



St. Rita in the Desert Catholic Church

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Wednesday/ Miércoles—8:00 am-2:00 pm

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

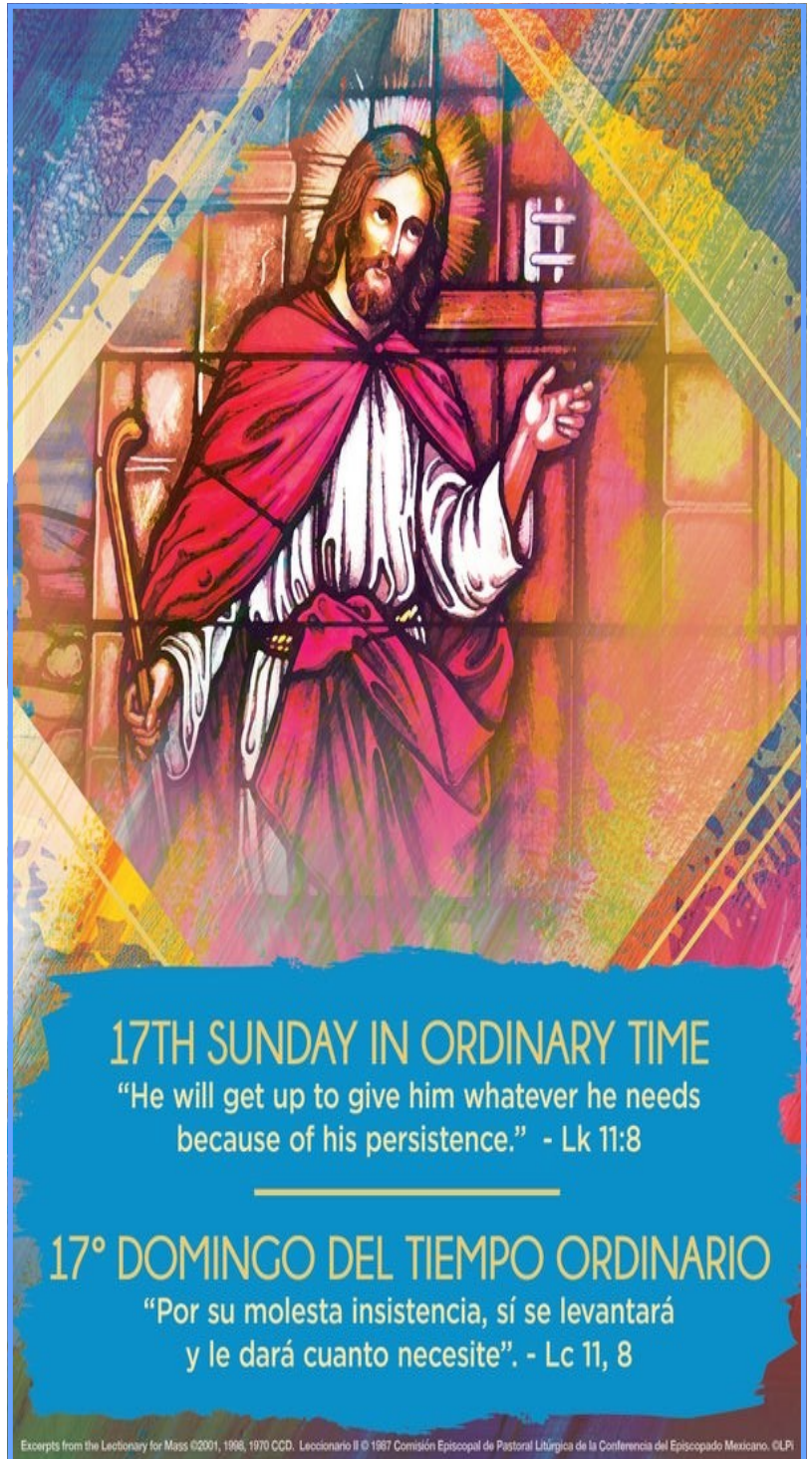
Confessions | Confesiones

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 26

5:00 pm † Mary Olander
† Dave Whaley

Sunday July 27

8:00 am † Agnes Sorace & Family
(SI) Kate Harlow
10:00 am † Donald Dowdy
12:00 pm † Francisco Velarde Osuna

Monday July 28

8:00 am St. Rita

Tuesday July 29

8:00 am Living & Deceased of St. Rita's

Wednesday July 30

8:00 am (SI) Gerard & Elizabeth Szwest
† Moxey O'Donnell

Thursday July 31

8:00 am First Responders

Friday August 1

8:00 am (SI) Joy Elizabet Toussaint



Readings for the Week of July 27, 2025

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

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Las lecturas de la semana del 27 de julio de 2025

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

Lunes: Ex 32, 15-24. 30-34/Sal 105, 19-20. 21-22. 23/Mt 13, 31-35

Martes: Ex 33, 7-11; 34, 5-9. 28/Sal 102, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11. 12-13/Jn 11, 19-27 o Lc 10, 38-42

Miércoles: Ex 34, 29-35/Sal 98, 5. 6. 7. 9/Mt 13, 44-46

Jueves: Ex 40, 16-21. 34-38/Sal 83, 3. 4. 5-6 y 8. 11/Mt 13, 47-53

Viernes: Lv 23, 1. 4-11. 15-16. 27. 34-37/Sal 80, 3-4. 5-6. 10-11/Mt 13, 54-58

Sábado: Lv 25, 1. 8-17/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 7-8/Mt 14, 1-12

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SAFE ENVIROMENT



Important Telephone Numbers:

911

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

Adult Protective Services: 1-888-SOS-ADULT (1-888-767-2385)

Diocese of Tucson – Office of Child, Adolescent, and Adult Protection: 520-838-2315 or 520-838-2500

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

Ask and You Shall Receive

It's easy to look at today's Gospel reading and come away with a view of God as disinterested and irritated, reluctant to give us what we need unless we bang down his door, hound him to the furthest reaches of heaven, wrench him from his reverie and force him to answer just so we'll finally go away.

Well, that's not what Jesus means by the parable of the friend at midnight — but it's also not surprising that we would think that it is. The whole point of this Gospel is that communication between God and man has been broken. It's not as easy as it once was, as it should be, as it could be.

In this parable, there exists many barriers between the supplicant and his friend. The time of day is not ideal. The door is locked. Their dispositions are opposite — one is in the middle of a REM cycle and the other is deeply agitated. They appear to be two people who are not primed to communicate well. Everything is working against them.

The same could well be said of God and the human race. Here we are in a fallen world, surrounded by sin and pain and sickness and death to the extent that it infiltrates not just our bodies but our souls, our minds, our attitudes.

We are the friend caught unprepared in the dead of night. We don't always know how to talk to God (*That door is thick! Will he hear us if we knock?*). We don't always know if we should (*It's all my fault that I ran out of loaves, after all*). We don't even know if we want to (*It's nighttime! He might be angry!*).

Everything is working against us.

It doesn't matter, Jesus tells us. Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, the One who desires its full and irrevocable attention, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough.

So, knock. ©LPi



St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is our "Father" and just as parents' love for their children is unlimited, so is God's love and care for us. We helped many families during July. So many are hungry and need help to make a living. Thank you for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

GUILD GIFT SHOP MANAGER

The Guild of St. Rita is looking for a volunteer to manage our gift shop operations. Our shop is opened August-May. Guild members will assist with staffing.

Interested? Please contact us at
Guild@stritainthedesert.org

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

July 20, 2025

Offertory: \$ 4,072.00

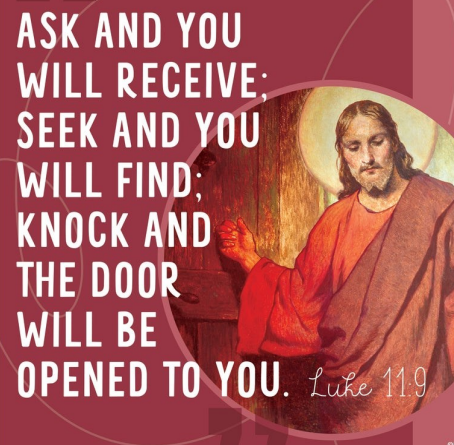
Online: \$ 2,547.10

Campus Maintenance

Collection: \$ 1,515.00

Online: \$ 490.15

May God bless you for your continued support!



For they speak of Christ, not that they may preach Christ; but that they may reject Christ; and they speak of the law, not that they may establish the law, but that they may proclaim things contrary to it.



~ St. Ignatius (1491-1556), Jesuit, Patron of Soldiers, Educators, Feast Day July 31

GOSPEL MEDITATION

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 11:1-13

Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lord's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A lifetime of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: **"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you"** (Luke 11:9). We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer; we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail.

— 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.

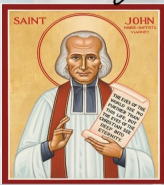
Our first meeting will take place on **August 18th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm** in the Oscar Romero Room. Thereafter, we will meet every second, third, and fourth Monday of the month. We will also meet for the first Saturday for 8 am Mass in the Shrine and breakfast afterwards.

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

EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

SONS OF Vianney Tucson


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
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8650 N Shannon Rd, Tucson, AZ 85742
Open to young men discerning priesthood
Ages 14-17 High School Students Only

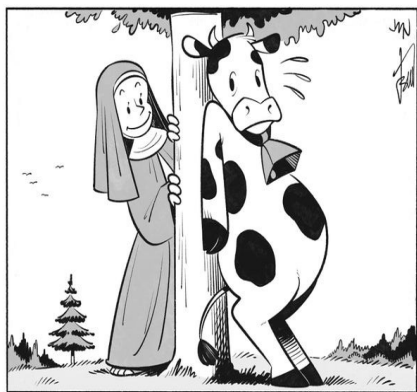
Registration required
vocations@diocesetucson.org - (520) 838 2537
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"Why does St. Brigid keep winning at hide-and-seek?"



"All the cows are spotted."

FUN FACT! St. Brigid is a favorite saint in Ireland, and she is the patron saint of cows and cattle. It's said that she had a favorite white cow with red ears. St. Brigid has many miracles attributed to her intercession.

SAVE THE DATE

3RD ANNUAL
CATHOLIC NIGHT
FRIDAY, SEPT. 19, 2025
- AT CHASE FIELD -

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Envelope #: _____ \$ _____

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Thank you for your generosity*



Mass for: _____

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Mass Date/Time: _____

Requested by: _____

Phone Number: _____

The stipend for a Mass intention is \$10.
Two weeks advance notice is required.
Please fill out this for and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office.



Fry's Community Rewards Program Benefits St. Rita in the Desert

Do you shop at Fry's and have a VIP shopper's card? If so, please consider registering your card for the Fry's Community Rewards Program, and they will donate to St. Rita in the Desert.

1. Go to www.frysfood.com
2. Select "Sign In," and sign in to your Fry's online account (or create an account).
3. Put the cursor on your name and click on "My Account".
4. On the left side select "Community Rewards".
5. On the Fry's Community Rewards Page, click "Enroll Now".
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".



Saint Rita

a Woman of Virtue & Patron Saint of the Impossible

Women's Retreat

Saturday - September 27, 2025

8:30 am Coffee & Fellowship

9:00 am Retreat begins

4:45 pm Retreat concludes

Lunch will be provided! beverages and snacks are included.
Cost is free!

Saint Rita in the Desert - Parish Hall



The English Legion of Mary is Sponsoring coffee and donuts in the hall after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am masses on August 3, 2025.



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