

January 18, 2026



CLERGY

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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

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

CONFESSION

Confesiones

SATURDAY | Sábado

3:30 pm—4:30 pm

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

9:00 am—1:00pm

Office closed

12pm—1pm daily

*Office Closed Monday
January 19th, 2026*

ST. RITA IN THE DESERT

Catholic Church

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away
the sin of the world." (John 1:29)*

*"Éste es el Cordero de Dios, que quita el
pecado del mundo." (Juan 1:29)*

Reflection:

In this Gospel passage, John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, a title rich with meaning that refers to Jesus' mission of sacrificial love and redemption for humanity. This title echoes the Passover Lamb, signifying deliverance and salvation. John's proclamation invites us to behold Jesus with fresh eyes—acknowledging His divine purpose. As the Lamb who takes away sin, Jesus offers us forgiveness and eternal life, calling us to turn from sin and embrace His love. This week, let us reflect on how we can live in response to this profound truth, striving to embody the grace and peace that Jesus brings into our lives.

Socratic Question:

How can you more fully embrace Jesus as the Lamb of God in your daily life, allowing His love and sacrifice to transform your heart and actions?

Reflexión:

En este pasaje del Evangelio, Juan el Bautista reconoce a Jesús como el Cordero de Dios, un título lleno de significado que se refiere a la misión de amor sacrificial y redención de Jesús para la humanidad. Este título evoca el Cordero Pascual, que significa liberación y salvación. La proclamación de Juan nos invita a contemplar a Jesús con ojos nuevos, reconociendo Su propósito divino. Como el Cordero que quita el pecado, Jesús nos ofrece perdón y vida eterna, llamándonos a alejarnos del pecado y abrazar Su amor. Esta semana, reflexionemos sobre cómo podemos vivir en respuesta a esta verdad profunda, esforzándonos por encarnar la gracia y la paz que Jesús trae a nuestras vidas.

Pregunta socrática:

¿Cómo puedes abrazar más plenamente a Jesús como el Cordero de Dios en tu vida diaria, permitiendo que su amor y sacrificio transformen tu corazón y tus acciones?

Source: *Truthly App*

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PARISH INFORMATION

COLLECTIONS | COLECTA



January 11, 2026

Offertory: \$6,459.00
Debt Reduction: \$701.60

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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 or click **HERE**.

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday at 8am Mass

BAPTISMS

Visit 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.

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR ~ OFICINA DE PASTOR

January 18, 2026

“The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God..” (John 1:14a,12a)

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

In our post-modern world, the word ‘servant’ can carry negative baggage that is less than flattering to the ears of the elite and educated. However, in a Christian context, there is a far deeper meaning than mere servitude, lowliness, and a master-slave relationship. In this particular case, the master comes to show the example of what it means to serve lovingly, with humility, those to whom he calls his friends.

In our scripture readings, we see the Lord sending out His servant to be a light to all the nations. We can see a shift in that the Nation of Israel would not only be among those God’s servant(s) would be a light to, but to all nations. Of course, there would be tensions within the Nation of Israel, for they only saw themselves as the only nation God would save. While, in part, that would be true, the Nation of Israel would be the one nation God would call His servant, Jesus Christ, to be the light to all the nations and set them free.

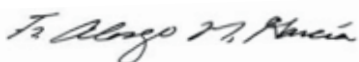
Consider that, through our own baptism, we participate in being servants of the Lord to one another. Of course, we still encounter the same sins as the nation of Israel did. We think ourselves too aloof and above it all. Sometimes there is the temptation to believe that we are the end-all be-all of ministry and without us, the Church would fall apart. While we struggle with our broken and disordered humanity, all we need to do is look at the disposition of Jesus. Did Jesus put on airs, did Jesus gossip and demean others behind their backs, or did Jesus act cruelly to those who wanted to offer a helping hand? In truth, Jesus was none of those things.

When we are serving the Lord in one another, we should ask ourselves: Am I doing this for Jesus, or am I doing it for myself to get accolades to puff myself up? If we are honest with ourselves, we at St. Rita in the Desert can afford to work on this better to become an amazing parish family through our prayer life, discernment, and continued discipleship in the Lord!

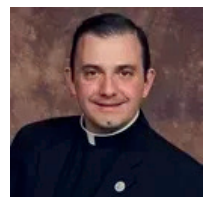
I want to update our parish family on some projects currently underway. Last year, I spoke about the northwest and east parking lots, noting that we would be bidding out the project. I am thrilled to report that we have, in fact, selected one company to assist us in fixing up our parking lots. I have spoken with the Board of Directors and the Finance Council, and they are conducting final reviews and, if all is satisfactory, will give me the okay to move forward. Once we have signed and paid half of the project fees, we will inform you of which parking lot will be closed during repairs. Fixing our parking lots is very exciting, and we plan to complete this by the end of January. Thank you for your generous support of your amazing parish family.

Lastly, I ask that you continue to pray for our parish and its future, especially for our new parish church. I can appreciate how this may seem insurmountable, but, trusting in St. Rita of Cascia, our patroness, and Our Lord, it may become a reality. If you have not given to our debt-reduction project, please consider giving to help us pay off this debt and move forward. If we can show our new bishop we are serious about our desire, then they may consider allowing us to build here.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Reverend Alonzo M. García, Pastor



OFFICE OF THE PASTOR ~ OFICINA DE PASTOR

18 de enero de 2026

“Aquel que es la Palabra se hizo hombre y habitó entre nosotros. A todos los que lo recibieron les concedió poder llegar a ser hijos de Dios.” (Juan 1:14a,12a)

Querida familia parroquial y amigos:

En nuestro mundo actual, la palabra “servidor” a veces tiene una connotación negativa, especialmente para quienes se consideran educados o de cierta élite. Sin embargo, dentro de nuestra fe cristiana, esta palabra tiene un significado mucho más profundo que el simple servicio, la humildad o una relación de amo y esclavo. Aquí, el Maestro mismo nos muestra qué significa servir con amor y humildad a aquellos a quienes llama amigos.

En las lecturas de la Escritura, vemos cómo el Señor envía a su siervo para ser luz para todas las naciones. Esto marca un cambio importante: el pueblo de Israel ya no sería el único destinatario de esa luz, sino que esta se extendería a todos los pueblos. Claro, esto provocó tensiones, ya que muchos en Israel pensaban que solo ellos serían salvados. En parte eso era cierto, pero Dios eligió precisamente a Israel para que, por medio de su Siervo, Jesucristo, esa luz llegara a todas las naciones y las liberara.

Pensemos que, por medio de nuestro Bautismo, todos participamos en ser servidores del Señor los unos para los otros. Aun así, seguimos enfrentando los mismos pecados que enfrentó el pueblo de Israel. A veces nos creemos por encima de los demás, o caemos en la tentación de pensar que sin nosotros la Iglesia no podría seguir adelante. En medio de nuestra humanidad frágil y herida, basta mirar la actitud de Jesús. ¿Jesús se daba aires de grandeza? ¿Hablaba mal de los demás a sus espaldas? ¿Trataba con dureza a quienes querían ayudar? La verdad es que no. Jesús no fue nada de eso.

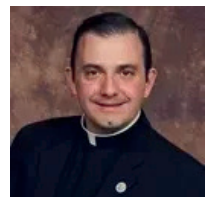
Cuando servimos al Señor sirviendo a los demás, vale la pena preguntarnos: ¿lo hago por Jesús o lo hago por mí mismo, buscando reconocimiento o aplausos? Si somos sinceros, nosotros en Santa Rita en el Desierto podemos seguir creciendo en esto para convertirnos en una familia parroquial aún más hermosa, a través de la oración, el discernimiento y el discipulado constante en el Señor.

Quiero aprovechar para compartirles una actualización sobre algunos proyectos en nuestra parroquia. El año pasado les hablé de los estacionamientos del lado noroeste y este, y de que el proyecto saldría a licitación. Me da mucha alegría informarles que ya hemos seleccionado a una empresa para ayudarnos con las reparaciones. He hablado con la Junta Directiva y el Consejo de Finanzas, quienes están haciendo las revisiones finales y, si todo está en orden, me darán la autorización para continuar. Una vez que firmemos el contrato y se pague la mitad del costo del proyecto, les avisaremos cuál estacionamiento estará cerrado durante las reparaciones. Estamos muy entusiasmados con este proyecto y esperamos terminarlo para finales de enero. Gracias de corazón por su generoso apoyo a su querida familia parroquial.

Por último, les pido que sigan orando por nuestra parroquia y por su futuro, especialmente por nuestra nueva iglesia parroquial. Entiendo que esto puede parecer algo muy difícil de alcanzar, pero confiando en Santa Rita de Casia, nuestra patrona, y en Nuestro Señor, sabemos que puede hacerse realidad. Si aún no han contribuido a nuestro proyecto de reducción de deuda, los invito a considerar hacerlo para ayudarnos a seguir adelante. Si podemos mostrarle a nuestro nuevo obispo que estamos comprometidos y unidos en este deseo, es posible que se nos permita construir aquí.

Sinceramente Suyos en Cristo,

Reverendo Alonzo M. García, Pastor



GOSPEL MEDITATION

IN THE JOHN 1:29-34,

we witness a pivotal moment as John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." This declaration is profound, linking Jesus to the sacrificial lambs of the Old Testament, which were offered for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus, however, is the true Lamb who would freely offer Himself for the salvation of all humanity. John's testimony about Jesus points us to the transformative power of His sacrifice. As recipients of this grace, we are invited to behold Jesus anew, recognizing His role in our lives as Savior and Redeemer. This calls us to a life of gratitude and service, reflecting His love and mercy to the world around us.

Reflection Question:

In what specific ways can you acknowledge Jesus' sacrificial love in your daily life, allowing His example to guide your actions and relationships?

EN JUAN 1:29-34,

presenciamos un momento crucial cuando Juan el Bautista identifica a Jesús como el "Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo." Esta declaración es profunda, vinculando a Jesús con los corderos sacrificados del Antiguo Testamento, que se ofrecían por el perdón de los pecados. Sin embargo, Jesús es el verdadero Cordero que se ofrecería libremente por la salvación de toda la humanidad. El testimonio de Juan acerca de Jesús nos señala el poder transformador de su sacrificio. Como receptores de esta gracia, estamos invitados a contemplar a Jesús de nuevo, reconociendo su papel en nuestras vidas como Salvador y Redentor. Esto nos llama a una vida de gratitud y servicio, reflejando su amor y misericordia al mundo que nos rodea.

Pregunta de reflexión:

¿De qué maneras específicas puedes reconocer el amor sacrificial de Jesús en tu vida diaria, permitiendo que su ejemplo guíe tus acciones y relaciones?

DID YOU KNOW....

JANUARY 18TH

The title "Lamb of God" used by John the Baptist when referencing Jesus is deeply rooted in Jewish tradition and foreshadows the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus. In the Old Testament, lambs were sacrificed as a means of atonement during Passover and other sacrificial rites. By calling Jesus the "Lamb of God," John signifies that Jesus is the fulfillment of these sacrificial symbols, offering Himself for the redemption of humanity.

The phrase "Lamb of God" further highlights the continuity between the Old and New Testaments. It reveals how Jesus fulfills the prophecies and symbols of the Old Covenant, establishing a New Covenant through His death and resurrection. This declaration by John the Baptist sets the stage for understanding Jesus' mission as salvific, emphasizing that He comes to take away the sins of the world.

The imagery of Jesus as the Lamb also speaks to His innocence, gentleness, and humility, qualities that contrast sharply with the world's understanding of power and authority. This imagery invites us to reflect on the nature of true leadership and service, modeled by Christ, who laid down His life for us.

Source: Truthly App

WEEKLY CALENDAR, INTENTIONS, OBSERVATIONS & READINGS

MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

Sunday January 18

8:00 am

SI Sides Family

†Jeanne Tomay

10:00 am

†John Necas

†Patricia Abney

12:00 pm

Living & Deceased of St. Rita

Monday January 19

8:00 am - SI Sides Family

Tuesday January 20

8:00 am - SI Sides Family

Wednesday January 21

8:00 am - SI Sides Family

Thursday January 22

8:00 am

SI Sides Family

†Stan Zobel

Friday January 23

8:00 am - SI Sides Family

Saturday January 24

5:00 pm

SI Sides Family

†Ed Goebel

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, January 18

2nd Sunday of Ordinary

Time

- **St. Prisca (Priscilla)**

8:00 am - Mass (English)

10:00 am - Mass (English)

12:00 noon - Mass (Spanish)

Monday, January 19

- **St. John of Ravenna**

- **Sts. Marius, Martha,**

Audiface & Abachum

- **St. Germanicus**

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

Tuesday, January 20

- **Pope St. Fabian**

- **St. Sebastian**

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday, January 21

- **Saint Agnes of Rome**

8:00 am - Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday, January 22

- **St. Vincent, deacon & martyr**

- **St. Vincent Pallotti**

- **St. Anastasius**

8:00 am - Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday, January 23

- **St. Emerentiana**

- **St. Ildefonsus of Toledo**

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Eucharist Adoration

Saturday, January 24

- **St. Francis de Sales**

- **Bl. Timothy Giaccardo**

5:00 pm - Mass (English)

READINGS & OBSERVANCES

FIRST READING:

"It is too little for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob; I will make you a light to the nations." (Is 49:6)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." (Ps 40:8-9)

SECOND READING:

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor 1:3)

GOSPEL:

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (Jn 1:29)

Sunday, January 18

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6 | Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 | 1 Cor 1:1-3 | Jn 1:29-34

Monday, January 19

Monday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 15:16-23 | Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 | Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 20

Tuesday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 16:1-13 | Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 | Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 21

Wednesday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 | Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 | Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 22

Thursday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 | Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 | Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 23

Friday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 24:3-21 | Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 | Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 24

Saturday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 | Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 | Mk 3:20-21

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 or email: 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. We would love to have you. Every **2nd Tuesday of the month** at **2pm** in the parish hall.

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 (18+): Tues at 6:30 pm Youth choir (8-18): Wed at 4:30 pm Spanish choir: Wed 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

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)

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salon Oscar Romero, o puedes contactar a Sandra (520)395-7225 or email: legiondemaria@stritainthedesert.org



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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

MARIAN BOOK CLUB

Every Thursday
4:30-6pm
Oscar Romero

All are welcome to join!

PARISH NEWS

Rectory Debt Payoff Update

As of Sunday, January 11, 2026

\$74,693

\$328,000
GOAL

75

500
FAMILY PLEDGED/DONATED GOAL

We need your help! Until this phase is complete, we cannot seek Diocesan approval for a new church capital campaign. Let's come together as a faith family to make it happen

Easter is just 76 days away!
Be part of our parish family's exciting next chapter



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2026 CHOIR SCHEDULE

Adult Choir (18+) – Tuesdays, 6:30 PM, John XXIII Center 60–90 min rehearsals. New time welcomes working adults.

Youth Choir (ages 8–18) – Wednesdays, 4:30 PM, John XXIII Center New members welcome!

Spanish Choir / Coro en Español – Miércoles a las 6:15 p.m. en el Centro Juan XXIII. ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Si te gusta cantar o tocar guitarra o piano (en español o bilingüe), ¡ánimate a venir a uno o dos ensayos y ver si este coro es para ti.

Pianist Needed – Accompanist for Wednesday rehearsals; easy–moderate sight-reading of familiar Mass music.

WINTER CLOTHES DRIVE

St. Rita with Vail Unified School District (VUSD) are asking for your help to provide Vail Children (K–12) winter clothing throughout the month of **January**.

Items Needed:

- Coats, Sweaters, Hoodies, Sweatshirts, Gloves
- Items should be NEW if possible. If Used, we ask that they are "Gently Used" & cleaned.
- Size(s): Children XS to Mens XXL

Please drop donations in the bins located in the **Narthex**. Items will be delivered to the VUSD weekly.

Thank you for your support and generous donations.



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

In the Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying,

"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove... and remain upon him."

As you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's spirit of love to those who are suffering.

Ask any Vincentian and they will tell you about the relief and disbelief they see registered on the faces of those we serve. We often hear *"You are the only people who cared enough to answer our call for help."* Without your generosity we would be able to answer the call.

GIFT SHOP

Sunday, January 18

9:00 am – 12:00 noon

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, January 18th

after 8am & 10am mass

Family Breakfast
All are Welcome
donations accepted but not required to offset cost & support parish!

CATHOLIC BROTHERHOOD

Mondays

6–7:30 pm

Oscar Romero Room

“Culture of Invitation” Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly



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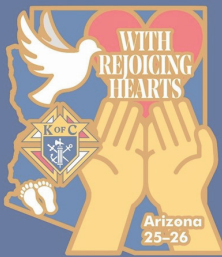
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BASKETBALL FREE THROW

Jan 18th, 2026

After each of the mass

St Rita's Knights of Columbus
Basketball Free Throw Championship
Official Division ages 9-14
St. Rita's Qualifying Round for
District | State | Regional | National

Open Division: All other athletes, all ages, do
NOT advance to District - Parish Bragging Rights Only!
Parents must accompany youth

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

STAR WARS NIGHT FUNDRAISER
Saturday, January 31 | 7:00 PM

Join the Tucson Roadrunners for **Star Wars Night**, in partnership with the Knights of Columbus. This popular, costume-filled game supports a great cause!

All ticket proceeds support the **Arizona Special Olympics Softball Team**, including a St. Rita Special Olympian competing at the **2026 USA National Games in Minneapolis**. Our goal is to raise **\$1,000** to help cover athlete expenses.

Tickets are in **Section 213 (behind the goal)** and are just \$25 — a \$17+ savings off regular price. Can't attend? Buy a ticket and the Knights will donate it so a Special Olympian can enjoy the game.

Questions? Contact any St Rita Knights, call **Wayne Glembin** at (520) 449-7115 or email: gkcouncil14230@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS FUNDRAISER FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Support a St. Rita Special Olympian competing with Arizona USA Softball at the Special Olympics USA Summer Games (June 20-26).

Help make a difference after Mass! Limited Tucson Roadrunners *Star Wars Night* tickets and a Roadrunners jersey raffle (\$5 or 5 for \$20) are available.

Pick up **farm-fresh eggs** for \$5/dozen and support a great cause.

Stop by the table to donate or learn more.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRUE CONCORD VOICES & ORCHESTRA

**Close-Up Solo Vocal Recital:
Will Liverman**

*In partnership with Tucson
Desert Song Festival*

In a “breakout performance” opening the Met’s 21-22 season, Liverman headlined the widely celebrated *Fire Shut Up in My Bones* by Terrence Blanchard, which won the 2023 GRAMMY Award for Best Opera Recording.

Don’t miss this rare, intimate performance of “a voice for this historic moment,” in a program of American composers.

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026 | 7pm
Holsclaw Hall, University of Arizona**

8 DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO CITY

May 1 – 8, 2026

Visiting: Mexico City • Our Lady of Guadalupe
Puebla – Teotihuacan – Ocotlan – Taxco
Tlaxcala (the Lourdes of Mexico)

Cost: \$2699.

Guarantee your seat by January 20, 2026
For more information call 520.631.1408 or
visit: vineofgrace.org for brochure

LAST INFORMATION MEETING

Saint Joseph Church – Parish Office
215 South Craycroft – Tucson
Sunday January 11, 2026 at 1:30 pm

SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMEN 20-35

Franciscan Sisters invite you to an
in-person & on-line
Discernment Event designed for you.

Discover your calling and purpose.

Visit <https://fscs-calledtobe.org> or
contact Sr. Julie Ann 920-323-9632.



BE TRANSFORMED! WOMEN’S RETREAT

Saturday – January 24, 2026

8:00 am – Mass

8:30 am – Coffee & fellowship

9:00 am to 3:30 pm – Retreat

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church
505 North La Canada Drive – Green Valley
Cost is free. Bring your bible and a sack
lunch. Beverages and snacks will be
provided!

REGISTER ONLINE: www.vineofgrace.org
or call 520.631.1408.

Please register by January 20, 2026.
A love offering will be requested on retreat.
Offered by Vine of Grace Retreat Ministry.

SAINT SPOTLIGHT



ST. VINCENT OF SARAGOSSA

Feast Day: January 22

Patronage:

St. Vincent is the patron saint of vintners, vinegar-makers, and brickmakers. He is often invoked for protection against storms and to ensure a good harvest.

Story:

Vincent served as a deacon under Bishop Valerius of Saragossa, Spain, during the Roman persecutions under Emperor Diocletian around 304 AD. Captured alongside Bishop Valerius, Vincent eloquently defended their faith. Despite enduring brutal torture, such as being stretched on a rack and laid on a gridiron, Vincent's resolve remained strong. He eventually succumbed to his injuries, attaining martyrdom and inspiring many with his faith and fortitude.

Legacy:

St. Vincent's example of faithfulness and courage in the face of persecution made him one of the most venerated martyrs of the early Church. His relics became a source of pilgrimage, and he is depicted in art with symbols of his martyrdom, such as a palm and gridiron, serving as a testament to his unwavering faith.

Reflection Question:

In what ways can you embody a bold witness to the faith in your daily life?

KIDS CORNER



Feast Day: January 22

Patronage:

St. Vincent is a special friend in heaven for people who make wine and vinegar, and for those who build with bricks. He also helps protect us during storms and prayers for a good harvest.

Story:

St. Vincent lived a long time ago in a place called Spain. He was a deacon, which means he helped spread Jesus' love and took care of people in need. Even when the Roman rulers tried to stop him from talking about Jesus, Vincent was very brave! He was arrested with his friend, Bishop Valerius. When they asked Vincent to give up his faith, he refused and kept talking about Jesus, even when it was really hard and scary. He showed us what it means to be really strong on the inside!

Legacy:

People have remembered Vincent's bravery and strong faith for hundreds of years. We celebrate his courage and love for Jesus, and we can ask him to pray for us whenever we need help to be brave.

Question to ponder:

How can you be a good friend of Jesus and stand up for what is right, even when it's difficult?

Source: *Truthly App*

DONATIONS



RECTORY DEBT PAYOFF

The Building Committee would like to invite all our parishioners to assist us with paying off the debt of our parish rectory. Please complete information and place in collection basket or bring to the office.

Name: _____

Amount: _____



CAMPUS MAINTENANCE

Please consider contributing to our Campus Maintenance. Please complete information and place in collection basket or bring to the office.

Name: _____

Amount: _____



ONLINE DONATIONS: [HTTPS://WWW.OSVHUB.COM/STRITAINTHEDESERT/GIVING/FUNDS](https://www.osvhub.com/stritainthedesert/giving/funds)



ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Please consider contributing to our fresh altar flowers. Please complete information and place in collection basket or bring to the office.

Name: _____

Amount: _____



REQUEST A MASS INTENTION

The stipend for a Mass intention is \$10. **Two Week advance notice** is required. Please complete information and place in collection basket or bring to the office. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Mass for: _____

☐ Living ☐ Deceased

Mass Date/Time: _____

Requested By: _____

Phone: _____

Note: The Bulletin is printed for Sunday-Saturday
Mass intentions for Saturday are found accordingly.
Questions? email: bulletin@stritainthedesert.org