



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

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**August 17, 2025**

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**Monday/ Lunes**—8:30 am-4:00 pm

**Tuesday/ Martes**—8:30 am-4:00 pm

**Wednesday/ Miércoles**—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

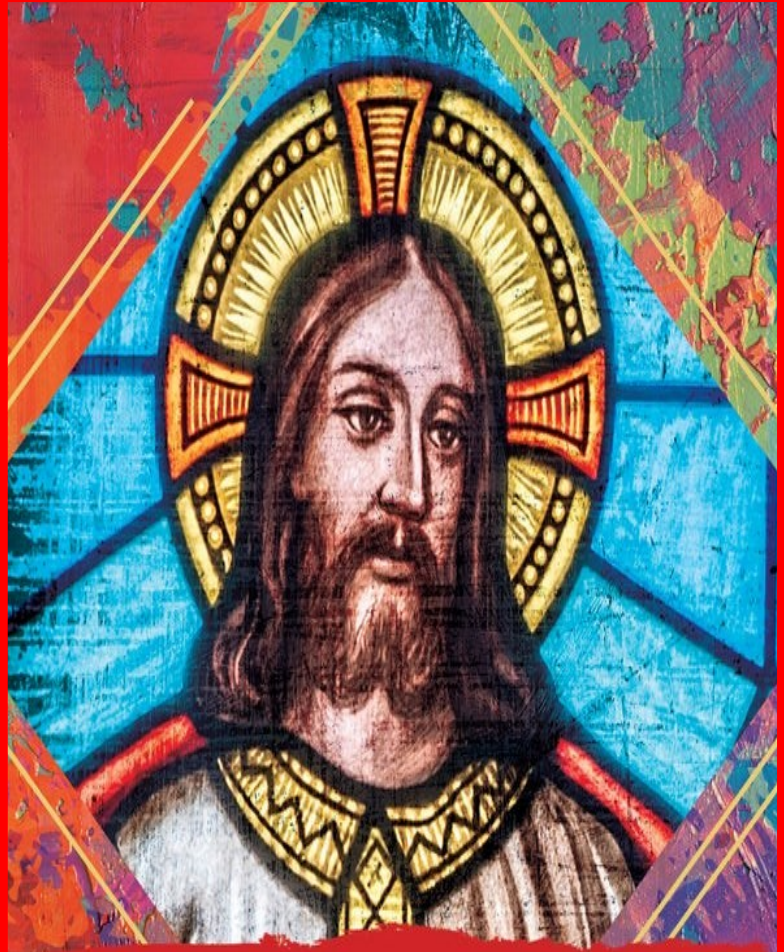
### **Confessions | Confesiones**

**Saturday | Sábado**

**3:30 pm—4:30 pm**

In the church or by appointment

En la iglesia o por cita



**20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
“There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,  
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!”  
- Lk 12:50

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**20° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**  
“¡Tengo que recibir un bautismo ¡y cómo  
me angustio mientras llega!” -Lc 12, 50

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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 16

5:00 pm † Stan and Mary Zubeł &  
Jack and Rachel Solorzano  
† Luca Dinh

### Sunday August 17

8:00 am Thanksgiving  
10:00 am (SI) Daniel Irhuc  
† Ramon Ruiz  
12:00 pm Living & Deceased of St. Rita's

### Monday August 18

8:00 am (SI) Mrs. Helen O'Connell &  
Family  
† Msgr. James Carini

### Tuesday August 19

8:00 am (SI) A. Williams  
(SI) Michael Ligon

### Wednesday August 20

8:00 am (SI) (SI) Sue Bender & Family

### Thursday August 21

8:00 am (SI) Ron Bender

### Friday August 22

8:00 am (SI) Mr. & Mrs. Gary Bender &  
Family

## 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 17, 2025

**Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53  
**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22  
**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30  
**Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16  
**Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14  
**Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40  
**Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12  
**Next Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

## Las lecturas de la semana del 17 de agosto de 2025

**Domingo:** Jr 38, 4-6. 8-10/Sal 39, 2. 3. 4. 18 (14)/Heb 12, 1-4/Lc 12, 49-53  
**Lunes:** Jue 2, 11-19/Sal 105, 34-35. 36-37. 39-40. 43 y 44/Mt 19, 16-22  
**Martes:** Jue 6, 11-24/Sal 84, 9. 11-12. 13-14/Mt 19, 23-30  
**Miércoles:** Jue 9, 6-15/Sal 20, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Mt 20, 1-16  
**Jueves:** Jue 11, 29-39/Sal 39, 5. 7-8. 8-9. 10/Mt 22, 1-14  
**Viernes:** Rut 1, 1. 3-6. 14-16. 22/Sal 145, 5-6. 6-7. 8-9. 9-10/Mt 22, 34-40  
**Sábado:** Rut 2, 1-3. 8-11; 4, 13-17/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4. 5/Mt 23, 1-12  
**Domingo siguiente:** Is 66, 18-21/Sal 116, 1. 2 (Mc 16, 15)/Heb 12, 5-7. 11-13/Lc 13, 22-30

## 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

## CONTACT US

For a complete listing of contact information for all our organizations, please visit our website.

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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.





## Arizona Rosary Celebration

"Save the Date" for the Arizona Rosary Celebration. This year's Arizona Rosary Celebration will be held this year in Tucson, Saturday, October 18, 2025, and in Phoenix, Sunday, October 19, 2025. We will be honoring Mary under her title, Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Tucson Event will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church located at 8650 North Shannon Road, Tucson. The celebration begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 12:15 p.m. The Most Reverend Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Tucson will preside. The guest speaker for this year's event in Tucson will be Father Emanuel Franco-Gomez, O. Carm, a priest with the Diocese of Tucson, known for his extensive study and devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Celebrate our 15th year in the Diocese of Tucson and the 50th year of the Arizona Rosary Celebration tradition. You can support the event through advertising. Donation and Advertising forms can be found on the website, [www.AzRosary.net](http://www.AzRosary.net). The advertising deadline is September 5, 2025. For more information, contact Dave Chohon at [1945dwc@gmail.com](mailto:1945dwc@gmail.com) or 520-539-5528.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

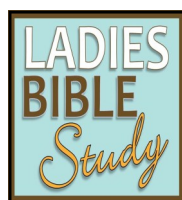
Come join us for coffee, tea, or orange juice with a Knights. Donuts too! Sunday August 17, 2025 after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses.



## St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus said to his disciples, "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it be accomplished!" Your gift to the Society to assist those suffering in poverty will help set the earth on fire with the fire of God's love.

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](mailto: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.**

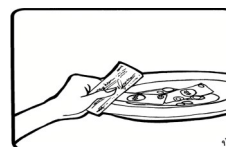
## Collection/Colecta

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 10, 2025**

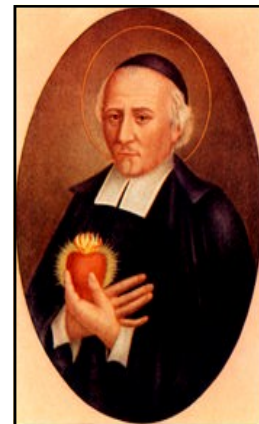
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**May God bless you for your continued support!**

I ask you to consider that our Lord Jesus Christ is your true head and that you are a member of his body. He belongs to you as the head belongs to the body. All that is his is yours: breath, heart, body, soul, and all his faculties. All of these you must use as if they belonged to you, so that in serving him you may give him praise, love, and glory.

~ St. John Eudes (1601-1680) Priest, Confessor, Feast Day August 19





Rachel's Vineyard (Tucson) – Are you a woman or man experiencing regret, grief, or sadness after an abortion? Come and receive God's love and mercy for emotional and spiritual healing on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat, Oct. 10-12, 2025. Visit: [www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org](http://www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org)

### Rekindle the Fires of Love for Christ Retreat

St. Francis de Sales is hosting a retreat entitled "Rekindle the Fires of Love for Christ". This will be held on **Saturday, September 13 from 8am to 4:50pm**. Lunch is included and there is no cost. Please call the office at St. Francis de Sales to register at 520-0885-5908 or use the QR code below. **Registration ends September 2.** Sessions include: Sessions include: Facing our world (With Christ all things are possible) Facing our world with the Triune God Men and Women of the Church (How we can serve the Church) People of God (How we serve those who serve the Church) Reconciliation (Right the relationship with God) The Great commission (We are His hands and His Feet) Memory Creation (Personal Commitment and Pictures) Attend 5:00 Mass



### St. Andrew's Concert Series

*Presents the noted European organist from Nordanstig, Sweden*

### Attila Ádám Honti



Friday, August 22, 2025 at 7:00PM

St. Andrew the Apostle Church  
800 Taylor Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

For more information please call (520) 226-5574

There is no charge to attend this concert. A freewill offering will be accepted.



### 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.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter



"Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus." Learn to keep your eyes fixed on Jesus in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on August 23-24, 2025 in Tucson, October 25-26, 2025 in Phoenix. Apply at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call (520) 661-3644.

"What kind of tea do you drink with Mary?"



**"Royal Tea!"**



August 22 is the feast of the "Queenship of Mary," a day we honor Mary as Queen of Heaven!

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### 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.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please print clearly  
Thank you for your generosity*



Mass for: \_\_\_\_\_

Living \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

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.

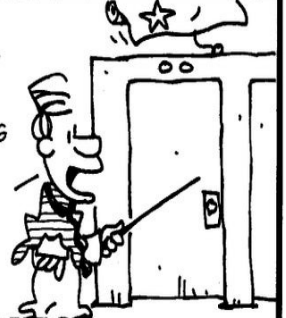
1. Go to [www.frysfood.com](http://www.frysfood.com)
2. Select "Sign In," and sign in to your Fry's online account (or create an account).
3. Put the cursor on your name and click on "My Account".
4. On the left side select "Community Rewards".
5. On the Fry's Community Rewards Page, click "Enroll Now".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

#### 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A SPACE VEHICLE  
THAT ISN'T  
CONSTANTLY  
BEING CORRECTED  
ON ITS COURSE  
WILL END UP A  
MILLION MILES  
FROM ITS  
DESTINATION.



THINK OF THE  
CONFESSIONAL  
AS YOUR  
PERSONAL  
EARTH TRACKING  
STATION ON  
YOUR JOURNEY  
TO HEAVEN!



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