

June 14, 2026



# ST. RITA IN THE DESERT

*Catholic Church*

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## 11TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few."  
(Matthew 9:37)*

*"La cosecha es mucha, pero los trabajadores son pocos." (Mateo 9:37)*

**Reflection:**

In this passage, Jesus highlights the great need for people to share God's love and message with the world. He calls us to be His laborers, reminding us that each one of us has a role in building His Kingdom. The Lord invites us to actively participate in His mission, using our unique gifts to spread hope and faith. Let us reflect on the ways we can contribute to this divine work in our daily lives, becoming ambassadors of Christ's love.

**Socratic Question:**

How can you use your unique talents and gifts to respond to Jesus' call and become an active laborer in His abundant harvest?

**Reflexión:**

En este pasaje, Jesús destaca la gran necesidad de que las personas compartan el amor y el mensaje de Dios con el mundo. Nos llama a ser sus trabajadores, recordándonos que cada uno de nosotros tiene un papel en la construcción de Su Reino. El Señor nos invita a participar activamente en Su misión, usando nuestros dones únicos para difundir esperanza y fe. Reflexionemos sobre las maneras en que podemos contribuir a esta obra divina en nuestra vida diaria, convirtiéndonos en embajadores del amor de Cristo.

**Pregunta socrática:**

¿Cómo puedes usar tus talentos y dones únicos para responder al llamado de Jesús y convertirte en un trabajador activo en Su abundante cosecha?

Source: Truthly App

## WEEKEND MASS

*Horario de Misas*

**SATURDAY** | Sábado

5:00 pm—English

**SUNDAY** | Domingo

8:00 am—English

10:00 am—English

12:00 pm—Spanish

## CONFESSION

*Confesiones*

**SATURDAY** | Sábado

3:30 pm—4:30 pm

In the church or by appointment

En la iglesia o por cita

## WEEKDAY MASS

IN SHRINE

Misa Diaria en el Santuario

**MONDAY-FRIDAY** |

De Lunes a Viernes

8:00 am —English

## ADORATION

**FRIDAY** | Viernes

8:30 am—9:30 am

In the church or by appointment

*En la iglesia o por cita*



## PARISH OFFICE

Horario de Oficina

**MONDAY-**

**WEDNESDAY** | De

Lunes a Miércoles

8:30 am-4:00 pm

**THURSDAY** | Jueves

8:00 am-2:00 pm

**FRIDAY** | Viernes

**CLOSED**

*Office closed*

*12pm—1pm daily*

## PARISH INFORMATION

### COLLECTIONS | COLECTA

June 7, 2026



Offertory: \$7,043.30  
Rectory Debt: \$922.67  
Campus Maint: \$324.80

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### BULLETIN DEADLINE & QUESTIONS

Email bulletin request(s) to:  
[bulletin@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:bulletin@stritainthedesert.org).

By **10am** on the **Wednesday** before the *Sunday* you want it published.

### HOMEBOUND EUCHARIST

If you have a family member or know of a parishioner in the St. Rita area in need of having the Eucharist brought to them regularly, please contact the Parish Office.

### EMERGENCY ANOINTING OF THE SICK

520-543-8415

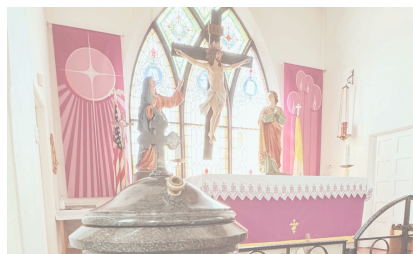
### MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

In accordance with Canon 948, if any faithful would like the Mass to be offered for their individual intention only, please make your request at the Parish Office.



#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- Fridays following 8am Mass for 1hr
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at 3-4pm in the John XXIII

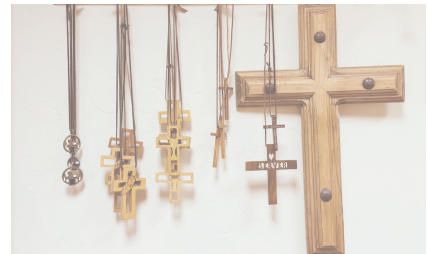


#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 8am Mass

#### BAPTISMS

Visit [stritainthedesert.org](http://stritainthedesert.org)  
[LITURGY](#) [SACRAMENTS](#) [BAPTISM](#)  
and complete the *Intent to Baptize* Form



#### CONFIRMATION

Contact Youth Minister or OCIA director

#### MARRIAGE

Marriage arrangements must be made 4 months in advance. Visit <https://www.stritainthedesert.org/marriage> for more information.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR, INTENTIONS, OBSERVATIONS & READINGS

### MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

*Saturday June 13*

**5:00 pm**

†Louisa & Joe Moreno &  
Family  
†Danny Jacobs

*Sunday June 14*

**8:00 am**

†John B. Morgan & Dennis  
M. Matturo  
†Evalluna Mohrland

**10:00 am**

United States Armed Forces

**12:00 pm**

Living & Deceased of St. Rita

*Monday June 15*

**8:00 am**

†Louisa & Joe Moreno &  
Family

*Tuesday June 16*

**8:00 am**

First Responders

*Wednesday June 17*

**8:00 am**

St. Rita

*Thursday June 18*

**8:00 am**

†Bill Gassoway  
†Ed Solorzano

*Friday June 19*

**8:00 am**

SI Philip Glembin

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

*Sunday, June 14*

**11th Sunday of Ordinary  
Time**

- *Elisha the Prophet (OT)*

8:00 am - Mass (English)

10:00 am - Mass (English)

12:00 noon - Mass (Spanish)

3:00 pm - Shrine

*Monday, June 15*

- *St. Germaine Cousin*

- *St Vitus*

- *Amos the Prophet (OT)*

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:00 pm Men's Group (Oscar  
Romero Room)

*Tuesday, June 16*

- *St. Lutgardis*

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

*Wednesday, June 17*

- *St. Teresa of Portugal*

8:00 am - Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 am Women's Scripture  
Study (Oscar Romero Room)

*Thursday, June 18*

- *St. Gregory Barbarigo*

- *St. Marina the Monk*

8:00 am - Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

*Friday, June 19*

- *St. Romuald*

- *St. Juliana Falconieri*

8:00 am - Mass

8:30 am Eucharist Adoration

*Saturday, June 20*

- *Bl. Osanna of Mantua*

5 pm - Vigil Mass (John XXIII)

source: [young-catholics.com](http://young-catholics.com)

### READINGS & OBSERVANCES

**FIRST READING:**

"You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation." (Ex 19:6a)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

"We are his people: the sheep of his flock." (Ps 100:3)

**SECOND READING:**

"God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." (Rom 5:8)

**GOSPEL:**

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." (Mt 9:37)

*Sunday, June 14*

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a | Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 | 1 Cor 10:16-17 | Jn 6:51-58

*Monday, June 15*

1 Kgs 21:1-16 | Ps 5:2-3, 5-7 | Mt 5:38-42

*Tuesday, June 16*

1 Kgs 21:17-29 | Ps 51:3-6, 11, 16 | Mt 5:43-48

*Wednesday, June 17*

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 | Ps 31:20-21, 24 | Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

*Thursday, June 18*

Sir 48:1-14 | Ps 97:1-7 | Mt 6:7-15

*Friday, June 19*

Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9 | Is 12:2-6 | Eph 3:8-12, 14-19 | Jn 19:31-37

*Saturday, June 20*

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 | Ps 74:1-7, 20-21 | Lk 2:41-51

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

#### *Altar Server*

If your boy would like to become an Altar Boy, please review the [Altar Server Manual](#) together and complete the [Altar Server Application](#) online or email: [travis71durman@gmail.com](mailto:travis71durman@gmail.com)

#### *Altar Society*

The St. Rita Altar Society is looking for volunteers to maintain the Altar in the Shrine and St. John XXIII. If you love to decorate or enjoy floral arrangements, we invite you to glorify the Lord by your creativity.

#### *Eucharistic Ministry*

Interested in learning more about the role of an Extraordinary Minister or would like to be part of this vital ministry, Submit your [EOMHC Sign-up](#) form online.

#### *Lectors*

Become a Lector. Submit your [Ministry Request form](#) online.

#### *Music Ministry - Join Us!*

Love sacred music? Come sing or play!

**Adult choirs (18+):** Tues | 6:30 pm  
**Youth choir (8-18):** Wed | 4:30 pm  
**Spanish choir:** Wed | 6:15 pm

Play piano, guitar, flute or clarinet? - welcome!

**Pianist Needed (Sat 5pm Mass):**  
Stipend available.

**Coro español:** ¡Únete! Voz, guitarra y bajo bienvenidos.

#### *Ushers*

Ushers play a pivotal role in our parish, not only aiding others but also serving as the welcoming face to newcomers. For our regular parishioners, they provide a sense of familiarity and continuity across all Masses. Submit your [Usher Sign-Up](#) form online.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

#### *Outreach Ministry*

Support Meals to Grow Program, Food Bank and other critical human needs in our community.  
Email: [outreach@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:outreach@stritainthedesert.org)

#### *Pastoral Council*

Currently on hold, seeking someone to assist in leading it. Contact front office if interested.

#### *Porter's of St. Joseph*

Email: [porters@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:porters@stritainthedesert.org)

#### *Right to Life*

Email: [rtl@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:rtl@stritainthedesert.org)

#### *Family Faith Formation*

[www.watch.formed.org](http://www.watch.formed.org)

#### *Vocations*

Contact Mr. Adam LaGuardia:  
[Vocations@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:Vocations@stritainthedesert.org)

#### *Welcome Committee*

Interested in joining submit your [Welcoming Team request form](#) online.

#### *Guild of St. Rita*

Join us every **2nd & 4th Wed** of the month | **6pm** | Mother Teresa Rm | Email: [guild@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:guild@stritainthedesert.org)

#### *Sewing Angels*

All are welcome to join. Meet us in the church hall every **Wednesday** from **9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

#### *Mujeres De Fe (Women of Faith)*

Mujeres de Fe se reúne el segundo y cuarto jueves de cada mes, de 6 a 8 p. m., en el salón. Para mas Informacion Coordinadora: Norma Escoto [patriciasct26@gmail.com](mailto:patriciasct26@gmail.com)

#### *Marian Book Club*

All are welcome to join. Meet us in the Oscar Romero Room every **Thursday** from **4:30 pm - 6 pm**

#### *Women's Scripture Study*

**Wednesday** mornings **9am**  
Oscar Romero Room  
All women are welcome  
[irenetoews@cox.net](mailto:irenetoews@cox.net)

### EXTERNAL MINISTRIES



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El praesidium de St.Rita se llama "Maria Puerta del Cielo" y se reúne los Martes a las 6:00 de la tarde en el salon Oscar Romero, o puedes contactar a Sandra (520)395-7225 or email: [legiondemaria@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:legiondemaria@stritainthedesert.org)

#### **VISITA DE LA VIRGEN A LOS HOGARES**

El grupo de la Legion de Maria les recuerda que Nuestra Santísima Madre quiere visitar sus hogares, para que sientan su protección y compañía, para que compartan con Ella las necesidades que tiene cada miembro de su familia, Ella quiere escuchar sus plegarias y llevarlas a su amado Hijo Jesus.

En el vestíbulo estarán algunos miembros del grupo de la Legion de Maria, para tomar sus datos y programar la visita. Gracias.



**Rachel's VINEYARD**  
Healing the pain of abortion - one weekend at a time

If you are interested in getting more information and/or registering for a Retreat Weekend, please call (520) 743-6777 or visit [RachelsVineyard.org](http://RachelsVineyard.org)



#### **THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

If you need assistance from St Vincent de Paul or want to join the ministry to help others, contact James Mahaffey at (520) 307-3411

RECTORY DEBT PAYOFF UPDATE

As of Sunday, June 7, 2026

\$131,884

\$345,000  
GOAL



147

500  
FAMILY PLEDGED/DONATED GOAL

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ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

Aluminum cans may be dropped off in the recycling barrels next to the St. Vincent de Paul donation shed. To ensure the program's success, please note:

- Aluminum cans only (no glass, paper, metal cans, or trash)
- Please place cans in **secure, tied trash bags**
- **No clothing donations**—please take clothing to the Vail Resources Thrift Store across the street

If you have cans to donate but need assistance, please ask a Knight wearing a maroon council shirt for help.

WELCOME TEAM

*No June Potluck*

Welcome Sunday  
Coffee & Pastries  
After all Masses

TODAY June 14th



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say to his disciples:

*“The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few, so ask the master of the harvest to send laborers for his harvest.”*

Have you considered answering the call to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Join us for a meeting in the hall on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

KNIGHTS BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Support **REACHOUT Women's Center** by helping us surpass last year's success!

- Pick up a bottle after Mass
- Fill with change, cash, or checks (payable to Knights of Columbus)
- Return by **June 13** to a representative at the door.



HARVEST FESTIVAL 2026

Something New Is Coming to St. Rita

Have you ever attended an event and left feeling like you had stepped into a different world for a few hours?

A place where children laughed freely, neighbors lingered a little longer, old friends reunited, and new friendships began.

This October, something special is taking shape on our parish grounds.

Not just a festival.

**An experience.**

Over the coming weeks, we'll begin sharing pieces of the vision for what is becoming the 2026 St. Rita Harvest Festival.

For now, we'll leave you with this question:

**What is your favorite memory of a parish celebration?**

*Next week: A glimpse into a place where imagination comes alive...*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### worldwide marriage encounter

*(MT 10:9) Do not choose to possess gold, nor silver nor money in your belts.*

Learn how possessions can impact your love for each other on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

July 11-12, 2026, in Phoenix

For more info go to: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call 520-661-3644

*Early registration is highly recommended.*



### ALZHEIMER'S AND OTHER DEMENTIAS CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

An opportunity to gather with other caregivers to exchange ideas and suggestions for those trying to understand and cope with the challenges of caring for a loved one with dementia. Caregivers only. Sessions will be held the second and fourth Tuesday each month, 3:00 – 4:15 PM in the Chapel. First meeting is **Tuesday, June 23**. Facilitator: Ellie Arnold, Alzheimer's Association. Please **RSVP** to the parish office at **520.751.4235**. 300 N. Tanque Verde Loop Rd. – Tucson.

### EVENING OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, WORSHIP & HEALING

For all Men & Women throughout the Diocese



JUNE 16, 2026  
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church – SANCTUARY  
215 South Craycroft – Tucson

Questions: call Erin at 520.631.1408  
[www.vineofgrace.org](http://www.vineofgrace.org)

*INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU!*



### 12-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND & EASTERN EUROPE

NOVEMBER 3–14, 2026



Join us as we visit **Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Krakow, Wadowice, Auschwitz, Czestochowa, and Warsaw** while deepening our faith and exploring our Catholic heritage.

**All-Inclusive Cost: \$4,649**

Includes airfare, hotels, taxes, daily breakfast, most dinners, motor coach transportation, tour guide, admission fees, and gratuities.

**Only a few seats remain! Registration deadline: July 15.**

For a brochure, itinerary, or more information, call 520-631-1408 or visit [www.vineofgrace.org](http://www.vineofgrace.org).

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### MATTHEW 9:36—10:8

In this Gospel passage, we see Jesus moved with compassion for the crowds who are like sheep without a shepherd. His deep love and concern drive Him to send out His disciples to continue His work. This call is not only for those first disciples but for each of us today. Jesus is inviting us to look around and see where there's a need for His love, healing, and message of salvation. As we meditate on this passage, let's consider how we can be instruments of His peace and love in our families, communities, and workplaces. We are reminded that the harvest is plentiful, and each of us has a unique gift to offer in bringing the Good News to others.

#### **Socratic Reflection:**

In what ways can I answer the call to be a shepherd to those around me, bringing Christ's love and guidance into their lives?

### MATEO 9:36—10:8

En este pasaje del Evangelio, vemos a Jesús conmovido por compasión por las multitudes que son como ovejas sin pastor. Su profundo amor y preocupación lo llevan a enviar a sus discípulos a continuar su obra. Este llamado no es solo para esos primeros discípulos, sino para cada uno de nosotros hoy. Jesús nos invita a mirar a nuestro alrededor y ver dónde hay una necesidad de Su amor, sanación y mensaje de salvación. Al meditar sobre este pasaje, consideremos cómo podemos ser instrumentos de Su paz y amor en nuestras familias, comunidades y lugares de trabajo. Recordemos que la cosecha es mucha, y cada uno de nosotros tiene un don único que ofrecer al llevar la Buena Nueva a otros.

#### **Reflexión:**

¿De qué maneras puedo responder al llamado de ser un pastor para aquellos que me rodean, llevando el amor y la guía de Cristo a sus vidas?

## DID YOU KNOW...

### 11TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

In the Catholic Church, Ordinary Time is the period outside the major liturgical seasons like Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Despite its name, there's nothing "ordinary" about this time. "Ordinary" comes from the Latin "ordo," meaning ordered or structured, not "commonplace."

This period is marked by spiritual growth and maturation, as it reflects the day-to-day walk of faith. It is a time when the Church focuses on the teachings and ministry of Jesus as presented in the Gospels. The scripture readings during Ordinary Time help the faithful grow in their understanding and practice of the faith, deepening their relationship with Christ.

The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green, symbolizing hope and life, mirroring the natural world's process of growth. This Sunday, in particular, invites us to reflect on Jesus' compassion and His call to be laborers in His vineyard. It emphasizes the mission the faithful have in proclaiming the Kingdom of God through love and service.

How do you plan to make the most of this "ordinary" time to deepen your faith and relationship with Christ?

*via truthly app*

## SAINT SPOTLIGHT



### SAINT ST. ROMUALD

**Feast Day:** June 19th

**Patronage:**

St. Romuald is the patron saint of forest workers and the city of Ravenna, Italy.

**Story:** St. Romuald was born around 951 in Ravenna, Italy, to a noble family. Despite his privileged upbringing, Romuald felt a call to a deeper spiritual life. At the age of 20, after witnessing his father kill a relative in a dispute, Romuald entered the Abbey of Sant'Apollinare to atone for the sin. His time there was transformative, leading him to a life of strict asceticism and devotion to prayer.

Inspired to reform monastic life, Romuald eventually founded the Camaldolese order, which combined the monastic traditions of community living and hermitage, living alone in contemplation. His emphasis on solitude and deep contemplation helped rejuvenate monasticism during a period of decline. Romuald traveled extensively, establishing hermitages and inspiring a renewal of spiritual fervor among monks.

**Legacy:** St. Romuald is remembered for his commitment to prayer, meditation, and reform within the monastic community. His life and teachings encouraged others to pursue holiness through a balance of communal worship and solitary reflection. The Camaldolese order continues his legacy, emphasizing silence, solitude, and contemplative prayer as paths to spiritual renewal.

**Reflection Question:** How might the balance of solitude and community enrich your spiritual journey and lead you towards a deeper relationship with God?

### KIDS CORNER



**Feast Day:** June 19th

**Who Was St. Romuald?** St. Romuald was a man who really loved spending time with God. He was born a long time ago in a place called Ravenna, Italy. Even though he grew up in a rich family, he wanted something more meaningful. After a serious family dispute, he decided to become a monk, which means he lived with other people who wanted to pray and learn about God.

**What Did He Do?** Romuald wanted to show people how to be close to God through prayer and thinking. He started his own group called the "Camaldolese," where sometimes people prayed together, and sometimes they spent quiet time alone to think and talk to God by themselves. He traveled to different places, helping others learn how to live a life full of peace and prayer.

**Why Is He Important?** St. Romuald helped people understand that it's important to have a balance between being with others and having time alone to think and pray. He showed that both ways can help us grow closer to God.

**Something Cool:** St. Romuald is the special saint, or patron, for people who work in forests and for the city of Ravenna, where he was born.

**Question to Think About:** How can you find time to be quiet and talk to God, and also spend time with friends and family to share your love and joy?

Source: *Truthly App*