



St. Rita in the Desert Catholic Church

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September 21, 2025

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Monday/ Lunes—8:30 am-4:00 pm

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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



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 September 20

5:00 pm (SI) Ed & Millie Goebel

Sunday September 21

8:00 am (SI) Angel Rivera

† Fr. Robert D. Wicht

10:00 am First Responders

12:00 pm Living & Deceased of St. Rita's

Monday September 22

8:00 am † Reese DiMaria

Tuesday September 23

8:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday September 24

8:00 am † Steven Hall

Thursday September 25

8:00 am † Joan & Janet Pettit (Sisters)

Friday September 26

8:00 am † Jesús Castañeda



Readings for the Week of September 21, 2025

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8
(see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or
16:10-13

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3,
4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2,
3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4be-
fghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a
and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-
12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9,
9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Las lecturas de la semana del 21 de septiembre de 2025

Domingo: Am 8, 4-7/Sal 112, 1-2. 4-6. 7-8
(ver 1. 7)/1 Tim 2, 1-8/Lc 16, 1-13 o 16, 10
-13

Lunes: Esd 1, 1-6/Sal 125, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6/
Lc 8, 16-18

Martes: Esd 6, 7-8. 12. 14-20/Sal 121, 1-
2. 3-4. 4-5/Lc 8, 19-21

Miércoles: Esd 9, 5-9/Tob 13, 2. 3-4. 4. 7-
8/Lc 9, 1-6

Jueves: Ag 1, 1-8/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 y 9/
Lc 9, 7-9

Viernes: Ag 1, 15—2, 9/Sal 42, 1. 2. 3. 4/Lc
9, 18-22

Sábado: Zac 2, 5-9. 14-15/Jr 31, 10. 11-12.
13/Lc 9, 43-45

Domingo siguiente: Am 6, 1. 4-7/Sal 145,
7. 8-9. 9-10 (1)/1 Tim 6, 11-16/Lc 16, 19-
31

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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
diocese publishes the New Outlook,
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SAFE ENVIROMENT



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

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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-
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Form.

Confirmation:

Contact Youth Minister or OCIA coordinator

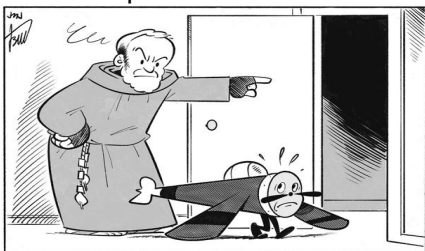
Marriage:

Marriage arrangements must be made at
least 4 months in advance. Contact the parish
office.



Families are encouraged to help their children learn more about the Rosary and our Blessed Mother, Mary by using the Family Booklet found on the ARC website, www.AzRosary.net. This year's theme is "Our Lady of Guadalupe." Parents can print the Family Booklet and have their children look through the booklet and complete some of the pages. All families and their children are invited to join the people of the Diocese of Tucson to pray the Holy Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament, participate in the Blessing Procession, enjoy music, and listen to the words of our guest speaker, 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. For more information, contact Dave Chohon at 1945dwc@gmail.com or 520-539-5528, or visit the website: www.AzRosary.net.

"Why did Padre Pio send the airplane to its room?"



"Bad altitude."

FUN FACT!
Some stories relate that Padre Pio was seen airborne by airplane pilots flying during WWII. Padre Pio is better known, however, for his wisdom as a confessor.



St. Vincent de Paul

Today's Gospel shows that prudent decisiveness means seeing every daily choice as one for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love. Know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering when you give a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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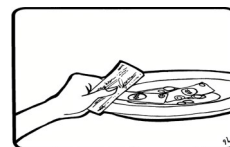
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fect health and filled with good works.
~St. Vincent de Paul (1581-1660), Patron of charitable works, Feast Day Sept. 27



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



KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST September 21

Pancake breakfast this weekend after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am masses. Proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

*Pancake
Breakfast*



Fr. Robert Wicht, SDS, pastor of St. Rita's from 1996-2008, passed away July 13, 2025, in Milwaukee, WI, where he lived after retiring.

Fr. Bob was a man of deep faith who knew beyond a doubt that there was a God. He had an unfailing compassion for the flock he shepherded here at St. Rita and lived the Gospel of St. Matthew..."I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." He welcomed so many and made these strangers his friends.

He based his life on Micah, "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." He did that every day, and we are blessed because of this.

A Special Intention Mass will be held on Sunday, September 21st, at 8:00 a.m.



God has entrusted your spouse to your care – are you trustworthy in that care? Learn how to respond to your spouse on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on October 25-26, 2025 in Phoenix. Apply at www.wwme.org or call 520-661-3644. Check for upcoming weekend experiences at www.wwme.org.



GRAND REOPENING OF THE Shrine Gift Shop on September 20 & 21 after all masses. Stop by our table in the courtyard. \$5 gift bags and raffle for a beautiful gift basket. ***NEW GIFT SHOP OPERATING SCHEDULE—OPEN on the 1st and 3rd Sundays ONLY***



Catholic Schools' Sec- ond Collection September 27- 28! Who and

where are the schools we help?

The Diocese of Tucson consists of 24 schools – 18 elementary schools: 1 preschool, 1 PK-12 school, and 4 high schools. All 24 schools span across the 43,000 square miles of the diocese to include Safford, Sierra Vista, Douglas, Nogales, Tucson, Casa Grande, San Carlos, and Yuma.

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9:00 AM RETREAT BEGINS & 4:45 PM RETREAT ENDS

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Lunch, beverages and snacks will be provided. Invite your friends to join you on this very special day retreat. To register online visit: www.vineofgrace.org or call Erin at: 520.631.1408



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Information
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