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Thursday/ Jueves—8:00 am-2:00 pm

Friday/ Viernes—**Closed**

Office closed 12:00 pm—1:00 pm daily

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

En la iglesia o por cita



Welcome to St. Rita in the Desert Catholic Church | Bienvenido a la Iglesia Católica de Santa Rita en el Desierto



MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

Saturday July 19

5:00 pm † Ann & Bill Mullady

Sunday July 20

8:00 am † Enrique Escarcega

10:00 am † Kenneth Glembin

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

Monday July 21

8:00 am First Responders

Tuesday July 22

8:00 am † Yvonne Durand

Wednesday July 23

8:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory

Thursday July 24

8:00 am Men & Women in the Military

Friday July 25

8:00 am † Joan & Janet Pettit (Sisters)



DIOCESE OF TUCSON NEW OUTLOOK

The Diocese of Tucson invites you to stay in touch with the Church via your phone and/or email. Every week the diocese publishes the New Outlook, our local newsletter with links to news, events, and so much more! To sign up, you can text DOTNEWS to 84576 or go to <https://news.diocesetucson.org/subscribe>

Readings for the Week of July 20, 2025

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Las lecturas de la semana del 20 de julio de 2025

Domingo: Gn 18, 1-10/Sal 14, 2-3. 3-4. 5 (1)/Col 1, 24-28/Lc 10, 38-42

Lunes: Ex 14, 5-18/Ex 15, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Mt 12, 38-42

Martes: Cant 3, 1-4 o 2 Co 5, 14-17/Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9/Jn 20, 1-2. 11-18

Miércoles: Ex 16, 1-5. 9-15/Sal 77, 18-19. 23-24. 25-26. 27-28/Mt 13, 1-9

Jueves: Ex 19, 1-2. 9-11. 16-20/Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56/Mt 13, 10-17

Viernes: 2 Co 4, 7-15/Sal 125, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6/Mt 20, 20-28

Sábado: Ex 24, 3-8/Sal 49, 1-2. 5-6. 14-15/Mt 13, 24-30

Domingo siguiente: Gn 18, 20-32/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 6-7. 7-8 (3)/Col 2, 12-14/Lc 11, 1-13

SAFE ENVIROMENT Important tele- phone numbers:

911

Child Protective Services: 1-888-SOS-CHILD (1-888-767-2445)

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Diocese of Tucson - Office of Child, Adolescent, and Adult Protection:

520-838-2315 or 520-838-2500

Child Protective Services: 1-888-SOS-CHILD (1-888-767-2445)

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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.

BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Martha's Burdens

It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Been a little catty about her. *Oooh, Mary, she's so holy.* Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Martha's who get things done in the world while the Mary's lounge around reading Aquinas and attending silent retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration whenever they want.

And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that.

Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both.

Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heap-ing her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha — perhaps she even had more!

Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them.

We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. *I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line.* But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to his feet.

God knows about burdens, okay? Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, he basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why did he do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to him.

Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens. ©LPi



St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus affirms that to be a disciple, we must also sit at his feet and listen to him. St. Vincent de Paul taught that it is only through prayer that we can offer selfless, loving service to those in need. This week, please take a moment each day to offer a special prayer for the poor and forgotten in our parish.

For more information about becoming a member, call (520) 501-1386.

Devotions, Explained!

St. Bridget Prayers, Explained!

St. Bridget of Sweden (d. 1373) was a noblewoman of the Middle Ages whose renowned mysticism centered on the passion of Christ. A mother of eight and an attendant at the royal court in Sweden, as a widow she founded the Order of the Most Holy Savior, advocated for reform in the church and for the return of the Pope to Rome from France.

The St. Bridget Prayers refer to 15 prayers attributed to Bridget which evoke the imagery of Christ's suffering and death, plead for the forgiveness of the supplicant's sins, for a happy death, for fear and love of the Lord, and for a renunciation of worldly desires.

For many years, these prayers were associated with divine promises, though in 1954 the Catholic Church declared that it could not be said that these promises were of supernatural origin. The prayers themselves remain beloved and popular devotions to Christ's passion. ©LPi

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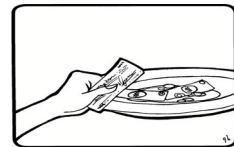
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SUNDAY OFFERING

July 13, 2025

Offertory: \$ 3,975.00

Online: \$ 1,859.64



May God bless you for your continued support!

**The word of God
is a light to the mind
and a fire to the will.**

—St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Let a man fear, above all, me, his God, and so much the gentler will he become toward my creatures and animals, on whom, on account of me, their Creator, he ought to have compassion.



~ St. Bridget of Sweden (1301-1373), Visionary, Foundress, Feast Day July 23

GOSPEL MEDITATION

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 10:38-42

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hard-working and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the **"one necessary thing."** He praises her for she **"has chosen the better part"** (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work—domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



June 9—July 28, 2025

MON-THUR 8:00 AM—2:00 PM

FRIDAY CLOSED

Office Closed 12 PM—1:00PM

DAILY



Gentleman, Join the Men's Catholic Brotherhood Group

Do you want to improve your prayer life? Do you want to gain a deeper understanding of your Catholic faith? If so, please consider joining the St Rita's Men's Catholic Brotherhood Group. This group exists to help men deepen their faith through prayer, formation, and fellowship. Our goal is to help each other become the men that Christ has called us to be.

Our first meeting will take place on **August 18th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm** in the Oscar Romero Room. Thereafter, we will meet every second, third, and fourth Monday of the month. We will also meet for the first Saturday for 8 am Mass in the Shrine and breakfast afterwards.

For more information, please get in touch with Jayme Kahle at jkahle25@gmail.com or 520-664-4467.

EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

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January 08
February 12
March 12
April 09
May 14
June 11

July 09
August 13
September 10
October 08
November 12
December 10

6:30 pm - 8 pm
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"What kinds of photos does St. James take?"

CHEESE!

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"Shell-fies!"

FUN FACT!

St. James was one of Jesus' best friends. In art, he's often shown with a shell, a symbol of Baptism. Tradition says St. James traveled to Spain to share the Gospel. Today, you can still follow his path on the famous Camino de Santiago, marked by shells along the way!

SAVE THE DATE

3RD ANNUAL

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 19, 2025

- AT CHASE FIELD -

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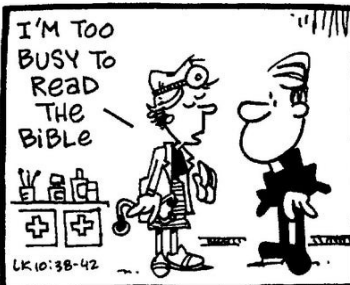


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6. In the "Find an Organization" box, enter St. Rita in the Desert
7. In the search results look for St. Rita in the Desert; then click on "ENROLL".

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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A
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Mass for: _____

Living _____ Deceased _____

Mass Date/Time: _____

Requested by: _____

Phone Number: _____

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