

October 25, 2026



## ST. RITA IN THE DESERT *Catholic Church*

### CLERGY

#### Pastor:

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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*

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### 30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." -Mt 22:39*

*"Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo." -Mt 22:39*

#### Reflection:

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and that we are also called to love our neighbor as ourselves. These two commandments are inseparable. Our love for God should be reflected in the way we treat others, especially those who are struggling, lonely, or difficult to understand. Loving our neighbor means more than offering kind words; it means showing patience, practicing forgiveness, and recognizing the dignity of every person we encounter. Even small acts of compassion can become powerful expressions of our faith. When we choose to love others as Christ teaches us, we allow God's love to become visible in our everyday lives.

#### Socratic Question:

How does the way you treat others reflect your love for God, especially when showing kindness or forgiveness is difficult?

#### Reflexión:

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos recuerda que el mandamiento más importante es amar a Dios con todo nuestro corazón, con toda nuestra alma y con toda nuestra mente. También nos llama a amar a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos. Estos dos mandamientos van de la mano. El amor que sentimos por Dios debe reflejarse en la manera en que tratamos a los demás, especialmente a quienes están pasando por momentos difíciles, se sienten solos o necesitan comprensión. Amar al prójimo es mucho más que decir palabras bonitas; significa tener paciencia, saber perdonar y reconocer la dignidad de cada persona. Incluso los pequeños gestos de bondad pueden ser una hermosa expresión de nuestra fe. Cuando elegimos amar como Jesús nos enseña, hacemos presente el amor de Dios en nuestra vida diaria.

#### Pregunta socrática:

¿Cómo demuestra tu manera de tratar a los demás el amor que tienes por Dios, especialmente cuando te cuesta ser amable o perdonar?

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### COLLECTIONS | COLECTA

October 18, 2026



Offertory: \$6,593.83  
Rectory Debt: \$1,669.00  
Campus Maint: \$1,892.00

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](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.

## OFFICE OF THE PASTOR | OFICINA DE PASTOR

October 25, 2026

*Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him. (John 14:23)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is asked which commandment is the greatest. His answer is both simple and demanding: love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments, He says, depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Love and law are not rivals. They belong together. The commandments of God give love a clear and concrete shape so that it does not remain only a feeling. We hear this in the first reading, where the Lord insists that the foreigner, the widow, the orphan, and the poor must be treated with justice and compassion. Jesus fulfills this teaching. To love God truly is to love the people He places in our care. Both are necessary for Christian life: love without the guidance of God's law can become mere sentiment, while law without love can harden into judgment. When we keep the Lord's commands with joyful hearts and refuse to overlook our neighbors, we live the Gospel He proclaimed.

That same call to love in concrete ways comes home to us as a parish. I am deeply grateful to everyone who gathered for our recent town hall meeting to discuss the building project and the future of our parish. Together, we identified three essential priorities: updating our parish registry, strengthening our commitment through Sunday offertory giving, and paying off our parish debt. Accurate parish records are more than paperwork—they help us know and serve one another better. Weekly giving, perhaps using one hour's wages as a prayerful starting point, is one way we can support the mission of our parish according to our means. Bishop Misko supports these efforts.

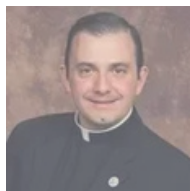
This Sunday is **Commitment Sunday** for our Our Sunday Visitor stewardship campaign, **"Building on Our Past—Securing Our Future."** Through this program, we are invited to make a prayerful, intentional commitment that will help us better understand our parish's needs and plan for the future. With stronger participation and continued diocesan collaboration, we hope to explore improvements such as expanded office availability, additional Masses, and, God willing, another priest in residence. I ask every household to prayerfully consider what God is asking of them and to take part.

May the Holy Spirit deepen our love for God and strengthen our faithful love for one another, expressed through the everyday life and mission of our parish.

Peace and all good,



Very Reverend Alonzo M. García, Dean



25 de octubre de 2026

*El que me ama cumplirá mi palabra y mi Padre lo amará, y haremos en él nuestra morada, dice el Señor. (Juan 14,23)*

Queridos feligreses:

En el Evangelio de este domingo, le preguntan a Jesús cuál es el mandamiento más importante. Su respuesta es sencilla y exigente a la vez: amar al Señor nuestro Dios con todo el corazón, con toda el alma y con toda la mente, y amar al prójimo como a nosotros mismos. De estos dos mandamientos, nos dice Jesús, dependen toda la Ley y los Profetas.

El amor y la ley no son rivales. Van de la mano. Los mandamientos de Dios le dan al amor una forma clara y concreta para que no se quede solamente en un sentimiento. Lo escuchamos en la primera lectura, donde el Señor nos enseña que debemos tratar con justicia y compasión al extranjero, a la viuda, al huérfano y al pobre. Jesús lleva esta enseñanza a su plenitud. Amar verdaderamente a Dios significa también amar a las personas que Él pone a nuestro cuidado. Ambos son necesarios para la vida cristiana: el amor sin la guía de la ley de Dios puede quedarse en un simple sentimiento, mientras que la ley sin amor puede convertirse en un juicio severo. Cuando cumplimos los mandamientos del Señor con alegría y no ignoramos las necesidades de nuestro prójimo, vivimos el Evangelio que Él proclamó.

Ese mismo llamado a demostrar nuestro amor con acciones concretas también se hace presente en nuestra parroquia. Estoy profundamente agradecido con todos los que participaron en nuestra reciente asamblea parroquial para hablar sobre el proyecto de construcción y el futuro de nuestra comunidad. Juntos identificamos tres prioridades esenciales: actualizar nuestro registro parroquial, fortalecer nuestro compromiso mediante las ofrendas dominicales y pagar la deuda de nuestra parroquia. Mantener actualizada la información de nuestros feligreses es mucho más que un trámite administrativo: nos ayuda a conocernos y servirnos mejor. La ofrenda semanal, tomando quizá como punto de partida el equivalente a una hora de trabajo, es una manera de apoyar la misión de nuestra parroquia según nuestras posibilidades. El obispo Misko apoya estos esfuerzos.

Este domingo celebramos el Domingo del Compromiso de nuestra campaña de corresponsabilidad de Our Sunday Visitor, "Construyendo sobre nuestro pasado, asegurando nuestro futuro." A través de este programa, se nos invita a asumir un compromiso consciente y acompañado de oración que nos ayudará a comprender mejor las necesidades de nuestra parroquia y planear nuestro futuro. Con una mayor participación y la continua colaboración con la diócesis, esperamos explorar mejoras como ampliar los horarios de atención de la oficina, ofrecer más misas y, si Dios quiere, contar con otro sacerdote residente. Pido a cada familia que reflexione en oración sobre lo que Dios le está pidiendo y que participe.

Que el Espíritu Santo haga crecer nuestro amor a Dios y fortalezca nuestro amor fiel hacia los demás, manifestado en la vida cotidiana y la misión de nuestra parroquia.

## READINGS & OBSERVANCES

### FIRST READING:

“You shall not molest or oppress an alien” (Ex 22:20)

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

“I love you, Lord, my strength.” (Ps 18:2)

### SECOND READING:

“For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth” (1 Thes 1:8)

### GOSPEL:

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mt 22:39)

### *Sunday, October 25*

Ex 22:20-26 | Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 | 1 Thes 1:5c-10 | Mt 22:34-40

### *Monday, October 26*

Eph 4:32-5:8 | Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 | Lk 13:10-17

### *Tuesday, October 27*

Eph 5:21-33 | Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 | Lk 13:18-21

### *Wednesday, October 28*

Eph 2:19-22 | Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 | Lk 6:12-16

### *Thursday, October 29*

Eph 6:10-20 | Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 | Lk 13:31-35

### *Friday, October 30*

Phil 1:1-11 | Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 | Lk 14:1-6

### *Saturday, October 31*

Phil 1:18b-26 | Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef | Lk 14:1, 7-11

## MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

### *Saturday October 24*

**5:00 pm**

†Anna Clara

†Henry Sarnoff

### *Sunday October 25*

**8:00 am**

†Duane Rader

**10:00 am**

†Marvin Quinn

**12:00 pm**

Living & Deceased of St. Rita

### *Monday October 26*

**8:00 am**

Men & Women in the Military

### *Tuesday October 27*

**8:00 am**

†Duane Rader

### *Wednesday October 28*

**8:00 am**

First Responders

### *Thursday October 29*

**8:00 am**

†John Chernoski

### *Friday October 30*

**8:00 am**

†Estelle Kennard

## PARISH NEWS

### *Rectory Debt Payoff*

As of Sunday, October 11, 2026

Remaining Balance: \$124,867

**\$220,133** **\$345,000**  
GOAL

**149**

**500**  
FAMILY PLEDGED/DONATED GOAL

## THE HARVEST JOURNAL

### Thank You

Three months ago...  
We invited you to imagine something special.  
Last weekend...  
That vision became reality.  
Because volunteers said yes.  
Because sponsors believed.  
Because vendors came.  
Because families gathered.  
Because our parish came together.  
Thank you for every smile...  
Every prayer...  
Every helping hand...  
Every moment shared.  
The Harvest Festival may be over...  
But the memories—and the community that created them—remain.  
Until next autumn...  
🔥 *The Harvest Journal closes this chapter... and looks forward to the next.*



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

In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to show we indeed love our neighbors by assisting many families by providing food, paying utility and rents bills, etc.

***Thank You!***

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEALS TO GROW — ANNUAL HOLIDAY GROCERY GIFT CARD COLLECTION

November 7th & 8th

- Purchase Grocery Gift Cards in denominations of \$10–\$50 at Safeway, Fry's or Walmart
- Use the yellow envelopes for cash or gift cards and place in the collection basket on the weekend of Nov 7th & 8th. Cards/cash accepted throughout the holiday season!
- Gift cards included with all Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday food bags
- Over 800 families received Holiday food bags in 2025 from the Vail Resources Food Bank

More Info at [outreach@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:outreach@stritainthedesert.org)

### SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

November 1, 2026

Join us as we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, honoring all the saints in heaven, both known and unknown, whose lives inspire us to grow in faith and holiness.

#### Mass Schedule

**Saturday, October 31**

Vigil Mass – 5:00 PM

**Sunday, November 1**

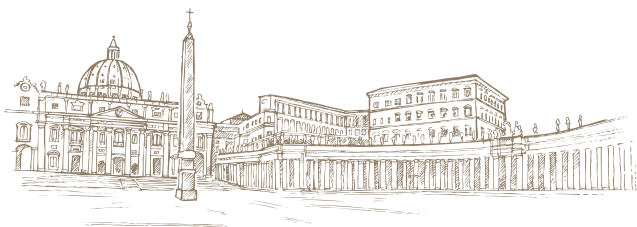
8:00 AM | 10:00 AM | 12:00 PM (Spanish)

**Location:** St. Pope John XXIII Center

***Please note:** Because All Saints Day falls on a Sunday this year, the solemnity is celebrated as part of our regular Sunday obligation.*

### 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!



### PROJECT ANDREW: EXPLORING THE CALL TO PRIESTHOOD

Are you discerning a possible call to the priesthood?

The Diocese of Tucson's Office of Vocations invites young men ages 14–45 to Project Andrew, a day of prayer, meaningful conversation, and fellowship with priests and other men discerning God's call.

**Saturday, November 14, 2026**

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Location:** Santa Cruz Parish  
1220 S. 6th Avenue, Tucson



Come explore where God may be leading you. Every vocation begins with an invitation to listen and respond.

Registration: [vocations@diocesetucson.org](mailto:vocations@diocesetucson.org)  
Phone: (520) 838-2531

### GUILD GIFT SHOP

November 1st & 15th

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**.

### WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

Wednesdays | 9am

Join us Wednesdays at 9:00 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!

### 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](mailto:secretary@stritainthedesert.org)

### STAYING CONNECTED WITH ST. RITA THROUGH OUR SUNDAY VISITOR (OSV)

**Did you know?** St. Rita in the Desert uses **Our Sunday Visitor (OSV)**, a trusted Catholic organization that provides tools to help parishes manage registration and charitable giving.

Through OSV, parishioners can:

- **Register with Our Parish:** Become a registered member of St. Rita or update your household and contact information.
- **Make a Donation:** Support our parish ministries, programs, and special collections through a secure online donation portal.
- **Set Up Online Giving:** Make a one-time gift or schedule recurring contributions, offering a convenient way to support our parish even when you are away.

#### Getting Started Is Easy!

Scan the QR code or go to: <https://www.osvhub.com/stritainthedesert/giving/funds> to access St. Rita's OSV portal and explore the available options.



Whether you are new to St. Rita or have been part of our parish for years, these tools make it easier to stay connected and support our parish community.

*Thank you for helping St. Rita continue its mission of faith, fellowship, and service!*

#### 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!**



## Knights of Columbus®

#### 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](mailto:garycriscione52@gmail.com)

## 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.

### **Voices United**

Folk Song from Germany, Italy the Baltics,  
Asia and Central America

**Friday, November 13, 4PM**

Valley Presbyterian Church, Green Valley

**Saturday, November 14, 4PM**

Catalina Foothills H.S. Music Hall

**Sunday, November 15, 3PM**

Catalina Foothills H.S. Music Hall



*(MT 22) "You shall love the Lord, your God,  
with all your heart, with all your soul, and  
with all your mind. This is the greatest and  
the first commandment."*

Does your marriage honor God? Bring your marriage to its fullest 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](http://wwme.org) or call 520-661-3644

## 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](http://www.cathfnd.org/aca)



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### MATTHEW 22:34-40

In today's Gospel, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. He responds by summarizing the entirety of the Law and Prophets with the call to love: love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. This profound instruction invites us to reflect on how we express love in our daily lives. Loving God with our whole heart means placing Him at the center of our lives, prioritizing our relationship with Him. Loving our neighbor as ourselves challenges us to offer the same care and consideration we desire for ourselves. This love isn't just about feelings but actions—actively choosing to do good and show kindness, even when it's hard.

#### **Socratic Reflection:**

What practical steps can you take today to deepen your love for God and extend it to those around you?

### MATEO 22:34-40

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús es preguntado sobre el mayor mandamiento. Él responde resumiendo toda la Ley y los Profetas con el llamado al amor: ama a Dios con todo tu corazón y ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. Esta profunda instrucción nos invita a reflexionar sobre cómo expresamos el amor en nuestra vida diaria. Amar a Dios con todo el corazón significa ponerlo en el centro de nuestra vida, priorizando nuestra relación con Él. Amar a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos nos desafía a ofrecer el mismo cuidado y consideración que deseamos para nosotros. Este amor no se trata solo de sentimientos sino de acciones: elegir activamente hacer el bien y mostrar bondad, incluso cuando es difícil.

#### **Pregunta Socrática:**

¿Qué pasos prácticos puedes tomar hoy para profundizar tu amor por Dios y extenderlo a los que te rodean?

## DID YOU KNOW...

### 30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

When Jesus teaches the two greatest commandments, He brings together two passages from the Old Testament: Deuteronomy 6:5, calling us to love God wholeheartedly, and Leviticus 19:18, calling us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Jesus teaches that the entire Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments.

### HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This teaching has profoundly shaped Christian communities and their outreach throughout history. For example, it has inspired countless charitable endeavors, from the creation of hospitals and schools to the extensive missionary work aimed at spreading the Gospel and serving those in need. This underscores the Church's longstanding commitment to a lived faith that manifests in acts of love and service, reflecting Christ's life and teachings.

How does understanding historical applications of these commandments enhance your appreciation of their importance in today's context?

*via truthly app*

## SAINT SPOTLIGHT



### SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

**Feast Day:** October 28

**Patronage:**

St. Jude is the patron saint of desperate and seemingly hopeless causes. St. Simon is traditionally associated with tanners.

**Story:**

Saints Simon and Jude were among the Twelve Apostles chosen by Jesus. Simon is called “the Zealot,” while Jude is also traditionally known as Thaddeus. Although Scripture tells us little about their individual lives, Church tradition holds that both preached the Gospel and ultimately gave their lives for their faith.

**Legacy:**

These apostles remind us that following Christ requires courage, perseverance, and trust in God. Their witness continues to inspire Christians to remain faithful even when facing uncertainty or hardship.

**Reflection Question:**

How can the courage and faithfulness of Saints Simon and Jude inspire us to trust God when life becomes difficult?

### KIDS CORNER



**Feast Day:** October 28

**Who were Saints Simon and Jude?**

St. Simon is remembered for his dedication to Jesus. St. Jude is known as the patron saint of difficult and seemingly hopeless situations.

**Story:**

Simon and Jude were two of Jesus’ twelve Apostles. Jesus chose them to help spread His message of love and salvation.

After following Jesus, Simon and Jude helped share the Good News with others. Tradition tells us that they continued teaching about Jesus even when doing so was dangerous.

**What Can We Learn?**

We can be brave, trust God, and share His love with others, even when things are difficult.

**Question to Think About:**

When something feels really hard, how can you show courage and remember that God is with you?

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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# PARISH CONNECTIONS



## CONTACT US

- **Main Office** - (520)762-9688
- **Office Hours**
  - Mon-Wed: 8:30am-4:00pm
  - Thur: 8:30am-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
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month (St. John XXIII): 3-4pm



## SACRAMENTS

- Baptism
- Marriage
- Anointing
  - Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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***

**Administrative Assistant:**  
Chris Metzger

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Veronica Garcia

**Office Assistant:**  
Priscilla Molinar

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Mary Morgan

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Kathy Lockard

**Facilities Manager:**  
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**Maintenance:**  
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Geraldine Durman

**Youth Ministry:**  
Leah Sides

**OCIA Coordinator:**  
Michelle Quinn Crowley

### ***Parish Directory***



## Campus Map



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