

November 16, 2025



ST. RITA IN THE DESERT

Catholic Church

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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

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

9:00 am—1:00pm

Office closed

12:00 pm—1:00 pm
daily

ADORATION

FRIDAY | Viernes

8:30 am—9:30 am

In the church or by
appointment

En la iglesia o por cita

33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*"By your perseverance you will secure
your lives." —Luke 21:19*

*"Con su perseverancia salvarán sus
vidas." — Luke 21:19*

Reflection:

In times of uncertainty and challenge, Jesus reminds us that perseverance is key to remaining steadfast in faith. Our spiritual journey requires endurance, not only in our personal struggles but also in staying true to our commitments as followers of Christ. By trusting in God's promise and continuing to seek His guidance, we secure a deeper connection with Him, even amidst life's turbulences.

As we draw closer to the end of the liturgical year, let us reflect on the areas of our life where we can cultivate greater perseverance. Whether in prayer, relationships, or service, may we find strength in God's unfailing love to persevere and thrive in His grace.

Reflection Question:

What practices can you embrace to strengthen your perseverance in faith and daily life?

Reflexión:

En tiempos de incertidumbre y desafío, Jesús nos recuerda que la perseverancia es clave para mantenernos firmes en la fe. Nuestro camino espiritual requiere resistencia, no solo en nuestras luchas personales, sino también en mantenernos fieles a nuestros compromisos como seguidores de Cristo. Al confiar en la promesa de Dios y seguir buscando Su guía, aseguramos una conexión más profunda con Él, incluso en medio de las turbulencias de la vida.

Al acercarnos al final del año litúrgico, reflexionemos sobre las áreas de nuestra vida donde podemos cultivar una mayor perseverancia. Ya sea en la oración, las relaciones o el servicio, que encontremos fuerza en el amor inquebrantable de Dios para perseverar y prosperar en Su gracia.

Source: *Truthly App*

PARISH INFORMATION

COLLECTIONS | COLECTA



November 9, 2025

Offertory: \$7,436.00
Rectory Debt: \$3,104.00

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting any information for the bulletin is the **Wednesday** before the Sunday you want it viewed by **10:00a.m.**

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
- 1st Sunday of each month at 2:30-3:30pm in the John XXIII for 1hr



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday at 8am Mass

BAPTISMS

Visit stritainthedesert.org
LITURGY/SACRAMENTS and complete the *Intent to Baptize* Form



CONFIRMATION

Contact Youth Minister or OCIA director

MARRIAGE

Marriage arrangements must be made 4 months in advanc. Contact the parish office for details.

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR ~ OFICINA DE PASTOR

November 16, 2025

"Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

As many believers who have come before us, they had to endure challenges to remain faithful to the Gospel. Never in the history of humanity has there been a war, tragedy, or cataclysmic event that shook the early followers of Jesus to their bones. It was the death of Jesus Christ, their beloved master and teacher. When we follow the path of righteousness and denounce the wisdom of this world, many find us off-putting and even offensive. Why?

Our scriptures reflect end-time language and judgment, and for most, this seems scary and hopeless. While it is terrifying to endure the wrath and judgment of God, there is hope for those who maintain their faith and do not give into the world. It would be easy enough to throw in the towel and go along to get along, but that is not why Jesus came into the world. Jesus came into the world to radically change our perceptions and remind us that we do not belong to ourselves but rather to God. Moreover, the fact that Jesus Christ Himself was put to death means that He is the pathway through which we are reborn. We are reborn into the life of Jesus Christ and restored in love and grace.

Nothing lasts forever. We come into this world with nothing, and we leave this world with nothing. The question remains, how are we living out our lives for Christ? While judgment and death are inevitable, be not afraid, your life will be given back in the next life. God be praised!

I am happy to report that we finally have our new Administrative Assistant, Mr. Chris Metzger! We are pleased to welcome him to our staff and to our parish family. Our parish office will be open on Fridays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm to help you. If you happen to stop by the parish office, welcome him, introduce yourselves, and offer a warm welcome.

As I stated last week, our Parish Leadership Team and I are working collaboratively to make St. Rita in the Desert an Amazing Parish. Our first initiative is to encourage unceasing prayer. Before Mass begins, our announcements will first follow our welcome and a prayer to bring us into the presence of God. It is through prayer that God hears us and we can listen to Him. Prayer is the key to a meaningful Christian life. We will have more to share with you soon as we continue to pray and listen to what the Lord is asking of us to become amazing Catholics, an amazing pastor, and an amazing community! God bless!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverendo Alonzo M. García, Pastor



16 de noviembre de 2025

"¡Levántense, alcen la cabeza, porque se acerca su liberación!" (Lucas 21,28)

Querida familia parroquial y amigos,

Así como muchos creyentes que nos han precedido, también ellos tuvieron que enfrentar grandes desafíos para mantenerse fieles al Evangelio. Ningún acontecimiento, guerra o tragedia en la historia humana sacudió tanto a los primeros discípulos de Jesús como su Pasión y Muerte. La muerte de su Maestro y Amigo los estremeció profundamente. Y es que, cuando elegimos caminar por el sendero de la justicia y rechazamos la "sabiduría del mundo", a muchos les resultamos incómodos o incluso ofensivos. ¿Por qué?

Las Escrituras de este tiempo nos hablan con un lenguaje que suena a juicio final, a fin de los tiempos, y eso puede causarnos miedo o desesperanza. Pero, hermanos, aunque es cierto que el juicio de Dios es algo tremendo, también es verdad que hay esperanza para quienes permanecen firmes en la fe y no se dejan arrastrar por las corrientes del mundo. Sería fácil rendirse, bajar los brazos y "seguir la corriente", pero Jesús no vino al mundo para eso. Él vino para transformar radicalmente nuestra manera de ver la vida y recordarnos que no nos pertenecemos a nosotros mismos, sino a Dios.

El mismo hecho de que Cristo haya entregado su vida en la cruz nos muestra que Él es el camino hacia una vida nueva. En Él renacemos, en Él somos restaurados en el amor y la gracia de Dios. Nada dura para siempre. Venimos a este mundo sin nada y de igual manera partimos. Pero la pregunta que debemos hacernos es: ¿cómo estamos viviendo nuestra vida para Cristo? Aunque el juicio y la muerte sean inevitables, ¡no tengan miedo! Porque quien entrega su vida por amor a Dios, la recuperará en la vida eterna. ¡Bendito sea Dios!

Con alegría les comparto que ya contamos con nuestro nuevo asistente administrativo: el Sr. Chris Metzger. Le damos una calurosa bienvenida a nuestro equipo y a nuestra familia parroquial. La oficina parroquial estará abierta los viernes de 9:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. para atenderlos. Si pasan por la oficina, no duden en saludarlo y darle una cordial bienvenida.

Como les mencioné la semana pasada, nuestro Equipo de Liderazgo Parroquial y yo estamos trabajando juntos para hacer de Santa Rita del Desierto una Parroquia Asombrosa. Nuestra primera iniciativa es fomentar la oración constante. Antes de comenzar la Misa, después del saludo inicial, haremos una breve oración para entrar en la presencia de Dios. Es por medio de la oración que el Señor nos escucha y nosotros aprendemos a escucharle. La oración es la clave para una vida cristiana profunda y llena de sentido. Pronto tendremos más novedades que compartir, mientras seguimos orando y escuchando lo que el Señor nos pide para crecer como católicos comprometidos, como un pastor entregado y como una comunidad verdaderamente maravillosa. ¡Que Dios los bendiga a todos!

Sinceramente Suyos en Cristo,

Reverendo Alonzo M. García, Pastor

IN THE GOSPEL PASSAGE...

Jesus speaks to us about perseverance amid challenges and trials. It's easy to feel overwhelmed when faced with difficulties, whether in personal circumstances or in the broader world. However, Jesus offers us a profound truth: perseverance is not a passive endurance but an active faith that trusts in God's providence.

As we meditate on this passage, let us consider the ways in which perseverance shapes our journey of faith. It calls us to remain steadfast in prayer, even when it seems like no answers are forthcoming. It invites us to love unconditionally, even when it's difficult. And it challenges us to trust in God's timing and plan when circumstances appear uncertain.

Ask yourself: In what areas of your life is God calling you to exhibit greater perseverance? How can this active faith transform not only your own life but also inspire those around you?

Let us pray for the grace to persevere, confident that God walks with us in every moment and strengthens us through His Spirit and love.

Reflection Question:

How can embracing perseverance in your spiritual journey influence your relationships and interactions with others this week?

EN ESTE PASAJE DEL EVANGELIO,

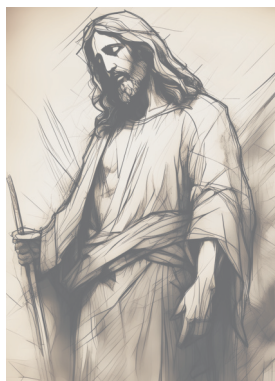
Jesús nos habla sobre la perseverancia en medio de los desafíos y pruebas. Es fácil sentirse abrumado cuando enfrentamos dificultades, ya sea en circunstancias personales o en el mundo que nos rodea. Sin embargo, Jesús nos ofrece una verdad profunda: la perseverancia no es una simple resistencia pasiva, sino una fe activa que confía en la providencia de Dios.

Al meditar en este pasaje, consideremos de qué manera la perseverancia da forma a nuestro camino de fe. Nos llama a mantenernos firmes en la oración, incluso cuando parece que no hay respuestas inmediatas. Nos invita a amar incondicionalmente, incluso cuando es difícil. Y nos desafía a confiar en el tiempo y el plan de Dios cuando las circunstancias parecen inciertas.

Pregúntate: ¿En qué áreas de tu vida te está llamando Dios a demostrar una mayor perseverancia? ¿Cómo puede esta fe activa transformar no solo tu propia vida, sino también inspirar a quienes te rodean?

Oremos por la gracia de perseverar, seguros de que Dios camina con nosotros en cada momento y nos fortalece a través de Su Espíritu y amor.

Source: *Truthly App*



CHURCH TRIVIA



MASS POSTURES & GESTURES

Welcome to our fun and informative Church Trivia! How well do you know the meaning behind our movements at Mass? Test your knowledge.

1. When we stand during Mass, what does this posture symbolize?

- A) Rest and reflection
- B) Respect and resurrection life
- C) Tired legs
- D) Time to sing loudly

2. At what points in the Mass do we kneel (for those who are able)?

- A) During the homily and announcements
- B) After the Sanctus (“Holy, Holy, Holy”) until after the Great Amen, and again after the Lamb of God
- C) Only during Communion
- D) Whenever we feel like it

3. What is sitting meant to represent during the Liturgy of the Word?

- A) Relaxing before Communion
- B) Listening and meditating on God’s Word
- C) Waiting for the next hymn
- D) Showing reverence to the choir

4. When do we make the Sign of the Cross on our forehead, lips, and heart?

- A) When the Gospel is announced — to show we open our minds, lips, and hearts to the Word
- B) At the beginning of Mass only
- C) During the Eucharistic Prayer
- D) After the final blessing

5. What small gesture do we make during the Creed at the words “by the Holy Spirit... was incarnate of the Virgin Mary”?

- A) A genuflection
- B) A bow of reverence
- C) Folding our hands
- D) Raising our eyes

6. Striking our breast during the Confiteor (“through my fault...”) reminds us of what?

- A) A traditional rhythm to the chant
- B) Our personal repentance and humility
- C) The beating of the priest’s heart
- D) Nothing in particular

7. Why are postures and gestures important at Mass?

- A) They keep everyone moving
- B) They unite us in shared worship as the Body of Christ
- C) They’re just habits from the past
- D) They make the liturgy longer

Did you know?

Every posture and gesture we make at Mass expresses something we believe — body and soul joined in prayer! For more, see the Diocese of Evansville’s guide: [Postures and Gestures at Mass \(PDF\)](http://www.evdiocese.org/uploads/2/6/3/0/26308718/postures_and_gestures_at_mass.pdf).

Source:

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WEEKLY CALENDAR, INTENTIONS, OBSERVATIONS & READINGS

MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

Saturday, November 15

5:00 pm

†Frances Anemone

Sunday November 16

8:00 am

†Thomas Ernesto Vargas

10:00 am

†Donna Sue Olson

†Nancy Glahn

12:00 pm

Living & Deceased of St. Rita

Monday November 17

8:00 am

SI Karen Kahle

Tuesday November 18

8:00 am

St. Rita

Wednesday November 19

8:00 am

First Responders

Thursday November 20

8:00 am

†John Zubel

Friday November 21

8:00 am

St. Rita Office Staff

Saturday November 22

8:00 am

Men & Women in the Military

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, November 16

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Times

8:00 am – Mass (English)

10:00 am – Mass (English)

12:00 noon – Mass (Spanish)

Monday, November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

Tuesday, November 18

**Dedication of the Basilicas of
Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles**

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday, November 19

8:00 am – Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday, November 20

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

4:30 pm Legion of Mary

Friday, November 21

**Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Eucharist Adoration

Saturday, November 22

St. Cecilia

5:00 pm – Mass (English)

READINGS & OBSERVANCES

FIRST READING:

"At that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book." (Dn 12:1)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence." (Ps 16:11)

SECOND READING:

"For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated." (Heb 10:14)

GOSPEL:

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Lk 21:19)

Sunday, November 16

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Times

Dn 12:1-3 | Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 | Heb 10:11-14, 18 | Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday, November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 | Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 | Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 18

Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

2 Mc 6:18-31 | Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 | Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 19

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 | Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15 | Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, November 20

1 Mc 2:15-29 | Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 | Lk 19:41-44

Friday, November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 | 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd | Lk 19:45-48

Saturday, November 22

St. Cecilia

1 Mc 6:1-13 | Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 | Lk 20:27-40



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: text **DOTNEWS** to **84576** or go to <https://news.diocesetucson.org/subscribe>

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE



- Call **911** to make a police report.
- If the abuse happened in another state, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific state.
- Call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson at: 1(800)234-0344 and/or
- The Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection at (520)838-2513.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Diocese of Tucson:

www.diocesetucson.org

The New Outlook:

<https://news.diocesetucson.org>

News from the Vatican:

www.vaticannews.va

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

www.usccb.org

Office of Vocations:

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Community Rewards Program

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.

- Go to **www.frysfood.com**
- Select **Sign In** and sign in to your online account
- Click on **My Account**
- Select **Community Rewards**
- Click **Enroll Now**
- In the "*Find an Organization*" box, enter **St. Rita in the Desert**
- Click **Enroll**

PARISH MINISTRIES

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Boys

If your boy would like to become an Altar Boy, please review the **Altar Server Manual** together and complete the **Altar Server Application** online.

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. We would love to have you. Every **2nd Tuesday of the month** at **2pm** in the parish office.

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

Curious about our choirs? Love to sing sacred music? Join us, our rehearsals are open to everyone!
Adult choirs: Tues at 5 pm
Children's choir: Wed at 4 pm
Spanish choir: Thur at 6:15 pm
Do you play piano, guitar, flute or clarinet? We want to meet you!

Coro español: ¡Queremos desarrollar nuestro coro! ¡Considere unirse a nosotros o volver a unirse a nosotros! ¡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

Join us as we provide support every week to our Meals to Grow Program, Food Bank and other critical human needs in our community. Email: 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

Right to Life

Email: rtl@stritainthedesert.org

Family Faith Formation

www.watch.formed.org

Vocations

Contact Mr. Adam LaGuardia: Vocations@stritainthedesert.org

Welcome Committee

If you are interested in joining the Welcoming Team, submit your **Welcoming Team request form** online.

Guild of St. Rita

Volunteers manage our beautiful Gift shop, plan our St. Rita's feast day celebration & host many other parish events as requested. Join us! Email: guild@stritainthedesert.org

Mujeres De Fe (Women of Faith)

Para mas Informacion
Coordinadora: Angelica Gomez
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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 legiondemaria@stritainthedesert.org.



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



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. St. Vincent often asked this simple question: "What would Jesus do, if he were in my place now? Ask yourself the same question and then make a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are hungry or suffering will be able to truly celebrate Thanksgiving.

If you need assistance from St Vincent de Paul or want to join the ministry to help others, contact James Mahaffey at (520) 501-1386

PARISH NEWS



**Knights of
Columbus®**

FAMILY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16TH

Join the Knights for a pancake
breakfast after 8am & 10am Mass

Donations Only, Supports Catholic Education Kiosk at St Rita

MUSIC MINISTRY

CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS SINGERS!

NATIVITY BLESSING AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 19 at 6 pm.

This year's theme, The Manger's Miracle!

We'll rehearse the concert pieces at the end of our
regularly scheduled choir rehearsals.

Adult choirs: Tuesday ~6pm

Children's choirs: Wednesday ~5pm

JOIN US!

1ST ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

November 22, 2025 from 11am-4pm
in the Hall & under the Ramada

Parish ministries will be competing for
The BEST St. Rita Chili. Winner will be
based on votes acquired for their chili.

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for
Children under 10.

Take your chance on winning a raffle
basket (minimum value of \$50.00) or
enter to win in our 50/50 drawing.

Raffle tickets are: 1 for \$5.00 and 5 for
\$20.00.

Meet, shop, or sign up to volunteer at our
ministry tables!

Cash – Checks – Credit Accepted

*Proceeds collected from the Chili Cook Off, 50/50 Raffle, and Gift
Baskets will be going directly to paying off the Rectory Debt*



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

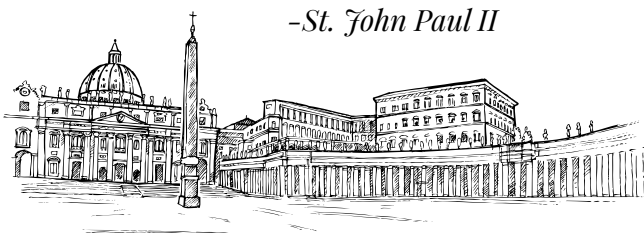
ADVENT FOOD DRIVE BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

We invite you to bring non-perishable food donations to the
narthex throughout Advent. Focus items this year include:
Spaghetti sauce & noodles, spaghetti-O's, Canned fruit, chili,
beef stew, beef soups and instant mashed potatoes.

We will also be supporting Vail Food Bank's weekend backpack
program and are in need of individually wrapped snack cakes
(Little Debbie or similar)

“The Church is a gift from God,
where His people are nourished
and strengthened.”

–St. John Paul II



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April 18-19, 2026 in Tucson.

For more information go to: wme.org
or call 520-661-3644

ALTAR SOCIETY

Volunteers Needed

Meet us in the Parish Hall
every 2nd Tuesday of the
Month at 2p.m.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Annual Grocery Gift Card
Collection begins Nov 1 - Dec
12 to feed our Vail Families
during the holiday Season

**Local Safeway, Fry's & Walmart
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or monetary donations welcome**

Please return donation in the
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOR ALL MEN & WOMEN
THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE

Tuesday, November 18, 2025
6:30pm – 8:30pm

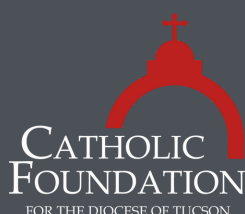
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TRIVIA ANSWER KEY

1. B) Respect and resurrection life
Standing is a sign of reverence and attentiveness. It reflects the dignity of those redeemed in Christ and our participation in His resurrection.
2. B) After the Sanctus until after the Great Amen, and again after the Lamb of God
Kneeling is the posture of adoration — we humble ourselves before the Real Presence of Christ during the Eucharistic Prayer and before receiving Communion.
3. B) Listening and meditating on God's Word
Sitting is a posture of attentive reflection. It allows us to listen deeply to Scripture and the homily, pondering God's message in our hearts.
4. A) When the Gospel is announced — to show we open our minds, lips, and hearts to the Word
Tracing the small crosses before the Gospel signifies our prayer that God's Word be in our thoughts, on our lips, and in our hearts.
5. B) A bow of reverence
At the words "by the Holy Spirit... was incarnate of the Virgin Mary" in the Creed, we bow to honor the mystery of the Incarnation — God becoming man.
6. B) Our personal repentance and humility
Striking the breast during the Confiteor ("through my fault...") expresses sorrow for sin and recognition of personal responsibility before God.
7. B) They unite us in shared worship as the Body of Christ
Our common postures and gestures are visible signs of unity — we pray not as individuals, but as one Church offering praise together.

Source: http://www.evdio.org/uploads/2/6/3/0/26308718/postures_and_gestures_at_mass.pdf



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THE STORY OF SAINT CECILIA

Who Was Saint Cecilia?

Saint Cecilia was a special friend of Jesus who lived a long time ago in Rome. She loved music and singing, and she heard beautiful songs in her heart, especially when she prayed. Even though she came from a rich family, Cecilia cared more about loving God and helping others.

Her Amazing Story:

Cecilia promised that she would belong only to Jesus. But one day, she had to marry a man named Valerian. She told him all about her love for Jesus, and guess what? He decided to become a Christian, too! Together, they helped many people learn about God's love.

Even when some people didn't like that she believed in Jesus, Cecilia stayed brave. When soldiers wanted her to stop teaching about God, she kept sharing love and kindness with everyone around her. Her courage made more and more people want to follow Jesus.

Why She Inspires Us:

Saint Cecilia shows us that music is a beautiful way to praise God. Whenever you sing or play an instrument, you can think of her and remember how much she loved Jesus. She's a great example of how we can use our talents to bring joy to others and share God's love.

Think About This:

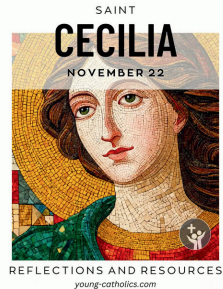
How can you use your love for music, drawing, or any other talent to make the world a happier place and show others how much Jesus loves them?

Just like Saint Cecilia, you can be a special friend of Jesus by using what you love to bring joy and kindness to the people around you!

SAINT CECILIA

Feast Day: November 22

Patronage: Musicians, singers, & poets.



Life and Legacy:

Saint Cecilia is one of the most celebrated saints of the early Christian Church, known for her devout faith, martyrdom, and association with music. Born in Rome during the 2nd century, Cecilia belonged to a noble family. She is famously remembered for her vow of virginity, offering her life entirely to Christ. Despite her vow, she was married to a Roman nobleman named Valerian. Tradition holds that on her wedding day, while musicians played, Cecilia heard heavenly music in her heart, symbolizing her spiritual devotion.

Cecilia managed to convert her husband, Valerian, and his brother, Tiburtius, to Christianity. Both men were martyred for their faith. Cecilia's own martyrdom followed after she distributed her possessions to the poor and refused to renounce her faith in Christ. Despite attempts to execute her by asphyxiation and later decapitation, she survived for several days, during which time she continued preaching and prayed for her persecutors.

Her steadfast faith and extraordinary courage in the face of persecution inspired countless early Christians to remain steadfast in their beliefs. Saint Cecilia was buried in the Catacombs of San Callisto, and her remains were later transferred to the church built in her honor in Trastevere, Rome.

Reflection Question:

In what ways can the example of Saint Cecilia inspire you to remain faithful and joyful in your own journey with Christ, especially through the arts and the gifts you possess?

Consider incorporating music or other forms of art as a means to deepen your prayer life and express gratitude to God.

Saint Cecilia's unwavering devotion encourages us to view every skill and talent we have as a chance to praise and glorify the Lord. How might you use your own gifts to bring glory to God and joy to others?

Source: *Truthly App*

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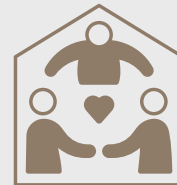


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