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Friday/ Viernes—Closed

Office closed 12:00 pm-1:00 pm daily

MASS SCHEDULE | Horario de Misas

SATURDAY/ Sabádo

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

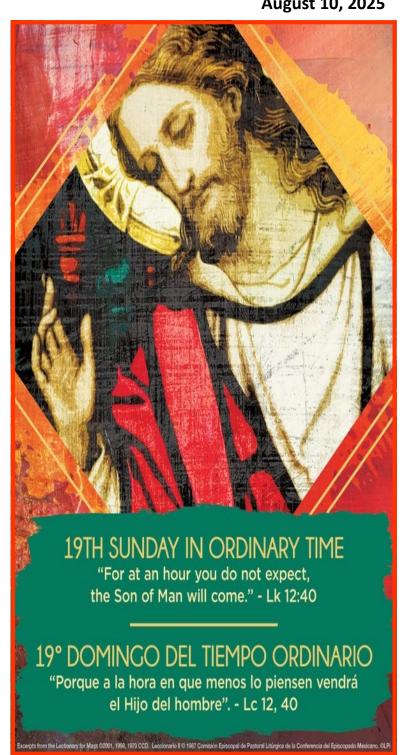
8:00 am —English

Confessions | Confesiones Saturday | Sabádo

3:30 pm-4:30 pm

In the church or by appointment

En la iglesia o por cita





MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

Saturday August 9

5:00 pm † Ed Solorzano and Robert & Jack Solorzano

Sunday August 10

8:00 am † Jeff Grimes 10:00 am Men & Women in the Military 12:00 pm St. Rita

Monday August 11

8:00 am First Respnders

Tuesday August 12

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

Wednesday August 13

8:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory

Thursday August 14

8:00 am Fr. Garcia 5:00 pm St. Rita's Office Staff

Friday August 15

8:00 am † Dean Richins 6:00 pm Living & Deceased of St. Rita's



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 August 10, 2025

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/

Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12,

13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9

and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and

8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-

2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10,

11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/

Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5,

7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Las lecturas de la semana del 10 de agosto de 2025

Domingo: Sab 18, 6-9/Sal 32, 1. 12. 18-19. 20-22 (12)/Heb 11, 1-2. 8-19 o 11, 1-2. 8-

12/Lc 12, 32-48 o 12, 35-40

Lunes: Dt 10, 12-22/Sal 148, 1-2. 11-12.

13. 14/Mt 17, 22-27

Martes: Dt 31, 1-8/Dt 32, 3-4. 7. 8. 9 y 12/

Mt 18, 1-5. 10. 12-14

Miércoles: Dt 34, 1-12/Sal 65, 1-3. 5 y 8.

16-17/Mt 18, 15-20

Jueves: Jos 3, 7-10. 11. 13-17/Sal 113, 1

-2. 3-4. 5-6/Mt 18, 21—19, 1

Viernes: Ap 11, 19; 12, 1-6. 10/Sal 44, 10.

11. 12. 16/1 Co 15, 20-27/

Lc 1, 39-56

Sábado: Jos 24, 14-29/Sal 15, 1-2 y 5. 7-8.

11/Mt 19, 13-15

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

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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 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.

QUILTING GROUP



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 ilovequilting9@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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

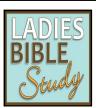
Come join us for coffee, tea, orange juice with a Knights. Donuts too! Sunday August 17, 2025 after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses.



St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, Jesus says, "Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, and an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach or destroy." Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will indeed find "an inexhaustible treasure in heaven!"

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.



PLEASE JOIN US

Installation of Council Offices and Induction Ceremony for new Knights.

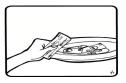
Saturday, August 23,2025, after the 5 pm mass.

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 August 3, 2025

Offertory: \$ 4,220.00 Online: \$ 2,909.95



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

The great method of prayer is to have none. If in going to prayer one can form in oneself a pure capacity for receiving the spirit of God, that will suffice for all method.



~St. Jane Frances de Chantal (1572-1641), Patron of forgotten people, Feast Day August 12

GOSPEL MEDITATION

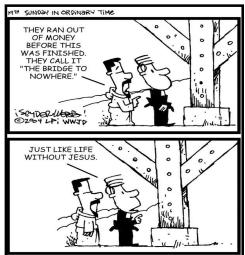
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 12:32-48

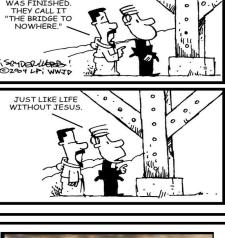
There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag-previously unknown to themwere now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Luke 12:34). Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure, the Father gives us—the kingdom of God everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can't find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That's why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



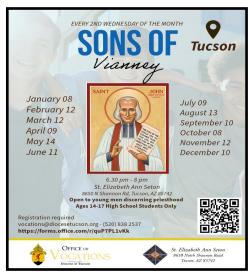


Gentleman, Join the Men's Catholic Brotherhood Group

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.









ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Please consider contributing to our fresh altar flowers. Cut out and put in collection basket or use envelopes that are in pews.

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Mass for:			

Living	Deceased	

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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".
- 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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ST. RITA IN THE DESERT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

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

August 10, 2025

"Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.." (Matt 24;42a, 44)

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

When I was growing up in the mid-eighties, my grandma would always say we needed to prepare for the days when there would be no food. Grandma would can fruits and vegetables to ensure she had a stockpile for another world war. She even froze extra meats of all kinds, and she had chickens, ducks, and pheasants in her backyard, in case the power went out.

Being prepared and vigilant are some themes we find in this weekend's readings. These readings also have a parallel to last weekend's readings about the vanity of material and worldly things. Moreover, when we consider the fleeting realities of our lives, the material world, and the illusions of control we believe we have, death puts things into perspective. That means we take nothing with us, and we should be making preparations for eternal life.

Our focus on Jesus should aid us in our journey towards heaven by emphasizing prayer, sacrifice, and detachment from the prison of greed, power, and materialism. Jesus is asking for a radical faith and spirituality that seeks only the things of the above. When we do, we place our eternal life and the life to come at the center of our very existence.

On the other hand, when we prioritize superficial and material things, we become enslaved to our material realities. We are incapable of loving, forgiving, and building bridges to unite a world that is already divided.

Our invitation is to reflect upon the gifts and talents that God has given us and use them for the betterment of our families, society, and the world. All that we have or will ever have is a gift, and it is a gift from God. How are we using our gifts to better a world that is lost and broken?

As we begin our new Religious Education year and Youth Group year, many things are taking place, and we are moving at almost breakneck speeds. Additionally, we will be having OCIA begin accepting interested Adults and their families to join in religious formation to enter into the Roman Catholic Church. As a parish family, we should start praying for our RE children, Catechists, parents, and the OCIA team as they begin to teach and share the faith with them. We are not islands unto ourselves, but instead we are a community sharing in the love, peace, and joy of Jesus Christ. May the good work the Lord has begun in us bring it to fulfillment!

On August 15, 2025, is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven, body and Soul. We will have three Masses, and we invite you to join us in celebrating the vigil Mass on August 14, 2025, at 5:00 pm in the center. Our Mass on the day will be held on August 15, 2025, in the center at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm in Spanish. We, along with our Blessed Mother, hope to see you there!

Lastly, I wanted to update you on the work our building committee is doing behind the scenes to gather data that will inform the Diocese of Tucson's building committee. Arguably, we do not currently have a bishop. Therefore, we cannot make any promises to you, our parish family, regarding the location of our new building, whether it is here or on Mary Anne Cleveland. However, we can create a plan to present to the Diocesan Building Committee and the new bishop that we have thoroughly studied this matter, and our best recommendation would be X. As part of our data collection efforts, we aim to settle the rectory debt. If we can pay off the debt within a reasonable timeframe and demonstrate to the Diocese of Tucson our ability to raise such funds, they may permit us to move forward. The overall debt to the parish is \$345,000.00! We have made many payments since September 2024. Our building committee will be sharing more details with us next month. If you would like to assist us with paying this off, please visit: https://www.osvhub.com/stritainthedesert/giving/funds/rectory-debt-payoff. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Ta Alego M. Rarcía, Pastor



ST. RITA IN THE DESERT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

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

10 de agosto de 2025

"Estén preparados, porque no saben a qué hora va a venir el Hijo del hombre." (Mateo 24;42a, 44)

Estimada familia parroquial:

Cuando yo era niño, a mediados de los años ochenta, mi abuela siempre decía que debíamos prepararnos para los días en que no habría comida. Ella envasaba frutas y verduras para asegurarse de tener una reserva en caso de otra guerra mundial. Incluso congelaba carnes de todo tipo y tenía gallinas, patos y faisanes en el patio trasero, por si se iba la electricidad.

Estar preparados y ser vigilantes son algunos de los temas que encontramos en las lecturas de este fin de semana. Estas lecturas también tienen un paralelo con las de la semana pasada sobre la vanidad de las cosas materiales y mundanas. Además, cuando consideramos la fugacidad de nuestras vidas, del mundo material y de las ilusiones de control que creemos tener, la muerte pone todo en perspectiva. Eso significa que no nos llevamos nada con nosotros y deberíamos estar haciendo preparativos para la vida eterna.

Nuestro enfoque en Jesús debe ayudarnos en nuestro camino hacia el cielo, dándole prioridad a la oración, al sacrificio y al desapego de la prisión de la codicia, el poder y el materialismo. Jesús nos pide una fe y una espiritualidad radicales que busquen solo las cosas de lo alto. Cuando lo hacemos, colocamos nuestra vida eterna y la vida futura en el centro mismo de nuestra existencia.

Por otro lado, cuando damos prioridad a las cosas superficiales y materiales, nos volvemos esclavos de nuestras realidades materiales. Nos volvemos incapaces de amar, perdonar y tender puentes para unir un mundo que ya está dividido.

La invitación es a reflexionar sobre los dones y talentos que Dios nos ha dado y usarlos para el bien de nuestras familias, de la sociedad y del mundo. Todo lo que tenemos o llegaremos a tener es un regalo; un regalo de Dios. ¿Cómo estamos utilizando nuestros dones para mejorar un mundo que está perdido y quebrantado?

Al comenzar nuestro nuevo año de Educación Religiosa y de Grupo Juvenil, muchas cosas están ocurriendo, y estamos avanzando a velocidades casi vertiginosas. Además, comenzaremos con el proceso OCIA, aceptando a adultos interesados y a sus familias para que participen en la formación religiosa e ingresen a la Iglesia Católica Romana. Como familia parroquial, deberíamos comenzar a orar por nuestros niños de Educación Religiosa, los catequistas, los padres y el equipo de OCIA mientras comienzan a enseñar y compartir la fe con ellos. No somos personas aisladas, sino una comunidad que comparte el amor, la paz y la alegría de Jesucristo. ¡Que la buena obra que el Señor ha comenzado en nosotros llegue a su cumplimiento!

El 15 de agosto de 2025 celebramos la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María al cielo, en cuerpo y alma. Tendremos tres Misas, y los invitamos a unirse a nosotros en la Misa de vigilia el 14 de agosto de 2025 a las 5:00 p.m. en el centro parroquial. El día de la solemnidad, tendremos Misas el 15 de agosto de 2025 en el centro a las 8:00 a.m. en inglés y a las 6:00 p.m. en español. ¡Esperamos verlos allí junto a nuestra Santísima Madre!

Por último, quiero informarles sobre el trabajo que está realizando nuestro comité de construcción para reunir datos para presentarle al comité de construcción de la Diócesis de Tucson. Cabe señalar que actualmente no tenemos obispo. Por lo tanto, no podemos hacerles ninguna promesa a ustedes, nuestra familia parroquial, con respecto a la ubicación de nuestro nuevo edificio, ya sea aquí o en Mary Anne Cleveland. Sin embargo, sí podemos crear un plan para presentárselo al Comité Diocesano de Construcción y al nuevo obispo que demuestre que hemos estudiado a fondo este asunto, y que nuestra mejor recomendación sería X. Como parte de nuestros esfuerzos de recolección de datos, buscamos saldar la deuda de la rectoría. Si podemos pagar esta deuda dentro de un plazo razonable y demostrarle a la Diócesis de Tucson nuestra capacidad para recaudar esos fondos, podrían permitirnos avanzar. ¡La deuda total de la parroquia es de \$345,000.00! Hemos realizado muchos pagos desde septiembre de 2024. Nuestro comité de construcción compartirá más detalles con nosotros el próximo mes. Si desea ayudarnos a saldar esta deuda, por favor visite: https://www.osvhub.com/stritainthedesert/giving/funds/rectory-debt-payoff. Gracias por su amable consideración.

Sinceramente Suyo en Cristo,

Reverendo Alonzo M. García, Pastor