

September 06, 2026



ST. RITA IN THE DESERT

Catholic Church

CLERGY

Pastor:

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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

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

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

CLOSED

Office closed

12pm—1pm daily

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23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*“For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20)*

*“Donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en
medio de ellos.” (Mateo 18:20)*

Reflection:

In this Gospel passage, Jesus teaches us about the importance of community and reconciliation. He emphasizes the need to address conflicts directly and with love, highlighting the power of prayer and unity. When we gather in Jesus' name, we invite His presence and guidance into our relationships, creating opportunities for healing and understanding. This passage invites us to consider how we interact with others, encouraging us to pursue peace and harmony within our communities. By approaching others with a spirit of forgiveness and openness, we reflect Christ's love and strengthen our bonds as the Body of Christ.

Socratic Question:

How can you foster a spirit of reconciliation and understanding within your community, especially when faced with conflicts?

Reflexión:

En este pasaje del Evangelio, Jesús nos enseña sobre la importancia de la comunidad y la reconciliación. Él enfatiza la necesidad de abordar los conflictos directamente y con amor, destacando el poder de la oración y la unidad. Cuando nos reunimos en el nombre de Jesús, invitamos Su presencia y guía en nuestras relaciones, creando oportunidades para la sanación y la comprensión. Este pasaje nos invita a considerar cómo interactuamos con los demás, animándonos a buscar la paz y la armonía dentro de nuestras comunidades. Al acercarnos a otros con un espíritu de perdón y apertura, reflejamos el amor de Cristo y fortalecemos nuestros lazos como el Cuerpo de Cristo.

Pregunta socrática:

¿Cómo puedes fomentar un espíritu de reconciliación y comprensión en tu comunidad, especialmente cuando enfrentas conflictos?

Source: *Truthly App*

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OCIA Coordinator:
ocia@stritainthedesert.org

Parish Directory

COLLECTIONS | COLECTA

August 30, 2026



Offertory: \$5,953.35
Rectory Debt: \$575.00
Campus Maint: \$249.60

Thank you for your support.
God bless you!

<https://www.osvhub.com/stritainthedesert/giving/funds>

BULLETIN DEADLINE & QUESTIONS

Email bulletin request(s) to:

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
- 1st Sunday of each month at 3-4pm in the John XXIII



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday at 8am Mass

BAPTISMS

Visit 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 | OFICINA DE PASTOR

September 6, 2026

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Today's readings ask something difficult of us. We often remain quiet to keep the peace at home, at work, and among friends. But silence is not always peace. Sometimes, it allows a wound to grow.

We know our faults, yet we sometimes pretend they are not there. The Lord knows this, and still He asks us to love one another in truth. That love chooses what is good, rejects what is evil, and corrects with kindness so that bitterness and anger do not take root. We are called to speak with integrity when we encounter injustice, dishonesty, or anything contrary to the Christian life.

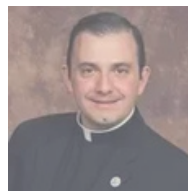
If we truly love one another and remember that our true home is heaven, we need not fear **an honest word spoken in charity**. Loving correction is not a weapon; it is a way of protecting peace, joy, and love.

Parish life continues to move forward. I thank the parents who supported last week's altar server training, and I am grateful to **Mr. Travis Durman, our Altar Server Coordinator**, for the care he has shown our families. We hope to continue growing this important ministry. In time, we pray that perhaps one of our altar servers may hear and answer God's call to the priesthood.

Finally, I wish everyone a **Happy Labor Day**. As you enjoy this holiday weekend, remember the dignity of human work. Through honest labor, we participate in God's work of creation and use the gifts He has entrusted to us. May we receive the simple blessings of this life with grateful hearts.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Alonzo M. García, Dean



6 de septiembre de 2026

Dios ha reconciliado consigo al mundo, por medio de Cristo, y nos ha encomendado a nosotros el mensaje de la reconciliación.

Querida familia parroquial y amigos:

Hoy las lecturas nos piden algo difícil. Con frecuencia callamos para conservar la paz en casa, en el trabajo y entre amigos. El silencio no siempre es paz. A veces deja que una herida crezca.

Conocemos nuestras faltas, pero pretendemos que no existen. El Señor lo sabe. Aun así, nos pide amarnos de verdad. Ese amor elige el bien, rechaza el mal y corrige con bondad para que no echen raíces el rencor ni la ira. Estamos llamados a hablar con integridad cuando vemos injusticia, deshonestidad o cualquier cosa que no corresponda a una vida cristiana.

Si nos amamos de verdad y recordamos que nuestra patria definitiva es el cielo, no tendremos miedo de **una palabra honesta dicha con caridad**. La corrección hecha con amor no es un arma. Es un modo de cuidar la paz, la alegría y el amor.

La vida parroquial sigue adelante. Agradezco a los papás que apoyaron la capacitación de monaguillos la semana pasada y al **señor Travis Durman, coordinador de monaguillos**, por el cuidado que ha tenido con las familias. Esperamos que este ministerio crezca. Con el tiempo, pedimos que alguno de nuestros monaguillos pueda escuchar el llamado al sacerdocio.

Feliz Día del Trabajo. Al descansar este fin de semana, recuerden la dignidad del trabajo humano. El trabajo honesto participa de la obra creadora de Dios. Reciban con gratitud los dones sencillos de esta vida.

Que Dios los bendiga.

READINGS & OBSERVANCES

FIRST READING:

"If you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death." (Ezekiel 33:8)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (Psalm 95:8)

SECOND READING:

"Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law." (Romans 13:8)

GOSPEL:

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)

Sunday, September 6

Ez 33:7-9 | Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 | Rom 13:8-10 | Mt 18:15-20

Monday, September 7

1 Cor 5:1-8 | Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 | Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 8

Mi 5:1-4a | Ps 13:6ab, 6c | Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23

Wednesday, September 9

1 Cor 7:25-31 | Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 | Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 10

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 | Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 | Lk 6:27-38

Friday, September 11

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 | Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 | Lk 6:39-42

Saturday, September 12

1 Cor 10:14-22 | Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 | Lk 6:43-49

MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

Saturday September 5

8:00 am

†Jack & Robert Solorzano
SI Michael Hong

5:00 pm

†Ken Gallagher
†Lando Ahumada
SI George G. Jochum
Family

Sunday September 6

8:00 am

SI Ingold Family
SI Brian Hong

10:00 am

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

12:00 pm

Living & Deceased of St.
Rita

Monday September 7

8:00 am

†James W. Logan
†Jeffrey Roberts

Tuesday September 8

8:00 am

†Michael James Brown
SI Carolyn Brown

Wednesday September 9

8:00 am

SI Micky Solorzano

Thursday September 10

8:00 am

Men & Women in the
Military

Friday September 11

8:00 am

First Responders

PARISH NEWS

Rectory Debt Payoff

As of Sunday, August 30, 2026

\$210,947 **\$345,000**
GOAL

149 **500**
FAMILY PLEDGED/DONATED GOAL

THE HARVEST JOURNAL

Under the Arizona Sky

As summer begins to fade...

Evenings become a little cooler.

Conversations linger a little longer.

The lights begin to glow.

This October, our parish grounds will become a place to gather...

...to laugh...

...to reconnect...

...and simply enjoy being together beneath the Arizona sky.

Some of the best memories happen after sunset.

Join us next Sunday for another page from *The Harvest Journal*.

NEED A PLACE TO GATHER?

St. Rita Hall is available for receptions, luncheons, showers, anniversaries, birthdays, funeral receptions, business meetings, and other special occasions. Seats up to **70 guests**.

For availability and scheduling, contact the Parish Office:

520-762-9688 or

secretary@stritainthedesert.org

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARE YOUR TALENT AT THE HARVEST FESTIVAL!

Calling all singers, musicians, dancers, cultural groups, and other family-friendly performers! Parishioners of all ages are invited to share their talents on the Harvest Festival Main Stage

October 23-24.

Interested in performing?

Contact Sarah:
liturgycommittee@stritainthedesert.org

Performance requests due September 23.

SAINTS & FAITH-BASED COSTUME CONTEST

Come dressed as your favorite **saint, biblical figure, angel, or faith-inspired character** during the Harvest Festival!

Children, teens, adults, and families are invited to participate. Costumes may be homemade, traditional, simple, or creative. Participants may even be asked to share a fun fact about the person they portray!

Awards include

- Most Creative
- Best Saint
- Best Biblical Character
- Best Family/Group
- Best Homemade Costume

More contest details coming soon!

PILGRIM VIRGIN HOME VISITS VISITA DE LA VIRGEN PEREGRINA

Our Blessed Mother wishes to visit your home! The Legion of Mary invites families to welcome the Pilgrim Virgin into their homes for prayer and devotion.

To schedule a visit, complete a contact card and place it in the "Pilgrim Virgin Home Visits / Visita de la Virgen a los Hogares" box located on the table at the church entrance. A Legion of Mary member will contact you.

¡Nuestra Santísima Madre desea visitar su hogar! La Legión de María invita a las familias a recibir a la Virgen Peregrina en sus hogares para un tiempo de oración y devoción.

Para programar una visita, complete una tarjeta de contacto y deposítela en la caja de "Visita de la Virgen a los Hogares" ubicada en la entrada de la iglesia. Un miembro de la Legión de María se comunicará con usted.

Name | Nombre: _____

Telephone | Telefono: _____

CHALKBOARD ARTIST NEEDED!

The Vineyard Retreat team is looking for a creative parishioner with chalkboard lettering/art skills to help design our menu board for the Harvest Festival.

Interested in sharing your talent?

Contact the St. Rita Guild:
guild@stritainthedesert.org

CAMINANDO CON MARÍA LEGIÓN DE MARÍA

Primer domingo del mes

Después de la Misa de 12 p.m.
Salón Parroquial

Acompáñanos para un refrigerio y una charla sobre la fiesta de nuestra Santísima Virgen María que celebramos este mes.

¡Los esperamos!

WELCOME TEAM POTLUCK

September 12th

All are invited
after the 5 p.m. Mass!

Bring a dish to share if you'd like, but your presence is what truly matters.

We look forward to seeing you there!

WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

Wednesdays

9am
Verhagen

For more information:
irenetoews@cox.net



Knights of Columbus®

FARM FRESH EGG SALES RETURN

The Knights of Columbus will resume selling farm fresh eggs after all Masses on the **first and third weekends of each month.**

This Month: **September 5-6 & 19-20**

Proceeds will support youth programs at St. Rita, including St. Joseph Youth Camp, altar server retreats, Religious Education scholarships, and our new Youth Ministry.

Thank you for supporting the youth of our parish!

CONGRATULATIONS, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 14230!

St. Rita's **Knights of Columbus Council 14230** has earned the **Star Council Award**, the Knights of Columbus' top international recognition for local councils. The award recognizes excellence in membership, faith formation, fraternal benefits, and charitable service.

Over the past year, our Knights raised **more than \$15,000** in support of local youth, mothers and families, seminarians, and other charitable programs.

Interested in joining the Knights?

Contact Antonio Mejia at

tiger8@icloud.com or

Grand Knight Gary Criscione at

garycriscione52@gmail.com.

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

Recycle your aluminum cans in the collection barrels next to the St. Vincent de Paul donation shed.

Please remember:

- Aluminum cans only (no glass, paper, steel cans, or trash)
- Place cans in securely tied bags
- No clothing donations—please take clothing to the Vail Resources Thrift Store across the street

Need help?

Ask a Knight wearing a maroon council shirt.

HOCKEY FUNDRAISER

Support the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus by purchasing tickets to the **Tucson Roadrunners** hockey game on **Saturday, October 3, at 7:00 PM** in the **Tucson Arena**.

Tickets are \$26 each and will be available **after all Masses through late September**. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.

Questions? Contact Gary Criscione: (251) 689-6485 or garycriscione52@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



No Marriage is BEYOND HOPE!
Try A RETROUVAILLE Weekend
Upcoming Weekend Tucson, AZ
September 11-13, 2026
Confidential Inquires:
520-762-4449
4003r@helpourmarriage.org
R.O.S.A. ~ Retrouvaille of Southern Arizona



worldwide

marriage encounter

(MT 18) *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."*

Learn how to bring God into your marriage by participating in the next

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on:

November 7-8, 2026

March 6-7, 2027

in Phoenix.

For more info go to:

wwme.org or call 520-661-3644

STROKE SCAN SCREENING

Stroke Scan Plus will be at St. Rita in the Desert on **Saturday, September 12**, offering affordable vascular and organ ultrasound screenings. Early detection can help identify risk factors before symptoms appear.

Appointments are required. Call (832) 437-7355 to schedule your screening.



FAMILY TREE HEALING MASS

Join the Family Tree Healing Mass on

Thursday, September 10, at 6:30 PM

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Catholic Church

(801 N. Grande Ave., Tucson).

Experience praise and worship, healing prayers, and prayer for generational healing through the power of Jesus Christ, led by Fr. Bala Kommathoti.

Invite your family and friends! For more information and to download the optional genogram, visit www.TucsonCCR.org.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

YOUR GENEROSITY IS ALREADY AT WORK

Funds received through the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal are already being allocated to serve people, parishes, and ministries throughout Southern Arizona.

- \$400,000 toward the formation and support of our seminarians
- \$405,000 to Native American and other parishes with limited financial resources
- \$350,000 for outreach and assistance to individuals and families in need
- \$125,000 for the care of our retired priests
- \$80,000 to provide spiritual and pastoral care to men and women who are incarcerated
- \$2 million to diocesan ministries and services supporting Catholic schools, evangelization, formation, vocations, youth and young adults, and parish life throughout our Diocese

Another \$331,191 is needed so that our shared mission to provide spiritual, pastoral, and charitable care throughout Southern Arizona can be fully supported.

If you have an outstanding pledge, have not yet participated, or would like to make an additional gift, your participation still matters.

Give Today

www.cathfnd.org/aca



GOSPEL MEDITATION

MATTHEW 18:15-20

In this passage, Jesus gives practical advice on handling disagreements and maintaining harmony within the community. He underscores the importance of direct communication and reconciliation. We are reminded that conflicts are opportunities to grow in love and understanding, allowing us to follow Jesus more closely. Importantly, Jesus assures us that where two or three gather in His name, He is present. This presence transforms our gatherings into moments of grace, where healing and unity can flourish. We are called to be peacemakers, striving to reflect Christ's love in our relationships with others.

Socratic Reflection:

How can you actively bring Jesus' peace into situations of conflict in your community, ensuring His presence is felt?

MATEO 18:15-20

En este pasaje, Jesús ofrece consejos prácticos sobre cómo manejar los desacuerdos y mantener la armonía dentro de la comunidad. Él resalta la importancia de la comunicación directa y la reconciliación. Se nos recuerda que los conflictos son oportunidades para crecer en amor y comprensión, permitiéndonos seguir a Jesús más de cerca. Es importante que Jesús nos asegura que donde dos o tres se reúnen en Su nombre, Él está presente. Esta presencia transforma nuestras reuniones en momentos de gracia, donde la sanación y la unidad pueden florecer. Estamos llamados a ser pacificadores, esforzándonos por reflejar el amor de Cristo en nuestras relaciones con los demás.

Pregunta Socrática:

¿Cómo puedes llevar activamente la paz de Jesús a situaciones de conflicto en tu comunidad, asegurando que Su presencia se sienta?

DID YOU KNOW...

23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

On September 6, 1991, the Soviet Union officially recognized the independence of the Baltic states—Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania—ending decades of Soviet control. This recognition marked a significant moment in the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the restoration of independence for these nations, which had been occupied since World War II. The Baltic states' struggle for independence was characterized by peaceful movements and significant cultural and political resilience, inspiring other regions to pursue freedom and autonomy.

This moment in history serves as a reminder of the power of peaceful resistance and the enduring human spirit in the quest for liberty. It prompts reflection on the importance of sovereignty and the aspirations of nations and peoples for self-determination.

Consider the implications of this historical event on today's world and the broader conversations about national identity and freedom. How can lessons from the Baltic states' perseverance inform our understanding of current struggles for autonomy and rights across the globe?

via truthly app

SAINT SPOTLIGHT



ST. PETER CLAVER

Feast Day: September 9

Patronage:

St. Peter Claver is the patron saint of slaves, the Republic of Colombia, and African Americans.

Story:

St. Peter Claver was born in Spain in 1580. He joined the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits, as a young man. Inspired by the examples of other missionary saints, he left his homeland to become a missionary in the Americas. In 1610, he arrived in what is now modern-day Colombia, in the city of Cartagena, a key port in the slave trade at the time.

Peter Claver devoted his life to serving the African slaves brought to the Americas under horrific conditions. For over 40 years, he ministered to their physical and spiritual needs, often risking his own health and safety. He provided them with food, medicine, and care, and baptized more than 300,000 slaves, referring to himself as "the slave of the slaves forever."

Legacy:

St. Peter Claver's unwavering commitment to the dignity and salvation of every human being left a profound impact on his community and the Church. He is remembered for his incredible compassion and relentless advocacy for justice and human rights. His life's work challenged the injustices and cruelty of the slave trade, and his deep commitment to serving the oppressed continues to inspire those working for social justice today.

Reflection Question:

In what ways can you bring St. Peter Claver's spirit of compassion and justice into your interactions with people who are marginalized or oppressed?

KIDS CORNER



Feast Day: September 9

Who was St. Peter Claver?

St. Peter Claver is a special saint for slaves, the country of Colombia, and African Americans.

His Story:

St. Peter Claver was born in Spain in 1580. He became a Jesuit priest and was very inspired to help people in need, especially those who were suffering. He traveled to a place called Cartagena in Colombia, where many African people were brought on ships and forced to be slaves in terrible conditions.

Peter Claver spent his life helping these slaves. He gave them food, medicine, and cared for them when they were sick. He baptized many of them, helping them to know Jesus. He called himself "the slave of the slaves forever," showing how much he cared and wanted to serve them.

His Legacy:

St. Peter Claver is remembered for his kindness and bravery. He stood up against the bad things happening in the slave trade and showed everyone that every person is important and loved by God. His life reminds us to help those who are treated badly and need our care and love.

Question to Think About:

How can you be like St. Peter Claver and show kindness and love to people who are treated unfairly or who need help?

Source: *Truthly App*

SAINTS THIS MONTH

September 1

- [Joshua the Leader \(OT\)](#)

September 2

- [St. Brocard](#)

September 3

- [St. Gregory the Great](#)

September 4

- [Pope St. Boniface I](#)
- [St. Rosalia](#)
- [St. Rose of Viterbo](#)
- [Moses the Legislator and Prophet \(OT\)](#)

September 5

- [St. Teresa of Calcutta](#)

September 6

- [Zechariah the Prophet \(OT\)](#)

September 7

- [St. Regina](#)

September 8

- [The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)

September 9

- [St. Peter Claver](#)

September 10

- [St. Nicholas da Tolentino](#)

September 11

- [Sts. Protus and Hyacinth](#)

September 12

- [The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)

September 13

- [St. John Chrysostom](#)

September 14

- [Exaltation of the Holy Cross](#)

September 15

- [Our Lady of Sorrows](#)
- [St. Nicomedes](#)

September 16

- [Saints Cornelius and Cyprian](#)

September 17

- [St. Robert Bellarmine](#)
- [St. Hildegard of Bingen](#)

September 18

- [St. Joseph of Cupertino](#)

September 19

- [St. Januarius](#)

September 20

- [St. Andrew Kim Taegon, St. Paul Chong Hasang, and companions, Korean martyrs](#)

September 21

- [St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist](#)
- [Jonah the Prophet \(OT\)](#)

September 22

- [Sts. Maurice and the Theban Legion](#)

September 23

- [Saint Pius of Pietrelcina \(Padre Pio\)](#)
- [Pope St. Linus](#)
- [Sts. Zachary and Elizabeth](#) – or November 5

September 24

- [St. Pacifico of San Severino](#)

September 25

- [St. Fermin](#) – or July 7

September 26

- [Sts. Cosmas and Damian](#)
- [Gideon the Judge \(OT\)](#)

September 27

- [St. Vincent de Paul](#)

September 28

- [St. Lawrence Ruiz and companions](#)
- [St. Wenceslaus](#)
- [Our Lady Undoer of Knots](#)

September 29

- [Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels \(FEAST\)](#)

September 30

- [St. Jerome](#)

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

PARISH CONNECTIONS



CONTACT US

- **Main Office** - (520)762-9688
- **Office Hours**
 - Mon-Wed: 8:30 am-4:00 pm
 - Thur: 8:00 am-2:00 pm
 - Fri: CLOSED
 - Daily: Closed: 12pm-1pm
- **Staff Directory**



WORSHIP

- **Mass Times**
 - M-F (Shrine) - 8am
 - Sat (St. John XXIII) - 5pm
 - Sun (St. John XXIII) - 8am | 10am | Noon (Sp)
- **Confession**
 - Sat (St. John XXIII) - 3:30p-4:30p
- **Adoration**
 - Fri (Shrine) 8:30a-9:30a
 - 1st Sunday of each month (St. John XXIII): 3-4pm



SACRAMENTS

- Baptism
- Marriage
- Anointing
 - Every 1st Friday at 8am Mass
- Funerals



GROW IN FAITH

- OCIA | Adult Formation
- Children's Formation ~ coming soon



GET INVOLVED

- Ministry Directory
- Music Ministry
- Parish Leadership Team (PLT)



PRAYER & CARE

- Prayer Requests (online)
- Request a Mass Intention (online) ~ coming soon
- Pastoral Care



STEWARDSHIP

- Online Giving
- Parish Support
- Reserve a Legacy Bench



NEW TO ST. RITA?

- Join St. Rita Parish
- New to the Catholic Faith



STAY INFORMED

- Calendar
- Weekly Bulletin
- Website

STAFF DIRECTORY

Parish Office

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Mary Morgan

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Kathy Lockard

Facilities Manager:
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Geraldine Durman

Youth Ministry:
Leah Sides

OCIA Coordinator:
Michelle Quinn Crowley

Parish Directory



Campus Map



All underlined text is clickable. Can't find what you're looking for? Visit stritainthedesert.org or contact the Parish Office.

ST. RITA IN THE DESERT



Build Something They'll Remember

Choose One Experience. Make a Difference.

Our Harvest Festival is returning with a new vision—and a new way of serving.

We've listened to the feedback from past festivals. Instead of asking a few volunteers to carry the entire festival, we're inviting many parishioners to help create **one unforgettable experience**.

Choose One Experience. Join One Team. Help Build Something They'll Remember.

Children's Village - Confirmation

Magical fun for our youngest guests.

- Games
- Pumpkin Patch
- Prizes
- Family Activities

Hospitality - Welcome Team

Welcome every guest with a smile.

- Information
- Guest Welcome
- Volunteer Check-In
- Floater

Creative Corner - Confirmation

Hands-on fun for all ages.

- Face Painting
- Hair Tinsel
- Henna
- Crafts

Harvest Market - Altar Society

Support our vendors and artisans.

- Vendor Check-In
- Hospitality
- Market Support

Vineyard Retreat - Guild

Create a relaxing gathering space.

- Hospitality
- Décor
- Guest Experience

Harvest Beer Garden - Knights

Help serve our adult guests.

- Hospitality
- Entry
- Setup
- Cleanup

Main Stage - Liturgical Ministry

Keep the entertainment running smoothly.

- Performer Hospitality
- Stage Crew
- Seating
- Setup

Glow Garden - Marian Garden Chair

Help create the festival's evening magic.

- Lighting & Décor
- Lanterns
- Guest Experience

Logistics & Setup - Facilities

The team behind the scenes.

- Tents
- Tables & Chairs
- Signage
- Site Setup/Teardown
- Cleanup

There Is a Place for You.

Whether you have an hour, a weekend, or a special talent to share, we'd love to welcome you to the Harvest Festival Team.

Help us build something our parish—and our community—will remember.

One Experience. One Team. One Amazing Festival.

Click [HERE](#) to Learn
More About the Harvest
Festival Team



See the Vision

Each experience is planned and led by its own dedicated volunteer team.



- Children's Village
- Creative Corner
- Harvest Hall

- 🎵 Main Stage
- 🤝 Entry | Hospitality

- Harvest Market
- 🌟 Glow Garden

- 🍷 Vineyard Retreat
- 🍺 Beer Garden

Your Parish. Reimagined.

Imagine helping bring this vision to life.