



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

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**August 24, 2025**

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**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

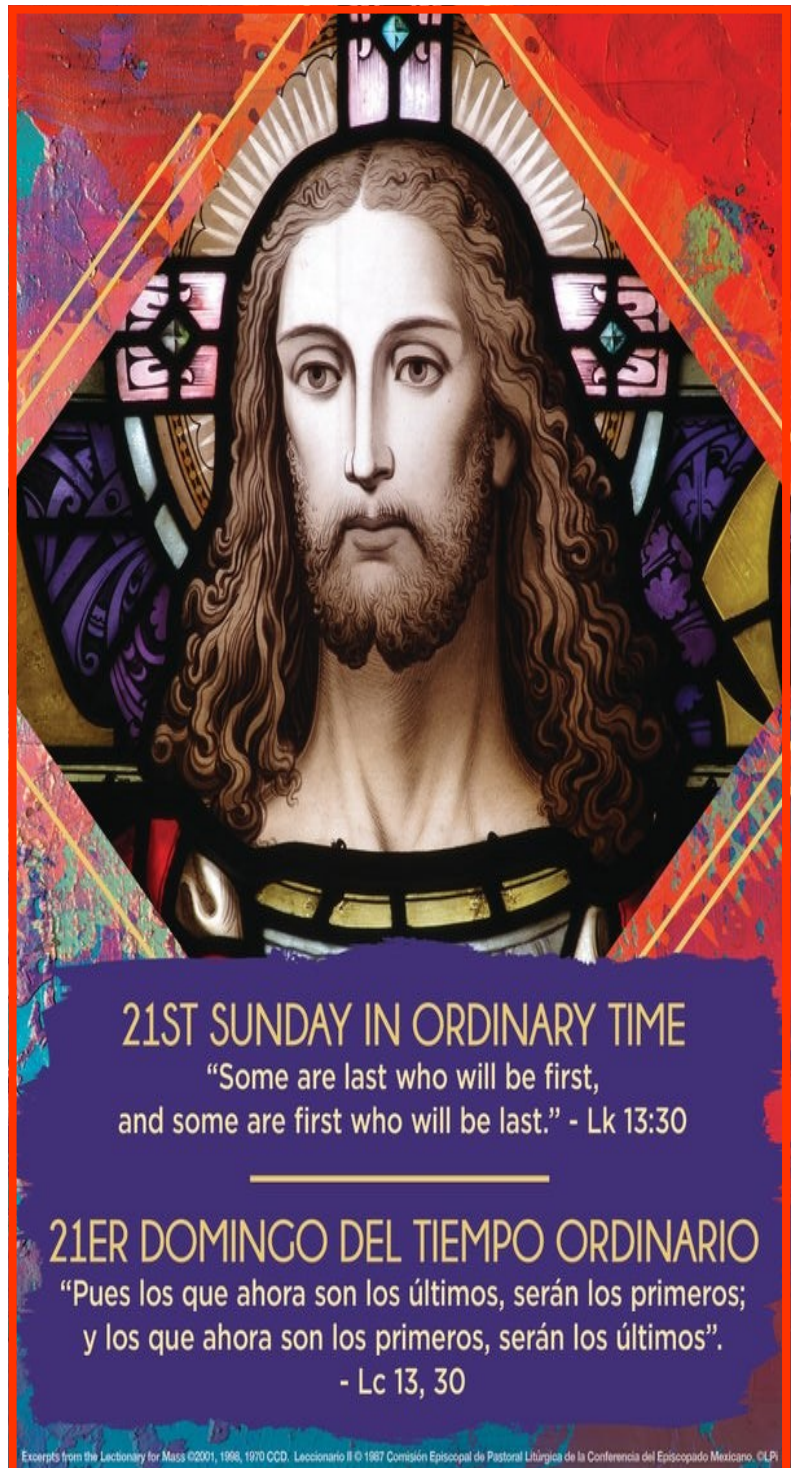
### **Confessions | Confesiones**

**Saturday | Sábado**

**3:30 pm—4:30 pm**

In the church or by appointment

En la iglesia o por cita



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## MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

### Saturday August 23

5:00 pm † Diane Kahle  
† Thomas Cuddy

### Sunday August 24

8:00 am (SI) Anthony Szwast  
† Maria Carvantez  
† Romeo Galoy  
10:00 am (SI) Mr. & Mrs. Will G. Bender  
† Vito & Jenny Vilona  
12:00 pm Living & Deceased of St. Rita's

### Monday August 25

8:00 am † Joan & Janet Pettit (Sisters)  
† Msgr. James Carini

### Tuesday August 26

8:00 am (SI) Mrs. Bridget Shelly &  
Daughter Deirdre

### Wednesday August 27

8:00 am (SI) Mr. & Mrs. K. Bender &  
Family  
† Pat Crater

### Thursday August 28

8:00 am (SI) Mr. & Mrs. R. Schreiber &  
Family  
† Joseph O'Mara

### Friday August 29

8:00 am † Diane Kahle

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## Readings for the Week of August 24, 2025

**Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30  
**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22  
**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26  
**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51  
**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29  
**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30  
**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

## Las lecturas de la semana del 24 de agosto de 2025

**Domingo:** Is 66, 18-21/Sal 116, 1. 2 (Mc 16, 15)/Heb 12, 5-7. 11-13/Lc 13, 22-30  
**Lunes:** 1 Tes 1, 1-5. 8-10/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 y 9/Mt 23, 13-22  
**Martes:** 1 Tes 2, 1-8/Sal 138, 1-3. 4-6/Mt 23, 23-26  
**Miércoles:** 1 Tes 2, 9-13/Sal 138, 7-8. 9-10. 11-12/Mt 23, 27-32  
**Jueves:** 1 Tes 3, 7-13/Sal 127, 1-2. 4-5/Mt 24, 42-51  
**Viernes:** 1 Tes 4, 1-8 (429)/Sal 96, 1 y 2. 5-6. 10. 11-12/Mc 6, 17-29  
**Sábado:** 1 Tes 4, 9-11/Sal 97, 1. 7-8. 9/Mt 25, 14-30  
**Domingo siguiente:** Eclo 3, 17-18, 20, 28-29/Sal 14, 2-3. 3-4. 4-5 (1)/Heb 12, 18-19. 22-24/Lc 14, 1. 7-14

## SAFE ENVIROMENT



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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 LITURGY/SACRAMENTS and fill the *Intent to Baptize Form*.

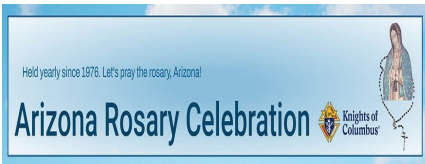
### Confirmation:

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 Blessing Procession Participants Wanted for the Arizona Rosary Celebration

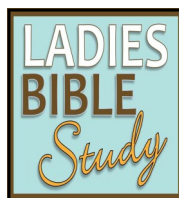
Make plans to join others on October 18, 2025, as the Arizona Rosary Celebration celebrates its 50th year statewide and 15th year in the Diocese of Tucson. The Event will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church located at 8650 N. Shannon Road, Tucson, AZ 85742 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Parishes wishing to participate in the Blessing Procession need to submit the registration form found on the website, [www.AzRosary.net](http://www.AzRosary.net). The completed form can be submitted to [kofcrick.garrison@gmail.com](mailto:kofcrick.garrison@gmail.com) or by contacting Sonya Gutierrez, 520-869-0944 or [msgs93@gmail.com](mailto:msgs93@gmail.com).



## St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others. Could you dedicate 3-4 hours each week to the benefit of others? We need your help. If you would like to deepen your spiritual life by helping the poor and needy in our community, please join us at one of our meetings. We meet every Monday at 6:00 pm (except major holidays). You will find a group of caring and loving people ready to welcome you with open arms.

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).

## 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 17, 2025**

Offertory: \$ 3,932.00

Online: \$ 2,232.14

### Campus Maintenance

Collection: \$ 1,197.00

Online: \$ 286.15

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



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

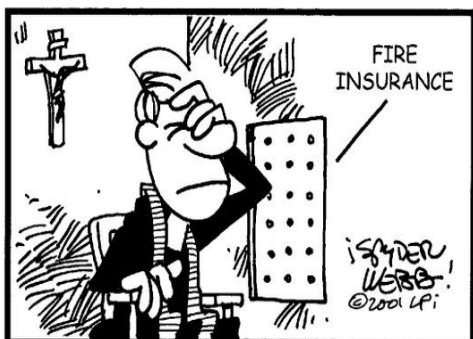
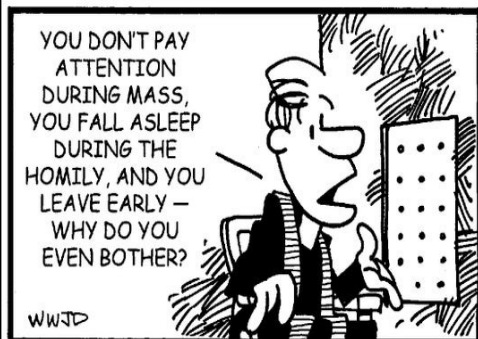
## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND AUGUST 30-31

Whenever we cover our brother's sin, God will cover ours; whenever we tell people about our brother's guilt, God will do the same about ours.



~St. Poemen  
(340-450),  
Monk, Desert  
Father, Feast  
Day August 27

### 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





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



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Luke 13:22-30

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five-minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "**Strive to enter through the narrow gate**" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; *hypomone* in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

— Father John Muir ©LPi

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. Learn how to let Jesus be the Lord and Savior of your life and marriage by attending an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Aug 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

### Basilica Versus Cathedral

#### Question:

What is the difference between a basilica and a cathedral?

#### Answer:

Basilicas are churches that are so titled because of their antiquity, dignity, historical importance, or significance as centers of worship. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, which contains the chair of the bishop, or "cathedra" in Latin. The chair is the symbol of the bishop's teaching authority.

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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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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".

### 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.

"How does St. Dominic travel?"



"He takes a Greyhound."



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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## ST. RITA IN THE DESERT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

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

August 24, 2025

*"I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me." (John 14:6)*

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Imagine if Jesus came into the small town of Vail and he was merely passing by! If you had thirty seconds to ask Jesus a question, what would it be? You may ask about humanity's suffering or inquire about angels and demons. Either way, it would be a fantastic opportunity to have an encounter with Jesus and hear Him speak to us.

However, in our Gospel today, there is a chance that a bystander had a few moments to ask Jesus a fundamental question. Of course, hold onto your hats, the response by Jesus was not what they were expecting. Jesus chides His listeners about cheap grace and the false sense of salvation that some come to expect without any work on their part. Here in the United States, many American Christians and American Catholics alike have also encountered false doctrines of faith alone and cheap salvation because, despite sins and the rejection of God's commands, everyone goes to heaven. WHAT?

Despite all the untrue doctrines and theologies we encounter, there is one unavoidable reality. The cross of Jesus Christ is the only thing that saves us, and our humility in taking up our crosses daily and following the Lord. Throughout the themes of the scriptures, it is a matter of returning to the Lord, seeking forgiveness and becoming reconciled with Him and with one another. A failure to become reconciled with God may place our immortal souls in danger. While this is a harsh truth, we should hear it now so that we can choose to make a change today, rather than seeing and hearing for ourselves in the next life. We will be unpleasantly shocked!

At the end of the day, when we eat and drink with Jesus at the table of the Lord in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, are we truly coming to the table worthily? Does our pride prevent us from seeking reconciliation so that we think, 'Ah, God loves me and He forgives me?' Really? YOU ARE DEAD WRONG! No, He does not forgive you because you have not reconciled and sought forgiveness from the heart. Moreover, the sins we carry with us cause disruption and sickness within the Body of Christ, which prevents us from realizing our true potential through our sufferings in Jesus Christ. Jesus gave us the way to get into heaven, and while it can be tough, it is not impossible because Jesus prepared the way for us by taking up His cross. It is only through reconciliation, humility, and love that we truly enter the kingdom today!

Lastly, as we strive to ensure that all the wonderful things taking place at St. Rita in the Desert Roman Catholic Church is well-executed, I have provided our parish family with new Mission Statements for our Religious Education program and our Youth Formation group. It is essential that as we deepen our faith and learn, we have some guiding principles that lead us through the confusion. I especially encourage our parish families with children in faith formation to prayerfully consider how to incorporate faith, the scriptures, and family devotions into your weekly or daily routines. When we lack discipline and consistency, it's then that laziness creeps in, and we end up losing our children to the world. Parents, you are the first line of defense against Satan in the world. Our world today is the way it is because parents desire to be their children's friends, and that comes with a whole host of issues as we see playing out on the national scale. That is why we chose Word of Life and FORMED to assist you in growing in faith and understanding, to develop a deeper love for Jesus Christ and the Church. Kindly take the time to spiritually and faithfully form yourselves and your children in the faith that has stood the test of time! God bless and keep you always!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Alonzo M. García, Pastor





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OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

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

24 de agosto de 2025

*"Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida; nadie va al Padre, si no es por mí, dice el Señor." (Juan 14,6)*

Estimada familia parroquial:

Imagínese que Jesús pasara por Vail. ¡Si tuviera treinta segundos para hacerle una pregunta, ¿qué le preguntaría? Quizás acerca del sufrimiento de la humanidad o sobre los ángeles y demonios. De cualquier manera, sería una oportunidad fantástica tener un encuentro con Jesús y escucharlo hablar con nosotros.

En el Evangelio de hoy, alguien tuvo esa oportunidad, pero la respuesta de Jesús sorprendió: no basta con una fe superficial ni con pensar que todos vamos al cielo sin conversión. La "gracia barata" no salva. Aquí en los Estados Unidos, muchos cristianos, incluyendo a católicos, también se han encontrado con falsas doctrinas de "solo la fe" y de "salvación barata", como si, a pesar de los pecados y del rechazo a los mandamientos de Dios, todos fueran al cielo. ¿¡QUÉ!?

A pesar de todas las falsas doctrinas y teologías que podamos encontrar, hay una realidad ineludible: la cruz de Jesucristo es lo único que nos salva, y nuestra humildad al tomar nuestra cruz cada día y seguir al Señor. A lo largo de las Escrituras, el tema central es volver al Señor, buscar el perdón y reconciliarnos con Él y con los demás. No reconciliarnos con Dios puede poner en peligro nuestras almas inmortales. Aunque sea una verdad dura, debemos escucharla ahora, para elegir cambiar hoy, en lugar de ver y escuchar por nosotros mismos en la otra vida. ¡Nos llevaríamos una desagradable sorpresa!

Al final del día, cuando comemos y bebemos con Jesús en la mesa del Señor durante el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa, ¿realmente estamos viniendo a la mesa de manera digna? ¿Nuestro orgullo nos impide buscar la reconciliación y pensamos: "Ah, Dios me ama y me perdona", ¿De verdad? ¡ESTÁ COMPLETAMENTE EQUIVOCADO! No, Él no perdona a los que no se han reconciliado ni han buscado el perdón de corazón. Además, los pecados que cargamos con nosotros causan una ruptura y una enfermedad dentro del Cuerpo de Cristo, lo cual nos impide ver nuestro verdadero potencial a través de nuestros sufrimientos en Jesucristo. Jesús nos mostró el camino al cielo, y aunque pueda ser difícil, no es imposible, porque Él lo preparó para nosotros al cargar con Su cruz. Solo a través de la reconciliación, la humildad y el amor entramos verdaderamente en el Reino hoy.

Por último, para asegurarnos de que todas las cosas maravillosas que están ocurriendo en Santa Rita del Desierto, Iglesia Católica Romana, se realicen de la mejor manera, le he provisto a nuestra familia parroquial las nuevas Declaraciones de Misión para nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa y nuestro grupo de Formación Juvenil. Es esencial que, mientras profundizamos en la fe y aprendemos, tengamos algunos principios rectores que nos conduzcan en medio de toda la confusión. Animo especialmente a nuestras familias parroquiales que tienen hijos en la formación en la fe a considerar en oración cómo hacer de la fe, de las Escrituras y de las devociones familiares parte de sus rutinas semanales o diarias. Cuando carecemos de disciplina y constancia, es entonces cuando la pereza se apodera de nosotros, y terminamos perdiendo a nuestros hijos para el mundo. Padres, ustedes son la primera línea de defensa contra Satanás en el mundo. Hoy nuestro mundo es como es porque los padres desean ser amigos de sus hijos, y eso trae consigo una gran cantidad de problemas que vemos manifestarse a nivel nacional. Por eso escogimos *Word of Life* y *FORMED* para ayudarles a crecer en la fe y en la comprensión, y a desarrollar un amor más profundo por Jesucristo y la Iglesia. Les pido que se tomen el tiempo de formarse espiritualmente y fielmente, junto con sus hijos, en la fe que ha resistido la prueba del tiempo. ¡Que Dios los bendiga y los guarde siempre!

Sinceramente Suyos en Cristo,

Reverendo Alonzo M. García, Pastor





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### **MISSION STATEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ST. RITA IN THE DESERT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

#### **Mission Statement:**

St. Rita in the Desert Roman Catholic Church, Religious Education program fosters a dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. Imparting authentic Catholic teaching using the *Word of Life* Program. The *Word of Life* Program nurtures discipleship through faith formation, community, and service. Our Religious Education program encourages parents as the primary educators to have family involvement and a lifelong learning of the faith.

#### **Core Goals:**

- 1. Evangelization and Faith Formation:**
  - a. To lead students and parents to a deeper understanding and relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.
- 2. Sacramental Preparation:**
  - a. To prepare students for the reception of Sacraments like Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- 3. Community Building:**
  - a. To foster an inviting and welcoming community where students, families, and catechists collaborate in faith formation.
- 4. Discipleship and Service:**
  - a. To inspire students to live out their faith in daily life embodying Catholic values and servicing others. Having intentionality in being a Christian Catholic without fear!

#### **Key Principles:**

- ◆ Parents as the primary Educators. Recognizing that parents are the first and most important teachers of their children's faith.
- ◆ Integration of faith and life. Helping students see how faith informs their daily choices and activities.
- ◆ Lifelong learning. Emphasize that faith formation is an ongoing process that extends beyond childhood and the sacrament classes.
- ◆ Academic excellence. Using *Word of Life* Program, we strive for a high-quality education that integrates faith and reason.



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### **MISSION STATEMENT FOR YOUTH FORMATION GROUP ST. RITA IN THE DESERT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

#### **Mission Statement:**

St. Rita in the Desert Roman Catholic Church, Youth Formation Group seeks to empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. We strive to foster their full personal and spiritual growth, and to integrate them into the Mission and life of the Catholic Church through prayer, formation, service, and community.

#### **Youth Formation Group Goals:**

1. **Discipleship** -Empower our young people to live as active and intentional disciples of Jesus Christ.
2. **Community Participation** -Foster responsibility in the life and Mission of the Catholic Church.
3. **Holistic Growth** -Support personal, social, and spiritual development.

#### **Core Themes of our Program:**

- ◆ **Developmentally Appropriate:** tailored to meet the needs of teenagers at different stages of faith and maturity.
- ◆ **Family Friendly:** Encourages family involvement in youth faith development.
- ◆ **Inter-generational:** Connects youth with older generations of our parish family.
- ◆ **Community-wide collaboration:** partners with parish ministries and other outside local organizations such as food bank, St. Vincent de Paul, etc.
- ◆ **Flexible and Adaptable programming:** Designed to meet the dynamic needs of our young people.

#### **Program Components:**

1. **Advocacy** -Encourage youth to care for the poor, weak, and least among us using Catholic principles and Catholic teaching according to tradition.
2. **Catechesis** -Provide solid and authentic Catholic faith formation based on Catholic tradition and Catholic theology.
3. **Community Life** -Build friendships that strengthens parish engagement.
4. **Evangelization** - Help teens to share their faith with others without fear, timidity, or shyness.
5. **Justice and service** -Promotes acts of service and Catholic social teaching in all areas of life.
6. **Leadership and Development** -Trains young people in Christian leadership.
7. **Pastoral Care** -Offers emotional, spiritual, and moral support.
8. **Prayer and worship** -Strengthens faith through liturgy and personal prayer.





***Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary***  
***Novena***

**August 30, 2025**  
**to**  
**September 7, 2026**  
**6:30pm**  
**St. Rita Shrine**