

October 18, 2026



ST. RITA IN THE DESERT

Catholic Church

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

8:30 am—2:00 pm

FRIDAY | Viernes

CLOSED

Office closed

12pm—1pm daily

NEED TO CONTACT US?

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29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

"Render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Matthew 22:21)

"Den al César lo que es del César y a Dios lo que es de Dios." (Mateo 22:21)

Reflection:

In this Gospel passage, Jesus is approached with a question about paying taxes, a topic designed to trap Him. Yet, His response is wise and profound: "Render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Jesus teaches us about the importance of distinguishing our duties to earthly authorities and our ultimate responsibilities to God. This calls for discernment in balancing the demands of civil life with the priority of our spiritual commitments. While we respect and fulfill our obligations in the world, we are reminded that our hearts, minds, and souls belong to God, directing us to live with integrity and faithfulness.

Socratic Question:

How can you balance your responsibilities in the world with your commitment to God's will, and what priorities might you need to reevaluate to ensure that God holds the highest place in your life?

Reflexión:

En este pasaje del Evangelio, Jesús es cuestionado sobre el pago de impuestos, un tema diseñado para atraparlo. Sin embargo, su respuesta es sabia y profunda: "Den al César lo que es del César y a Dios lo que es de Dios." Jesús nos enseña la importancia de distinguir nuestras obligaciones hacia las autoridades terrenales y nuestras responsabilidades últimas hacia Dios. Esto requiere discernimiento para equilibrar las demandas de la vida civil con la prioridad de nuestros compromisos espirituales. Mientras respetamos y cumplimos con nuestras obligaciones en el mundo, recordamos que nuestros corazones, mentes y almas pertenecen a Dios, guiándonos a vivir con integridad y fidelidad.

Pregunta socrática:

¿Cómo puedes equilibrar tus responsabilidades en el mundo con tu compromiso con la voluntad de Dios, y qué prioridades podrías necesitar reevaluar para asegurar que Dios ocupe el lugar más alto en tu vida?

Source: Truthly App

PARISH INFORMATION

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Parish Directory

COLLECTIONS | COLECTA

October 11, 2026



Offertory: \$6,800.74
Rectorry Debt: \$740.00
Campus Maint: \$23.00

Thank you for your support.
God bless you!

<https://www.osvhub.com/stritainthedesert/giving/funds>

BULLETIN DEADLINE & QUESTIONS

Email bulletin request(s) to:

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
- 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.

READINGS & OBSERVANCES

FIRST READING:

I am the LORD, there is no other. (Isaiah 45:5)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Give the LORD glory and honor. (Ps 96:7b)

SECOND READING:

Your work of faith and labor of love. (1 Thes 1:1-5b)

GOSPEL:

Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. (Mt 22:21)

Sunday, October 18

Is 45:1, 4-6 | Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 | 1 Thes 1:1-5b | Mt 22:15-21

Monday, October 19

Eph 2:1-10 | Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 | Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 20

Eph 2:12-22 | Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 | Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 21

Eph 3:2-12 | Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 | Lk 12:39-48

Thursday, October 22

Eph 3:14-21 | Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 | Lk 12:49-53

Friday, October 23

Eph 4:1-6 | Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 | Lk 12:54-59

Saturday, October 24

Eph 4:7-16 | Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 | Lk 13:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

Saturday October 17

5:00 pm

SI George G. Jochum
Family
SI Sean Glaser

Sunday October 18

8:00 am

First Responders

10:00 am

†Marvin Quinn
†Terri Hoffman

12:00 pm

Living & Deceased of St. Rita

Monday October 19

8:00 am

Men & Women in the Military

Tuesday October 20

8:00 am

†Michael Brizic
†Frank Castañeda

Wednesday October 21

8:00 am

St. Rita Office Staff

Thursday October 22

8:00 am

†June & Vince Kellen

Friday October 23

8:00 am

United States Armed Forces

PARISH NEWS

Rectory Debt Payoff

As of Sunday, October 11, 2026

\$218,464 **\$345,000**
GOAL

149 **500**
FAMILY PLEDGED/DONATED GOAL

THE HARVEST JOURNAL

See You This Weekend

This is it.
The waiting is over.

This Friday and Saturday,
St. Rita will come alive with

music...
Laughter...
Good food...
Friendly faces...

And moments that become
memories.
Bring your family.
Invite a friend.

Come ready to celebrate.
We'll be waiting to welcome
you.

 **Friday, October 23 | 4-10 PM**
 **Saturday, October 24 | 2-10 PM**

 *Thank you for following The Harvest Journal. Now it's time to write the next chapter together.*



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

In the Gospel today Jesus says:

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

When God is the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due. Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless and frightened to know that they belong to God.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Building on Our Past -
Securing Our Future

**Partiendo de Nuestro
Pasado - Asegurando
Nuestro Futuro**



MEALS TO GROW — VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Outreach needs a volunteer to help deliver **Meals to Grow** food bags to Acacia Elementary and Old Vail Middle School beginning **October 22**.

Just one hour Thursday mornings, partnered with another volunteer. **Truck or SUV helpful!**

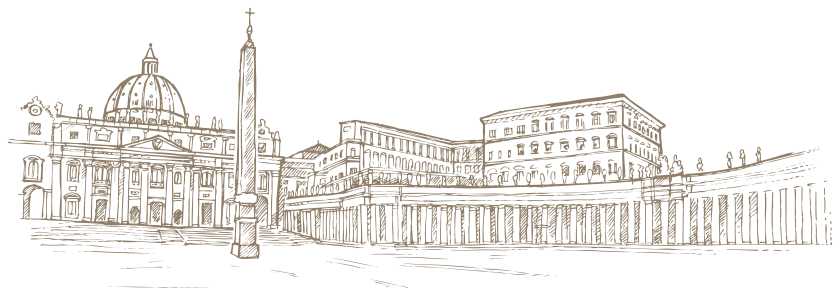
To volunteer: outreach@stritainthedesert.org

ST. RITA'S GIVE & TAKE LIBRARY

Donations Needed! Seeking children's books, Bibles, and Spanish-language books. Help us grow our collection for parishioners of all ages!

WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

Join us Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the Verhagen Building as we explore the Gospel of John through an Ascension Press video series. All women are welcome to grow in faith, study Scripture, and enjoy fellowship!



GUILD GIFT SHOP

October 18th | 9am-12:00 noon

Stop by and shop with us!

The Gift Shop will be open on the **1st and 3rd Sunday** of each month, from 9:00 AM-12:00 noon.

PARKING LOT CLOSURE

Thur-Sat | October 22-24

Please be advised the North parish parking lot will be temporarily closed for Harvest Festival preparations.

Parking for Shrine Mass will remain available on the hardtop (paved) surfaces only.

Thank you for your cooperation as we prepare for our Harvest Festival on October 23-24!

NEED A PLACE TO GATHER?

St. Rita Hall is available for receptions, celebrations, meetings, and other special occasions. Seats up to 70 guests.

For availability: 520-762-9688
secretary@stritainthedesert.org

PARISH HARVEST FESTIVAL NEWS



AN EVENING WITH FR. ALONZO

On September 25, **Tom and Sue Carbone** and **Jim and Leslie McCoy** enjoyed a special “**Happy Hour with Fr. Alonzo**” at the rectory, an experience they won through the Italian Dinner Silent Auction. A wonderful evening of fellowship and parish friendship!

Gather. Celebrate. Experience Fall.

As the sun sets, the festival transforms into a warm and glowing evening experience filled with music, lights, laughter, and community gathering spaces designed to bring people together.

FRIDAY
OCT 23, 2026
4 PM – 10 PM

SATURDAY
OCT 24, 2026
2 PM – 10 PM



LOCATION
St. Rita in the Desert
13260 E. Colossal Cave Rd.
Vail, AZ 85641



ADMISSION
Adults (13+) — \$3
Children (3-12) — \$2
Under 3 — Free

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SHRINE HOST VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Help us welcome Festival guests to the Shrine of Santa Rita!

We're looking for **volunteers** to simply welcome visitors, share our beautiful Shrine, and assist guests who wish to light a candle during the Harvest Festival.

No heavy lifting—just a warm welcome and a little of your time!

Interested? Email
festival@stritainthedesert.org

HELP BUILD OUR SILENT AUCTION

*Donations needed for themed baskets:
BBQ, Italian, Wine, Coffee & Tea, Movie,
Spa, Garden & Tailgating.
New, unused items, gift cards,
services & experiences welcome!*

DROP OFF: Parish Office through **Oct. 16**

Thank you for supporting our
Harvest Festival!

SAINTS & FAITH-BASED COSTUME CONTEST

Come dressed as your favorite saint, biblical figure, angel, or faith-inspired character during the Harvest Festival! Children, teens, adults, and families are invited to participate. Costumes may be homemade, traditional, simple, or creative. Participants may even be asked to share a fun fact about the person they portray!



Knights of Columbus®

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Honoring the
Lockard Family

The Knights of Columbus proudly recognize Tye, Kathy, and Alex Lockard as our Family of the Month!

Tye serves as Chairperson of St. Rita's Building Committee and as a board member of Vail Resources, contributing his leadership and service to both our parish and the greater Vail community.

Kathy serves as St. Rita's Bulletin Editor and Website Manager, helping strengthen parish communications, branding, and community outreach. She also coordinates parish events, including Rummage Sales, the Chili Cook-Off, and the Harvest Festival, creating opportunities for fellowship and bringing our parish and greater Vail community together.

Alex faithfully serves as an Altar Server at the Saturday Vigil Mass, contributing to the reverence and beauty of our liturgical celebrations. Together, the Lockard family demonstrates that faith is lived through service, with each family member sharing their unique gifts to strengthen our parish community.

Congratulations to the Lockard Family!

NOMINATE A FAMILY OF THE MONTH!

Know a parish family that demonstrates faith, service, and dedication to our community?

The Knights of Columbus invite parishioners to **nominate deserving families for our monthly Family of the Month recognition.**

Submit your nomination to:
garycriscione52@gmail.com

FARM FRESH EGG SALES RETURN

The Knights of Columbus will resume selling farm fresh eggs after all Masses on the **first and third weekends of each month.**

This Month: **October 17-18**

Next Month: *November 7-8 & 21-22*

Proceeds will support youth programs at St. Rita, including St. Joseph Youth Camp, altar server retreats, Religious Education scholarships, and our new Youth Ministry.

Thank you for supporting the youth of our parish!

ARIZONA ROSARY CELEBRATION

Join Catholics from across Arizona for the annual Arizona Rosary Celebration honoring

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Saturday, October 17 • 10:00 AM–12:15 PM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

8650 N. Shannon Rd., Tucson

Bishop James Misko, Presider

Guest Speakers: Bishop Artur Bubnevych & Msgr. James Patrick Shea

Free admission • All are welcome!

Can't Attend? Send Your Prayer Intentions

A prayer intention box is located at the back of the church for those unable to attend the Arizona Rosary Celebration. Place your intentions in the box, and **they will be included in the Rosary Celebration.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Season 2026-27

Celebrating 250 years of singing together as people. Two-time GRAMMY-nominated True Concord invites you to experience our 2026-27 season with the very best singers & instrumentalists from across the region and nation, coming together to move, enrich and inspire with glorious music.

AMERICAN CLASSICS AND CURRENTS

The Best of the Best in the American Choral Tradition

Saturday, October 17, 4PM

Catalina Foothills H.S. Music Hall

Sunday, October 18, 3PM

Catalina Foothills H.S. Music Hall

CORPUS CHRISTI FALL ARTS & CRAFTS BOUTIQUE

Saturday, October 17 • 9:30 AM–6:00 PM
Sunday, October 18 • 8:30 AM–2:00 PM

Shop art, handmade crafts, baked goods, plants, and more, plus enjoy the Food Court and raffle.

All are welcome!

More information: cccctucson.org.



(MT 22) "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Your marriage belongs to God. Bring God into your marriage on the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** on:

November 7-8, 2026

March 6-7, 2027
in **Phoenix.**

For more info go to:

wwme.org or call 520-661-3644

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES RUMMAGE SALE

Come shop the Rummage Sale at St. Francis de Sales Parish and find lots of great items at great prices!

Thursday, October 22: 4:00–6:00 PM

Friday, October 23: 7:00 AM–1:00 PM

Saturday, October 24: 7:00 AM–12:00 PM

We will have a wide variety of items, including **furniture, clothing, household items, books, CDs, DVDs, tools, and much more!**

Bring your family and friends and come see what treasures you can find. There's something for everyone! **1375 S Camino Seco.**

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

YOUR GENEROSITY IS ALREADY AT WORK

Funds received through the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal are already being allocated to serve people, parishes, and ministries throughout Southern Arizona.

- \$400,000 toward the formation and support of our seminarians
- \$405,000 to Native American and other parishes with limited financial resources
- \$350,000 for outreach and assistance to individuals and families in need
- \$125,000 for the care of our retired priests
- \$80,000 to provide spiritual and pastoral care to men and women who are incarcerated
- \$2 million to diocesan ministries and services supporting Catholic schools, evangelization, formation, vocations, youth and young adults, and parish life throughout our Diocese

Another \$331,191 is needed so that our shared mission to provide spiritual, pastoral, and charitable care throughout Southern Arizona can be fully supported.

If you have an outstanding pledge, have not yet participated, or would like to make an additional gift, your participation still matters.

Give Today

www.cathfnd.org/aca



GOSPEL MEDITATION

MATTHEW 22:15-21

In this Gospel passage, Jesus masterfully navigates a tricky question intended to trap Him, revealing His divine wisdom. By saying, "Render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God," Jesus highlights the coexistence of our earthly and spiritual obligations. This statement invites us to reflect on the different aspects of our lives and how we contribute to both society and our faith. While we engage in responsibilities towards our community, our foremost dedication should remain to God and His commandments. This balance calls for discernment, encouraging us to evaluate where our loyalties lie and to ensure that our ultimate devotion is directed toward fulfilling God's will.

Socratic Reflection:

What areas of your life may need reexamination to ensure that God is at the center, and how can you live out your responsibilities to both society and your faith harmoniously?

MATEO 22:15-21

En este pasaje del Evangelio, Jesús navega magistralmente una pregunta capciosa destinada a atraparlo, revelando su sabiduría divina. Al decir, "Den al César lo que es del César y a Dios lo que es de Dios," Jesús destaca la coexistencia de nuestras obligaciones terrenales y espirituales. Esta afirmación nos invita a reflexionar sobre los diferentes aspectos de nuestras vidas y cómo contribuimos tanto a la sociedad como a nuestra fe. Mientras cumplimos con responsabilidades hacia nuestra comunidad, nuestra dedicación principal debe permanecer a Dios y sus mandamientos. Este equilibrio requiere discernimiento, animándonos a evaluar dónde están nuestras lealtades y asegurando que nuestra devoción última esté dirigida a cumplir la voluntad de Dios.

Pregunta Socrática:

¿Qué áreas de tu vida podrían necesitar un reexamen para asegurar que Dios esté en el centro, y cómo puedes vivir tus responsabilidades hacia la sociedad y tu fe de forma armoniosa?

DID YOU KNOW...

29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

October 18 is celebrated as the feast day of St. Luke the Evangelist. St. Luke is one of the four Gospel writers and is known for his detailed and orderly account of the life and teachings of Jesus. He is also the author of the Acts of the Apostles, which provides a history of the early Church and the spread of the Gospel after Christ's resurrection. Luke's writings are notable for their emphasis on mercy, the role of the Holy Spirit, and the inclusion of marginalized groups, reflecting a compassionate vision of the Christian message.

Luke is often depicted as a physician, and he is considered the patron saint of doctors and artists. His Gospel contains the beloved parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son, showcasing his focus on God's love and forgiveness. Tradition holds that Luke was a companion of St. Paul, and he is believed to have provided valuable historical insights due to his meticulous approach and dedicated research.

This day celebrates Luke's contribution to the spreading of the Gospel and his role in shaping the narrative of Christ's life and the early Church. Reflect on how storytelling and compassion can play a powerful role in sharing faith. How can you incorporate these qualities into your own life to inspire and uplift others around you?

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SAINT SPOTLIGHT



ST. JOHN PAUL II

Feast Day: October 22

Patronage:

St. John Paul II is the patron saint of World Youth Day, young Catholics, and families.

Story:

Born as Karol Józef Wojtyła in Wadowice, Poland, in 1920, St. John Paul II experienced a life marked by profound faith and resilience. As a young man, he faced the horrors of Nazi occupation and later the oppressive communist regime in Poland. He joined an underground seminary and was ordained a priest in 1946. Karol was deeply devoted to pastoral ministry, intellectual pursuits, and engaging with young people.

In 1978, after serving as a bishop and later as the Archbishop of Kraków, he was elected as the first non-Italian pope in over 450 years. His papacy was marked by a profound commitment to human dignity, social justice, and evangelization. He traveled to over 100 countries, using his reach to encourage dialogue among different faiths and nations.

St. John Paul II is renowned for his role in the fall of communism in Eastern Europe, particularly his native Poland. He was an ardent advocate for a "civilization of love," tirelessly promoting the sanctity of life and the importance of family. His teachings, including the Theology of the Body, have left an indelible mark on the Church.

Legacy:

St. John Paul II left a significant legacy through his numerous encyclicals, apostolic letters, and books. His outreach to youth through initiatives like World Youth Day has inspired countless young Catholics. Canonized in 2014, he is remembered for his profound love for Mary, expressed in his personal motto, "Totus Tuus" (Totally Yours), and for his unwavering stance against societal ills.

Reflection Question:

How can we draw inspiration from St. John Paul II's life to courageously stand up for our faith in the face of societal and political challenges today?

KIDS CORNER



Feast Day: October 22

Who was St. John Paul II?

He's the special friend (patron) of young people, World Youth Day (a big meeting of young Catholics), and families.

Story:

St. John Paul II was born as Karol Wojtyła in Poland in 1920. When he was a kid, he loved playing soccer and skiing. But he lived during a tough time when there was a lot of war and trouble in his country. Despite the challenges, he became a priest, a bishop, and eventually the pope—the leader of the worldwide Catholic Church!

When he became Pope John Paul II in 1978, he traveled all over the world, visiting over 100 countries, to spread kindness and peace. He loved talking to young people and encouraged everyone to be brave in their faith and to love others. He believed in standing up for what is right and caring for all people.

Legacy:

St. John Paul II is famous for helping bring freedom and peace to countries that were under difficult rule, especially his own country, Poland. He also started World Youth Day, which is like a huge festival where young people from all around the world come together to celebrate and learn about their faith.

Question to Think About:

How can you be brave like St. John Paul II and show kindness to others every day?

Source: *Truthly App*

SAINTS THIS MONTH

October 1

- [St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus \(Thérèse of Lisieux\)](#)

October 2

- [Holy Guardian Angels](#)

October 3

- [St Candidus of Rome](#)

October 4

- [Saint Francis of Assisi](#)

October 5

- [Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos](#)
- [St. Faustina Kowalska](#)

October 6

- [St. Bruno](#)
- [Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher](#)

October 7

- [Our Lady of the Rosary](#)
- [Pope St. Mark](#)

October 8

- [St. Pelagia](#)

October 9

- [St. Denis](#)
- [St. John Leonardi](#)
- [St. John Henry Newman](#)
- [Abraham the Patriarch \(OT\)](#)

October 10

- [St. Francis Borgia](#)
- [St. Paulinus of York](#)

October 11

- [St. John XXIII, pope](#)
- [St. Philip the Deacon](#)

October 12

- [Bl. Carlos Acutis](#) (to be canonized in 2025)

October 13

- [St. Theophilus of Antioch](#)

October 14

- [Pope St. Callistus I](#)

October 15

- [Saint Teresa of Avila](#)

October 16

- [St. Hedwig](#)
- [Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque](#)

October 17

- [St. Ignatius of Antioch](#)
- [Hosea the Prophet \(OT\)](#) or July 4

October 18

- [St. Luke, Evangelist](#)

October 19

- [Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions, Canadian Martyrs](#)
- [St. Paul of the Cross](#)
- [Joel the Prophet \(OT\)](#) or July 13

October 20

- [St. Acca of Hexham](#)

October 21

- [St. Gaspare de Bufalo](#)
- [St. Hilarion](#)

October 22

- [Pope St. John Paul II](#)

October 23

- [St. John of Capistrano](#)
- [St. Severinus Boethius](#)

October 24

- [St. Anthony Mary Claret](#)

October 25

- [Sts. Crispin and Crispinian](#)

October 26

- [St. Cedd](#)

October 27

- [St. Frumentius](#)

October 28

- [St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles](#)

October 29

- [St. Narcissus of Jerusalem](#)

October 30

- [St. Germanus of Capua](#)
- [St. Alphonse Rodriguez](#) – or Oct 31

October 31

- [St. Quentin](#)
- [St. Alphonse Rodriguez](#) – or Oct 30

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

PARISH CONNECTIONS



CONTACT US

- **Main Office** - (520)762-9688
- **Office Hours**
 - Mon-Wed: 8:30 am-4:00 pm
 - Thur: 8:00 am-2:00 pm
 - Fri: CLOSED
 - Daily: Closed: 12pm-1pm
- **Staff Directory**



WORSHIP

- **Mass Times**
 - M-F (Shrine) - 8am
 - Sat (St. John XXIII) - 5pm
 - Sun (St. John XXIII) - 8am | 10am | Noon (Sp)
- **Confession**
 - Sat (St. John XXIII) - 3:30p-4:30p
- **Adoration**
 - Fri (Shrine) 8:30a-9:30a
 - 1st Sunday of each month (St. John XXIII): 3-4pm



SACRAMENTS

- Baptism
- Marriage
- Anointing
 - Every 1st Friday at 8am Mass
- Funerals



GROW IN FAITH

- OCIA | Adult Formation
- Children's Formation ~ coming soon



GET INVOLVED

- Ministry Directory
- Music Ministry
- Parish Leadership Team (PLT)



PRAYER & CARE

- Prayer Requests (online)
- Request a Mass Intention (online) ~ coming soon
- Pastoral Care



STEWARDSHIP

- Online Giving
- Parish Support
- Reserve a Legacy Bench



NEW TO ST. RITA?

- Join St. Rita Parish
- New to the Catholic Faith



STAY INFORMED

- Calendar
- Weekly Bulletin
- Website

STAFF DIRECTORY

Parish Office

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Maintenance:
Bill Cline

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Leah Sides

OCIA Coordinator:
Michelle Quinn Crowley

Parish Directory



Campus Map



All underlined text is clickable. Can't find what you're looking for? Visit stritainthedesert.org or contact the Parish Office.

ST. RITA IN THE DESERT



Welcome to the Harvest Festival!

We're glad you're here. Explore, eat, play & enjoy the Festival!



- Children's Village Beer Garden
- Harvest Hall Main Stage
- Harvest Market Glow Garden
- Vineyard Retreat Hospitality
- Historic Shrine Built in 1935
- Restrooms
- Photo Op

Welcome to St. Rita in the Desert
Come for the Festival. Stay for the community.

We're so glad you're here.



*Good Food
 Great People
 Brighter Together*