

June 07, 2026



ST. RITA IN THE DESERT

Catholic Church

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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." (John 6:51)

"Yo soy el pan vivo que bajó del cielo; el que coma de este pan vivirá para siempre." (Juan 6:51)

Reflection:

Jesus does not merely offer bread — He offers Himself. Every time the faithful receive Holy Communion, they are not receiving a symbol or a memory, but the living, risen Lord — Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity — the very One who spoke these words. This feast is not a celebration of the past. It is an encounter with the eternal, present now, on every altar, in every tabernacle, in every consecrated Host.

Socratic Question:

If you truly believed that the person standing in the Communion line beside you was about to receive the living God — would it change the reverence with which you approach the altar yourself?

Reflexión:

Jesús no nos ofrece solamente pan — se ofrece a sí mismo. Cada vez que recibimos la Sagrada Comunión, no recibimos un símbolo ni un recuerdo, sino al Señor vivo y resucitado — Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad — el mismo que pronunció estas palabras. Esta fiesta no es una celebración del pasado. Es un encuentro con el Eterno, presente ahora, en cada altar, en cada sagrario, en cada Hostia consagrada.

Pregunta socrática:

Si de verdad creyeras que la persona parada junto a ti en la fila de Comunión está a punto de recibir al Dios vivo — ¿cambiaría la reverencia con la que tú mismo te acercas al altar?

Source: *Truthly App*

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

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 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

PARISH INFORMATION

COLLECTIONS | COLECTA

May 31, 2026



Offertory: \$6,201.35
Rectory Debt: \$1,098.00
Campus Maint: \$229.60

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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

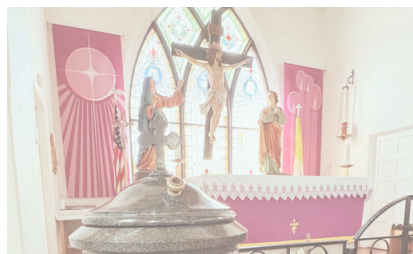
MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

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

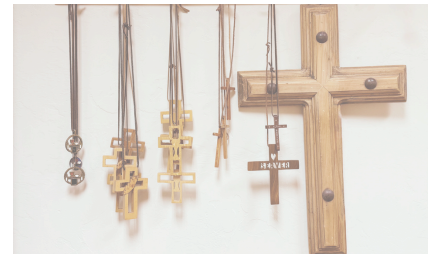


ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR, INTENTIONS, OBSERVATIONS & READINGS

MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

Saturday June 6

8:00 am

SI James Benton

†Dcn. Efren Medrano

5:00 pm

†Joseph Ward

†James Brink

†Dcn. Efren Medrano

Sunday June 7

8:00 am

SI Lana Jergovic

†Dcn. Efren Medrano

SI Dcn. Ron & Dcn Tom 30th
Anniversary

10:00 am

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

SI Dcn. Ron & Dcn Tom 30th
Anniversary

12:00 pm

Living & Deceased of St. Rita

Monday June 8

8:00 am

†James W. Logan

†Jeffrey Roberts

SI Dcn. Ron & Dcn Tom 30th
Anniversary

Tuesday June 9

8:00 am

Men & Women in the Military

Wednesday June 10

8:00 am

First Responders

Thursday June 11

8:00 am

St. Rita Office Staff

Friday June 12

8:00 am

St. Rita

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, June 7

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

- *St. Anthony Mary Gianelli*

8:00 am - Mass (English)

10:00 am - Mass (English)

12:00 noon - Mass (Spanish)

3:00 pm - Shrine

Monday, June 8

- *St. Medardus of Noyon*

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

Tuesday, June 9

- *St. Ephrem the Syrian*

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday, June 10

- *St. Landry of Paris*

8:00 am - Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 am Women's Scripture

Study (Oscar Romero Room)

Thursday, June 11

- *St. Barnabas, Apostle*

- *St. Paula Frassinetti*

8:00 am - Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday, June 12

- *St. Onuphrius*

- *Pope St. Leo III*

8:00 am - Mass

8:30 am Eucharist Adoration

Saturday, June 13

- *Saint Anthony of Padua*

5 pm - Vigil Mass (John XXIII)

source: young-catholics.com

READINGS & OBSERVANCES

FIRST READING:

“Not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” (Dt 8:3)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

“Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.” (Ps 147)

SECOND READING:

“The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?” (1 Cor 10:16)

GOSPEL:

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven.” (Jn 6:51)

Sunday, June 7

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a | Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 | 1 Cor 10:16-17 | Jn 6:51-58

Monday, June 8

1 Kgs 17:1-6 | Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 | Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday, June 9

1 Kgs 17:7-16 | Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 | Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday, June 10

1 Kgs 18:20-39 | Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11 | Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, June 11

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 | Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 | Mt 5:20-26

Friday, June 12

Ez 34:11-16 | Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 | Rom 5:5b-11 | Lk 15:3-7

Saturday, June 13

Is 61:9-11 | 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd | Lk 2:41-51

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

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 - Join Us!

Love sacred music? Come sing or play!

Adult choirs (18+): Tues | 6:30 pm
Youth choir (8-18): Wed | 4:30 pm
Spanish choir: Wed | 6:15 pm

Play piano, guitar, flute or clarinet? - welcome!

Pianist Needed (Sat 5pm Mass):
Stipend available.

Coro español: ¡Únete! 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

Support Meals to Grow Program, Food Bank and other critical human needs in our community.
Email: 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

Right to Life

Email: rtl@stritainthedesert.org

Family Faith Formation

www.watch.formed.org

Vocations

Contact Mr. Adam LaGuardia:
Vocations@stritainthedesert.org

Welcome Committee

Interested in joining submit your [Welcoming Team request form](#) online.

Guild of St. Rita

Join us every **2nd & 4th Wed** of the month | **6pm** | Mother Teresa Rm | Email: 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)

Mujeres de Fe se reúne el segundo y cuarto jueves de cada mes, de 6 a 8 p. m., en el salón. Para mas Informacion Coordinadora: Norma Escoto
patriciasct26@gmail.com

Marian Book Club

All are welcome to join. Meet us in the Oscar Romero Room every **Thursday** from **4:30 pm - 6 pm**

Women's Scripture Study

Wednesday mornings **9am**
Oscar Romero Room
All women are welcome
irenetoews@cox.net

EXTERNAL MINISTRIES



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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

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.



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



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

RECTORY DEBT PAYOFF UPDATE

As of Sunday, May 31, 2026

\$130,961

\$345,000
GOAL



147

500
FAMILY PLEDGED/DONATED GOAL

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ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

Aluminum cans may be dropped off in the recycling barrels next to the St. Vincent de Paul donation shed. To ensure the program's success, please note:

- Aluminum cans only (no glass, paper, metal cans, or trash)
- Please place cans in **secure, tied trash bags**
- **No clothing donations**—please take clothing to the Vail Resources Thrift Store across the street

If you have cans to donate but need assistance, please ask a Knight wearing a maroon council shirt for help.



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today as we celebrate the gift of the body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving. With the high cost of groceries these days we are serving more and more families. Thank you for your continued generosity.

KNIGHTS BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Support **REACHOUT Women's Center** by helping us surpass last year's success!

- Pick up a bottle after Mass
- Fill with change, cash, or checks (payable to Knights of Columbus)
- Return by **June 13** to a representative at the door.



NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND ADORATION

Shrine of Santa Rita
June 3, 2026 - June 11, 2026
6pm

MASS FOR THE CONSECRATION OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

St. Pope John XXIII Center
June 12, 2026
6pm

BE PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL

Our St. Rita Harvest Festival is in the works—and we need your help! Opportunities include setup, hospitality, children's activities, and more. No experience needed—just a willingness to help.

👉 To get involved, contact:
Kathy Lockard
festival@stritainthedesert.org

Come be part of something truly special at St. Rita!

WELCOME TEAM

No June Potluck

Welcome Sunday Coffee & Pastries After all Masses

June 14th

CORPUS CHRISTI ADORATION

June 7, 2026

Pope St. John XXIII Center
3-4pm

4pm Procession to the Shrine followed by Family Picnic under the Ramada