
- Grilled Pork Skewers
- Vietnamese desserts
- Fresh Pressed Sugar Cane Juice
- Boba

## St. Andrew's Concert Series

Presents



An  
 Evening  
 With  
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Featuring

Billie Hayes 🎵 Francie Schofield

Friday, April 17, 2026 at 7:00PM

St. Andrew the Apostle Church

800 Taylor Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

For more information please call (520) 226-5574

There is no charge to attend this concert. A freewill offering will be accepted.

## BIBLICAL APOLOGETICS COURSE

Starting April 9, 2026

Every Thursday | 5PM MST

Hosted by: **Missionaries Apostles of the World**

More info at:

Hna. Tana Zevallos (917)628-1397

Pedro J. Soriano (917)388-0813

Hna Roxana Arenas (209) 628-6121



## THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

### St. Rita in the Desert - Lenten Food Drive

We're collecting the following items to help our neighbors: *cooking oil, jelly, canned tuna, & canned chicken*

### † Your Support is a Blessing †

In this season of sacrifice and charity, your contributions will provide essential nourishment to those in our community struggling with food insecurity. With requests for assistance rising, your generosity will help sustain our outreach efforts well into the year.

### Donate Today & Share the Love of Christ

Together, we can ensure that no one in our community goes hungry.

PLEASE RETURN BAG BY: **Sunday, April 12th**

*"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat..." – Matthew 25:35*

### PILGRIMAGE TO EASTERN EUROPE

12 Days NOVEMBER 3 - 14, 2026

*Prague • Vienna • Budapest • Krakow • Auschwitz •  
 Czestochowa • Warsaw • Wadowice*

With Vine of Grace Retreat Ministry  
 & Fr. Bala Kommatholi

### Pilgrimage Informational Meetings

Please RSVP for meeting at 520.631.1408

**Sunday, April 12** – St. Joseph Catholic Church – PARISH OFFICE at 1:30p – 215 South Craycroft, Tucson (North side of campus – in the office building behind the Church)

**Sunday, April 26** – St. Odilia Catholic Church – PARISH MINISTRY CENTER at **12:15p** 7570 N Paseo del Norte, Tucson (North end of campus, through gate and across patio)

**Sunday, May 17** – St. Helen of the Cross Catholic Church PARISH HALL at **10:15a** 205 West 8th Street – Eloy

Printable brochures & information: [vineofgrace.org](http://vineofgrace.org)



Rachel's Vineyard (Tucson) – Let Jesus Christ set you free from the emotional and spiritual pain of a past abortion at a co-ed Rachel's Vineyard retreat in Tucson, **May 15-17, 2026**. Visit: [www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org](http://www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org) or call/ Text to 520-743-6777.

## SAINT SPOTLIGHT



### SAINT JULIE BILLIART

**Feast Day:** April 8th

**Patronage:**

She is the patron saint of teachers and of the poor.

**Story:** Saint Julie Billiard was born on July 12, 1751, in Cuvilly, France. From a young age, she had a deep love for God and a desire to teach others about Him. Despite coming from a poor family, she began teaching local children about the faith. In her early twenties, she experienced a mysterious illness that left her paralyzed for over 20 years. During this time, her faith remained steadfast, and she continued to catechize from her bed.

During the French Revolution, Julie's fidelity to the Church led to her seeking refuge from persecution. She was miraculously cured of her paralysis at the age of 51 and took this opportunity to expand her work in education. She co-founded the Institute of the Sisters of Notre Dame with Françoise Blin de Bourdon in 1804. The order was dedicated to educating young girls and serving the poor.

**Legacy:** Saint Julie Billiard's legacy endures through the Sisters of Notre Dame, which continues her mission of education and service worldwide. Her life of unwavering faith, even in the face of suffering, inspires people to trust in God's providence and to dedicate themselves to educating and uplifting others, regardless of circumstances.

**Reflection Question:** How does the life and perseverance of Saint Julie Billiard inspire you to overcome personal challenges in pursuit of serving others and sharing your faith?

Saint Julie Billiard's life encourages us to trust in God's plan and to use our gifts for the benefit of others, even when we face obstacles. Her story is a powerful reminder of faith's transformative power.

### KIDS CORNER



**Feast Day:** April 8th

**Who She Helps:**

Saint Julie Billiard is the special helper for teachers and people who need extra support, especially the poor.

**Story:**

Saint Julie Billiard was born in France in 1751. Even when she was a little girl, she loved teaching others about God. Her family was not well-off, but she was determined to share her faith. When Julie was in her twenties, she got very sick and couldn't walk for more than 20 years! But she didn't let that stop her—she kept teaching kids about God from her bed.

During a difficult time in France, she had to find a safe place to continue her teaching because some people didn't want her to tell others about God. When she was 51 years old, something amazing happened: she was healed and could walk again! Julie then started a new group called the Sisters of Notre Dame, dedicated to teaching girls and helping those in need.

**Why She's Important:**

Saint Julie's love for teaching and her courage to keep going, even when things were tough, teach us to never give up and to help others learn and grow. The Sisters of Notre Dame continue her mission, sharing her love and kindness around the world.

**Question for You:**

How can you be like Saint Julie Billiard by using your strengths to help others learn and feel cared for, even when things get tough?

Source: *Truthly App*

# DONATIONS



## RECTORY DEBT PAYOFF

The Building Committee would like to invite all our parishioners to assist us with paying off the debt of our parish rectory. Please complete information and place in collection basket or bring to the office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_



## CAMPUS MAINTENANCE

Please consider contributing to our Campus Maintenance. Please complete information and place in collection basket or bring to the office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_



ONLINE DONATIONS: [HTTPS://WWW.OSVHUB.COM/STRITAINTHEDESERT/GIVING/FUNDS](https://www.osvhub.com/stritainthedesert/giving/funds)



## ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Please consider contributing to our fresh altar flowers. Please complete information and place in collection basket or bring to the office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_



## REQUEST A MASS INTENTION

The stipend for a Mass intention is \$10. **Two Week advance notice** is required. Please complete information and place in collection basket or bring to the office. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Mass for: \_\_\_\_\_

Living  Deceased

Mass Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_