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MASS SCHEDULE | Horario de Misas

SATURDAY/ Sábado

5:00 pm—English

SUNDAY/ Domingo

8:00 am—English

10:00 am—English

12:00 pm—Spanish

DAILY MASS IN SHRINE | Misa Diaria en el Santuario

Monday to Friday / De Lunes a Viernes

8:00 am —English

Confessions | Confesiones

Saturday | Sábado

3:30 pm—4:30 pm

In the church or by appointment

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MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

Saturday July 5

8:00 am St. Rita

5:00 pm † John Zubeł

(SI) Wayne Glembin

Sunday July 6

8:00 am † Richard Doyle

10:00 am † José Arteaga, Maria Peña,
Carmen, Victor, & Armando
Cancino

12:00 pm Living Deceased of St. Rita's

Monday July 7

8:00 am † Ron Vaccaro

† Jerome R. Gillette

Tuesday July 8

8:00 am † Mark Bender

Wednesday July 9

8:00 am † Kay Aki

Thursday July 10

8:00 am † Kay Lavalley

Friday July 11

8:00 am † Barbara Meehan

Readings for the Week of July 6, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7,
16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
or 10:1-9

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-
15ab/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-
7ab, 8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-
24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps
105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19,
27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps
105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30
-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk
10:25-37

Las lecturas de la semana del 6 de julio de 2025

Domingo: Is 66, 10-14/Sal 65, 1-3. 4-5. 6-
7. 16. 20 (1)/Gal 6, 14-18/
Lc 10, 1-12. 17-20 o 10, 1-9

Lunes: Gn 28, 10-22/Sal 90, 1-2. 3-4. 14-
15/Mt 9, 18-26

Martes: Gn 32, 22-32/Sal 16, 1. 2-3. 6-7.
8 y 15/Mt 9, 32-38

Miércoles: Gn 41, 55-57; 42, 5-7. 17-24/
Sal 32, 2-3. 10-11. 18-19/Mt 10, 1-7

Jueves: Gn 44, 18-21. 23-29; 45, 1-5/Sal
104, 16-17. 18-19. 20-21/Mt 10, 7-15

Viernes: Gn 46, 1-7. 28-30/Sal 36, 3-4. 18-
19. 27-28. 39-40/Mt 10, 16-23

Sábado: Gn 49, 29-32; 50, 15-26/Sal 104,
1-2. 3-4. 6-7/Mt 10, 24-33

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ABOUT US

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Friday after the 8:00am Mass for an hour; First Sunday of the month at 4:00 pm for an hour in the John XXIII.

Anointing of the Sick:

Every First Friday at the 8:00 am Mass

Baptisms:

Please visit our website under the tab LITURGY/SACRAMENTS and fill the *Intent to Baptize Form*.

Confirmation:

Contact Youth Minister or OCIA coordinator

Marriage:

Marriage arrangements must be made at least 4 months in advance. Contact the parish office.

When God Speaks Like a Polish Grandmother

A friend of mine had a Polish grandmother who was famous for giving her children some blunt advice every time they left the house: "Eyes straight ahead. Mind your own business."

Every mother knows her children best, and this mother knew hers liked to argue and sometimes liked to show off. She knew that could lead to trouble. She could not anticipate every scenario they would encounter each time they departed from her. All she could do was distill what she knew about life, safety, and manners into a few simple words, and hand them over to her children like a set of car keys or a hastily scribbled map. In this way, a woman who rarely said "I love you" expressed her devotion. And long after she was dead and buried, her aging sons and daughters repeated these words to themselves, like a child wrapping himself in a warm blanket.

Jesus does much the same for us, in many portions of the Gospels. *"Ask the master to send out laborers for his harvest...Carry no money...Eat what is set before you...Know that the Kingdom of God is at hand...Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven."*

He knows us best — knows our strengths, but even more importantly, he knows our weaknesses. He doesn't always have the space to address each of these explicitly in the pages of Scripture, but what he can do is distill the truth of effective evangelization into a few simple words, and hand them over to us as food for our journey of discipleship. In this way, a God who addresses the entire world and every soul who ever lived also speaks intimately to each one of us.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus sent his Apostles out two by two. In this spirit, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul members "go out two by two" to visit those who are poor and needy in their homes. It is there in the family setting that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance. Know that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul members bring your gifts directly to the poor and suffering in our parish.

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St. Michael Prayer, Explained!

The prayer to St. Michael invokes the protection of the archangel Michael in the ongoing spiritual battle for the souls of all mankind. This prayer was composed by Pope Leo XIII and its use was instituted in 1886 at the end of Low Mass, a tradition which continued until the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council. A popular story regarding its origin claims that the Pope wrote this prayer after having a vision of demonic spirits descending on Rome.

Michael is mentioned as one of God's seven archangels in the Book of Enoch and is presented by Revelations 12:7-12 as the warrior angel who cast Satan from heaven. He is therefore traditionally venerated as a protector against the forces of evil and a guardian of the Church.

The Prayer to St. Michael is still commonly said at the end of the rosary and by some parishes after the conclusion of Mass. ©LPi

Collection/Colecta

We would like to thank all of our parishioners and visitors for being generous with your donations. We depend on your generosity to meet the financial needs of our parish.

SUNDAY OFFERING

June 29, 2025

Figures not available at the time of publication.

May God bless you for your continued support!



St. Rita's Outreach Ministry loves our parishioners! There were 19,327 Meals to Grow bags supplemented by St. Rita's in the 2024-2025 school year. There were 19,327 meals delivered to the schools by our three driving teams! (550 bags per week) This weekend, your Outreach 'Yellow Envelope' collection will make it all happen. Your January donations purchased 144 backpacks for Vail middle school & high school students. With grateful hands and hearts!

"Almighty God, give me wisdom to perceive You, intelligence to understand You, diligence to seek You, patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You, a heart to meditate upon You and life to proclaim You, through the power of the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

~Benedict of Nursia
(480-547), Monk, Patron of Europe, Feast Day July 11



Carry Your Cross

Question:

As Catholics, we talk a lot about “redemptive suffering” and “carrying your cross.” What does that mean practically in daily life?

Answer:

When Jesus spoke these words, they would have sounded quite intense to his hearers. *“Pick up your cross daily and follow me.”* At the time, Jesus hadn’t yet been crucified. A cross was a Roman torture instrument. “Pick up the thing that tortures you the most,” Jesus seemed to say. Unfortunately, most of us have no real shortage of these in our life. To take up the cross isn’t to seek out new sufferings in our life. It’s to accept the life we have.

Of course, unjust or unhealthy circumstances should be rectified when possible. But there are always circumstances that remain out of our immediate control. It could be pain management, the defiance of our teenage child, or an unhealthy work environment ... but you need the paycheck to pay the bills. In difficult circumstances, it can be easier to blame, complain, or daydream our way out of it. None of these are real solutions, since none of them accept the reality of the situation at hand. Those options only add to our suffering, since they damage relationships, fixate on the problem, or set up unrealistic expectations.

Instead, Jesus invites us to take up our cross — to look at the uncomfortable situation square in the eyes, take a deep breath, and do our best to be present to God’s grace in the moment. To love those in our path. To take things one step at a time.

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It's almost time for the Annual Silent Auction for our two reserved parking spaces! **Bidding starts next weekend, July 12/13**, and closes after the noon mass on **July 20th**. Bid sheets will be in the Narthex. Last year's winning bids were \$ 800 & \$ 500. **GOOD LUCK!**



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ST. RITA IN THE DESERT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

...With God, all things are possible! (Matt 19:26)

July 6, 2025

“Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.” (Col 3:15a,16a)

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Consider that from the beginning, God had a mission for His creation. Adam, the first man, was created to live in a relationship with God and to offer fitting praise to Him. However, due to the nature of the fall, the mission required some adaptation, and through the nation of Israel, God fulfilled that mission with Jesus Christ.

Our readings for this weekend convey a sense of mission, suggesting that Israel's fundamental purpose was to bring salvation to the world. We see that through our mission, we become a new creation. Moreover, the sacraments that we receive assist us in becoming transformed into a new creation for mission.

Jesus has called us, His Church, to mission. We see that Jesus did not abolish the ancient hierarchy or the patriarchy. While some in our postmodern world wish to deconstruct and challenge this reality, we can see that it stands on the ancient Hebrew texts and the teachings of the Holy Mother Church, dating back to the time of Peter and continuing to our times.

How are we conformed to Jesus' call to mission? Are we eager to share the gospel message of peace, forgiveness, and love with everyone we meet? We need to reclaim the same missionary zeal that the early Church had so that we can touch the lives and hearts of a broken and lost world. Let us pray for the revival of the Church's evangelistic zeal and pray that our parish of St. Rita in the Desert be open to this new possibility! Saint Rita of Cascia, pray for us!

As we enter summer, we realize that our school will soon be back in session, which means our Religious Education program will be back in full swing. Our Director of Religious Education, Ms. Geraldine Durman, and our Youth Minister and Confirmation teacher, Ms. Carolyn Reynolds, are eager to register your children in our program. Announcements, after Mass or in our bulletin, will provide further registration information and information on when classes begin.

Lastly, some may wonder whether our parish will host a parish festival this year. The answer to that question is no. As the pastor, I do not have the energy to engage in this process, which requires collaboration, openness to ideas, and support from the parish. Unfortunately, the parish needs a break, and I need to take time to evaluate the process and put a sustainable structure that works in place.

I will also pray about who the parish needs to fill the chair positions. Moreover, I hope that after some training with Amazing Parish and the team I have chosen to assist me, we can become the parish that draws many to our doors. I hope that we become an AMAZING PARISH! Thank you for all you do and for your understanding!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Alonzo M. García, Pastor



ST. RITA IN THE DESERT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

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6 de julio de 2025

“Que en sus corazones reine la paz de Cristo; que la palabra de Cristo habite en ustedes con toda su riqueza.” (Col 3, 15a,16a)

Estimada familia parroquial:

Desde el principio, Dios tuvo una misión para Su creación. Adán, el primer hombre, fue creado para vivir en relación con Dios y ofrecerle una alabanza digna. Sin embargo, debido a la caída, la misión requirió una adaptación, y a través de la nación de Israel, Dios cumplió esa misión con Jesucristo.

Las lecturas de este fin de semana transmiten un sentido de misión, sugiriendo que el propósito fundamental de Israel era llevar la salvación al mundo. Vemos que, a través de nuestra misión, nos convertimos en una nueva creación. Además, los sacramentos que recibimos nos ayudan a transformarnos en una nueva creación para la misión.

Jesús nos ha llamado a nosotros, Su Iglesia, a la misión. Vemos que Jesús no abolió la jerarquía antigua ni el patriarcado. Aunque algunos en nuestro mundo posmoderno desean deconstruir y desafiar esta realidad, podemos ver que se basa en los antiguos textos hebreos y en las enseñanzas de la Santa Madre Iglesia, que se remontan a la época de Pedro y continúan hasta nuestros días.

¿Cómo respondemos al llamado misionero de Jesús? ¿Estamos deseosos de compartir el mensaje del Evangelio de paz, perdón y amor con todos los que encontramos? Necesitamos recuperar el mismo celo misionero que tuvo la Iglesia primitiva para poder tocar las vidas y los corazones de un mundo quebrantado y perdido. ¡Oremos por el renacer del celo evangelizador de la Iglesia y para que nuestra parroquia de Santa Rita en el Desierto esté abierta a esta nueva posibilidad! ¡Santa Rita de Casia, ruega por nosotros!

Al acercarse el verano, nos damos cuenta de que pronto comenzará nuevamente la escuela, lo cual significa que nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa volverá a estar en plena actividad. Nuestra Directora de Educación Religiosa, la Sra. Geraldine Durman, y nuestra Ministra Juvenil y maestra de Confirmación, la Sra. Carolyn Reynolds, están entusiasmadas por inscribir a sus hijos en nuestro programa. Los anuncios después de la Misa o en nuestro boletín proporcionarán más información sobre la inscripción y las fechas de inicio de clases.

Por último, algunos estarán preguntándose si nuestra parroquia tendrá un festival parroquial este año. La respuesta es no. Como párroco, no tengo la energía para participar en este proceso, que requiere colaboración, apertura a ideas y apoyo de parte de la parroquia. Desafortunadamente, la parroquia necesita un descanso, y yo necesito tomarme el tiempo para evaluar el proceso y establecer una estructura sostenible que funcione.

También oraré para discernir a quién necesita la parroquia para ocupar los cargos de liderazgo. Además, espero que, tras un proceso de formación con Amazing Parish y el equipo que he elegido para asistirme, podamos convertirnos en la parroquia que atrae a muchos a nuestras puertas. ¡Espero que lleguemos a ser una PARROQUIA INCREÍBLE! ¡Gracias por todo lo que hacen y por su comprensión!

Sinceramente Suyos en Cristo,

Reverendo Alonzo M. García, Pastor