



## ***St. Rita in the Desert Catholic Church***

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**August 3, 2025**

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**Monday/ Lunes**—8:30 am-4:00 pm

**Tuesday/ Martes**—8:30 am-4:00 pm

**Wednesday/ Miercoles**—8:30 am-4:00 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

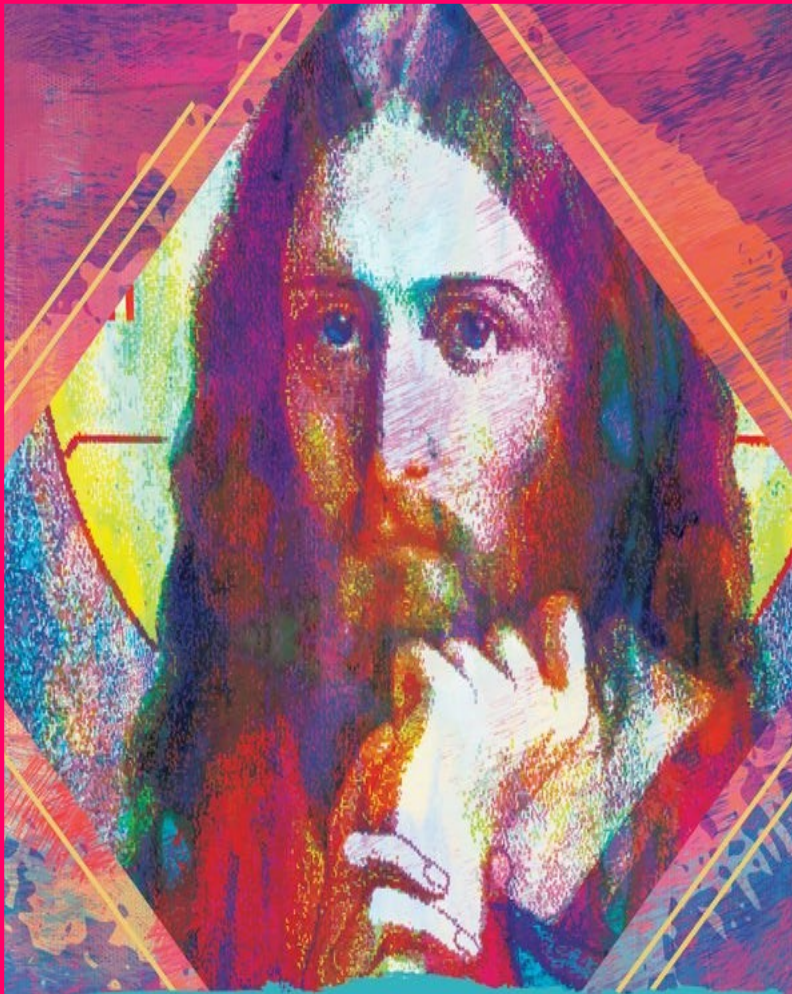
### **Confessions | Confesiones**

**Saturday | Sábado**

**3:30 pm—4:30 pm**

In the church or by appointment

En la iglesia o por cita



**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves  
but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:21

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**18° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

"Lo mismo le pasa al que amontona riquezas para sí mismo  
y no se hace rico de lo que vale ante Dios". - Lc 12, 21

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*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 August 2

8:00 am St. Rita

5:00 pm † Michael J. McCoy

### Sunday August 3

8:00 am Men & Women in the Military

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

(SI) Louis & Patricia Abney

12:00 pm † Luisa Nuño Hernandez &  
Elena Nuño Rivas

### Monday August 4

8:00 am First Responers

### Tuesday August 5

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

### Wednesday August 6

8:00 am (SI) Karen Kahle

### Thursday August 7

8:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory

### Friday August 8

8:00 am First Responders

## Readings for the Week of August 3, 2025

**Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6,  
12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-  
21

**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-  
15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab,  
6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10  
-14

**Wednesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5  
-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

**Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/  
Mt 16:13-23

**Friday:** Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16  
and 21/Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47  
and 51/Mt 17:14-20

## Las lecturas de la semana del 3 de agosto de 2025

**Domingo:** Ecl 1, 2; 2, 21-23/Sal 89, 3-4. 5-  
6. 12-13. 14. 17 (1)/Col 3, 1-5. 9-11/Lc 12,  
13-21

**Lunes:** Nm 11, 4-15/Sal 80, 12-13. 14-15.  
16-17/Mt 14, 13-21

**Martes:** Nm 12, 1-13/Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6. 6-  
7. 12-13/Mt 14, 22-36 o Mt 15, 1-2. 10-14

**Miércoles:** Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14/Sal 96, 1-2. 5  
-6. 9/2 Pe 1, 16-19/Lc 9, 28-36

**Jueves:** Nm 20, 1-13/Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-  
9/Mt 16, 13-23

**Viernes:** Dt 4, 32-40/Sal 76, 12-13. 14-15.  
16 y 21/Mt 16, 24-28

**Sábado:** Dt 6, 4-13/Sal 17, 2-3. 3-4. 47 y  
51/Mt 17, 14-20

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## DIOCESE OF TUCSON NEW OUTLOOK

The Diocese of Tucson invites you to  
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phone and/or email. Every week the  
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## SAFE ENVIROMENT



### Important Telephone Numbers:

**911**

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SOS-CHILD (1-888-767-2445)

Adult Protective Services: 1-888-  
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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 LITUR-  
GY/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.





### Quilts With Compassion

The Quilting Angels is a small group within the parish that gives its time and talent to creating beautiful quilts. This year, the members have agreed to donate Quilts With Compassion to any parishioner who is battling the devastating disease of cancer. It is our sincere hope that these quilts can offer some warmth and love to the parishioners as they navigate the trials of cancer, and let them know that prayers are being offered for them. If you or someone you know in the parish has cancer, please contact Peggy Schultz at ilo-vequilting9@yahoo.com or call the office to leave a message. If you wish to request a quilt for someone who is not a parishioner, you may do so with a donation.



The Outreach Ministry is seeking a driving team to assist in delivering meals to schools within the Vail School District. This event takes place every Thursday during the school year. Please join us! If you have any questions, email them to outreach@stritainthedesert.org.

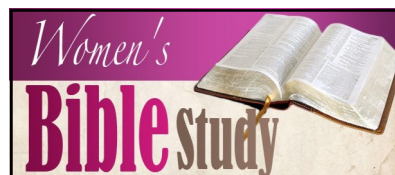


**Congratulations** to the Patton Family and the Vail TKD Family—Winners of the two reserved parking spaces. The Porters of St. Joseph received \$1050 in proceeds. Thank you for your generosity.



### St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all out lives to learn it is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God. When you give a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are realizing that in giving you indeed receive. For more information about becoming a member, call (520) 501-1386.



The Women's Bible Study will continue through the summer, meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings in the Verhagen Building. Many of our members travel in the summer, so until September, we will be watching The Chosen episodes. All women are welcome to join in this time of study and discussion of our faith. Send any questions to Irene at irenetoews@cox.net.

### Collection/Colecta

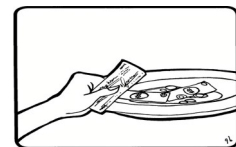
We would like to thank all of our parishioners and visitors for being generous with your donations. We depend on your generosity to meet the financial needs of our parish.

#### SUNDAY OFFERING

July 27, 2025

Offertory: \$ 4,063.00

Online: \$ 1,441.20



**May God bless you for your continued support!**

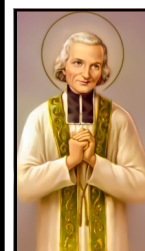
### VOLUNTEER NEEDED

#### 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**

Prayer never leaves us without sweetness. It is honey that flows into the souls and makes all things sweet. When we pray properly, sorrow disappears like snow before the sun.



~ St. John Vianney,  
Priest, Patron Saint  
of Priests, Feast Day  
August 4

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 12:13-21

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, **"Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions"** (Luke 12:15).

Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF LIFE?

THAT'S A BIG QUESTION, WITH A LITTLE ANSWER!

YEAH? SO WHAT'S THE LITTLE ANSWER?

"LOVE."

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## 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.

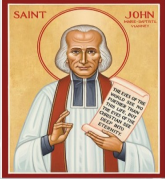
Our first meeting will take place on **August 18th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm** in the Oscar Romero Room. Thereafter, we will meet every second, third, and fourth Monday of the month. We will also meet for the first Saturday for 8 am Mass in the Shrine and breakfast afterwards.

For more information, please get in touch with Jayme Kahle at [jkahle25@gmail.com](mailto:jkahle25@gmail.com) or 520-664-4467.

EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

# SONS OF Vianney Tucson


January 08  
February 12  
March 12  
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June 11



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"How does St. Dominic travel?"



"He takes a Greyhound."



Fun Fact!

St. Dominic is frequently depicted with a dog in art. When his mother was expecting, she had a dream about a dog with a torch in its mouth, inspiring the reflection that Dominic would be a great preacher (and he was)!

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SAVE THE DATE

3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL

# CATHOLIC NIGHT

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19, 2025

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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.  
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### 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.

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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 will be leading a Novena in honor of the Assumption of Mary into heaven **from August 6, 2025, to August 14, 2025**. The Novena will begin at 6:30 pm in the Shrine.



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