

July 26, 2026



ST. RITA IN THE DESERT *Catholic Church*

CLERGY

Pastor:

Rev. Alonzo Garcia
fralonzo@stritainthedesert.org

Deacon:

Ron Desmarais
deaconron@stritainthedesert.org

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

CLOSED

Office closed

12pm—1pm daily

PARISH DIRECTORY



17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." (Matthew 13:44)

"El reino de los cielos es como un tesoro escondido en un campo." (Mateo 13:44)

Reflection:

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a hidden treasure and a pearl of great value. These parables invite us to consider the immense worth of God's kingdom and the joy of discovering it. When we truly recognize the value of what God offers, everything else becomes secondary. This challenges us to reflect on what we prioritize in our lives. Are there things we hold onto that prevent us from fully embracing the kingdom? True fulfillment comes when we are willing to let go of distractions and invest fully in our relationship with God.

Socratic Question:

What are you willing to let go of to fully embrace the treasure that is the kingdom of heaven?

Reflexión:

Jesús compara el reino de los cielos con un tesoro escondido y una perla de gran valor. Estas parábolas nos invitan a considerar el inmenso valor de lo que Dios nos ofrece y la alegría de descubrirlo. Cuando realmente reconocemos el valor del reino de Dios, todo lo demás se vuelve secundario. Esto nos desafía a reflexionar sobre nuestras prioridades. ¿Hay cosas a las que nos aferramos que nos impiden abrazar plenamente el reino? La verdadera plenitud llega cuando estamos dispuestos a soltar distracciones e invertir plenamente en nuestra relación con Dios.

Pregunta socrática:

¿Qué estarías dispuesto a dejar ir para abrazar por completo el tesoro que es el reino de los cielos?

Source: *Truthly App*

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PARISH INFORMATION

MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

Saturday July 25

5:00 pm

SI Jeff McBride
SI Bob & Joan Fitzgerald
†Alejandro Ruiz Leon

Sunday July 26

8:00 am

Living & Deceased of St. Rita

10:00 am

St. Rita

†Kenneth Teiken

12:00 pm

†Antonio & Cruz Martinez
SI Robert Rapa
SI Jessica Martinez

Monday July 27

8:00 am

†Virginia Detroit

Tuesday July 28

8:00 am

SI Quincy Stewart
†Luisa, Elena, Elias Nuño & Family

Wednesday July 29

8:00 am

SI Quincy Stewart

Thursday July 30

8:00 am

†Aaron O'Brien

Friday July 31

8:00 am

†Aaron O'Brien

COLLECTIONS | COLECTA

July 19, 2026



Offertory: \$6,687.85
Rectory Debt: \$1,476.50
Campus Maint: \$1,756.35

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](https://www.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:

"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong." (1 Kings 3:9)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"I love your command more than gold, however fine." (Psalm 119:127)

SECOND READING:

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

GOSPEL:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." (Matthew 13:44)

Sunday, July 26

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 | Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130 | Rom 8:28-30 | Mt 13:44-52

Monday, July 27

Jer 13:1-11 | Dt 32:18-21 | Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 28

Jer 14:17-22 | Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 | Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 29

Jer 15:10, 16-21 | Ps 34:2-11 | Lk 10:38-42

Thursday, July 30

Jer 18:1-6 | Ps 146:1-6 | Mt 13:47-53

Friday, July 31

Jer 26:1-9 | Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 | Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 1

Jer 26:11-16, 24 | Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 | Mt 14:1-12

THIS WEEK

Preparing for Mass

We kindly ask that attire be modest and appropriate for this sacred place of worship, reflecting the reverence and dignity of the Holy Mass.

Thank you for helping foster a spirit of reverence as we celebrate the Eucharist together.

Youth Ministry

Looking for a place to belong? St. Rita's new Youth Group begins this August! Join us for faith, friendship, and fun as we grow together in Christ. Bring a friend! Email Leah Sides: youthministry@stritainthedesert.org

Adult Formation

You Don't Have to Have All the Answers

Curious about the Catholic faith? OCIA is a welcoming place to ask questions, learn about the teachings of the Church, and discover what it means to follow Christ. There is no obligation—just an opportunity to explore.

Inquiry Sessions begin **Sunday, August 16, at 11:30 a.m.** Learn more and submit an interest form at: StRitaInTheDesert.org/Adult-Formation.

Reserved Parking for Families with Young Children

Beginning August 1, the two parking spaces directly in front of the Parish Center will be reserved for families with young children. These spaces are available whenever you attend Mass or parish activities and will remain reserved through July 31, 2027. Thank you for bringing your children to Mass. We are blessed to have your family at St. Rita!

For more announcements please see our FULL bulletin online.

PARISH NEWS

Rectory Debt Payoff

As of Sunday, July 19, 2026

\$139,054 **\$345,000**
GOAL

147 **500**
FAMILY PLEDGED/DONATED GOAL

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2026

Be Part of Something Bigger

When people look back on a successful parish festival, they remember the laughter.

They remember the music.

They remember the food.

But what they rarely see are the hundreds of small acts of generosity that made those memories possible.

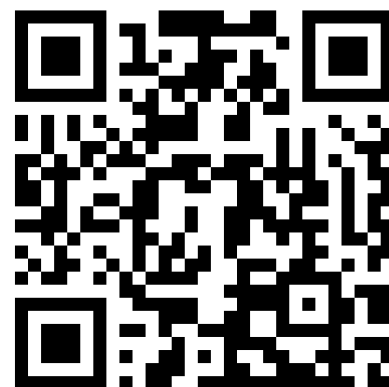
This year's Harvest Festival offers many opportunities to contribute—whether through service, sponsorship, participation, or simply showing up and inviting a friend.

The festival belongs to all of us. And together, we're creating something special.

Next week: The countdown begins...

Never Miss Our Bulletin!

Scan to view the expanded version:



GOSPEL MEDITATION

MATTHEW 13:44-52

Imagine finding a treasure hidden in a field or a pearl of great price. The joy and excitement would be overwhelming! In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that the kingdom of heaven is like this treasure and pearl. It's more valuable than anything else we could possess. Imagine what it would mean to find something so precious that you would want to give up everything else just to have it. Jesus invites us to see God's kingdom as this ultimate treasure, one that brings true joy, peace, and fulfillment. It's a treasure that transforms our lives and gives us a new purpose.

Reflect on what holds the highest value in your life right now. Are there things that distract you from recognizing God's kingdom as the greatest treasure? God invites you to seek His kingdom wholeheartedly, to let go of lesser things, and to embrace the joy and peace found in living according to His will.

Socratic Reflection:

What steps can you take to prioritize God's kingdom as the treasure of your life?

MATEO 13:44-52

Imagina encontrar un tesoro escondido en un campo o una perla de gran valor. ¡La alegría y emoción serían abrumadoras! En el Evangelio, Jesús nos dice que el reino de los cielos es como este tesoro y perla. Es más valioso que cualquier otra cosa que podamos poseer. Imagínate lo que significaría encontrar algo tan precioso que querrías dejar todo lo demás solo por tenerlo. Jesús nos invita a ver el reino de Dios como este tesoro supremo, uno que trae verdadera alegría, paz y plenitud. Es un tesoro que transforma nuestras vidas y nos da un nuevo propósito.

Reflexiona sobre lo que tiene el mayor valor en tu vida en este momento. ¿Hay cosas que te distraen de reconocer el reino de Dios como el mayor tesoro? Dios te invita a buscar Su reino de todo corazón, a dejar ir las cosas menores y abrazar la alegría y la paz que se encuentran al vivir según Su voluntad.

Pregunta Socrática:

¿Qué pasos puedes tomar para priorizar el reino de Dios como el tesoro de tu vida?

DID YOU KNOW...

17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

On July 26, 1953, the Cuban Revolution began with an attack led by Fidel Castro on the Moncada Barracks in Santiago de Cuba. This event marked a significant turning point in Cuban history and eventually led to the overthrow of the Batista regime, resulting in the establishment of a socialist state under Castro's leadership.

This day is commemorated in Cuba as "National Rebellion Day," and it highlights a moment of profound change and the quest for a new direction. It serves as a reminder of the complex dynamics of governance and the ongoing struggles for freedom and justice in various parts of the world.

Reflecting on such historical milestones, consider how moments of challenge and uprising can lead to transformation and new beginnings in societies. How do these examples inspire us to work toward justice and positive change in our own communities?

via truthly app

SAINT SPOTLIGHT



ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Feast Day: July 31st

Patronage:

St. Ignatius of Loyola is the patron saint of soldiers, educators, and retreats.

Story: St. Ignatius of Loyola was born in 1491 in the Basque region of Spain. As a young man, he was a soldier who dreamed of achieving glory and honor through military exploits. However, during a battle in Pamplona, he was severely injured by a cannonball. During his recovery, Ignatius sought reading material, but the only books available were about the lives of saints and the life of Christ. Inspired by these stories, he experienced a profound spiritual conversion.

After his recovery, Ignatius devoted himself to serving God. He studied theology in Paris, where he gathered a group of companions who would eventually become the Society of Jesus, known as the Jesuits, in 1540. He is particularly known for writing the “Spiritual Exercises,” a powerful guide for spiritual growth and discernment.

Legacy: St. Ignatius left an indelible mark on the Church through the founding of the Jesuits, who became renowned for their educational institutions, missionary work, and commitment to social justice. His *Spiritual Exercises* continue to be a profound tool for personal and communal discernment, leading countless individuals to a deeper relationship with God. St. Ignatius' emphasis on finding God in all things inspires many to lead lives of purpose and contemplation in action.

Reflection Question: In what ways can St. Ignatius' journey from worldly ambition to spiritual devotion challenge you to evaluate and transform your own priorities in life?

KIDS CORNER



Feast Day: July 31st

Who was St. Ignatius of Loyola?

St. Ignatius of Loyola is the special saint for soldiers, teachers, and people who go on retreats to learn and pray.

His Story:

St. Ignatius of Loyola was born in Spain in 1491. When he was young, he wanted to be a brave soldier and win lots of battles. But one day, he got hurt in a battle, and while he was getting better, he only had books about Jesus and the saints to read. These stories really inspired him to become a better person and follow Jesus.

After he recovered, Ignatius decided to devote his life to God. He went to school to learn about his faith and made some great friends who wanted to help him. Together, they started a special group called the Jesuits, who are known for teaching people and helping others all over the world. Ignatius also wrote a special guide called the *Spiritual Exercises* to help people grow closer to God.

His Legacy:

St. Ignatius made a big difference in the world by starting schools and missions through the Jesuits. His guide, the *Spiritual Exercises*, helps people think about God's plan for them and grow in their faith. St. Ignatius reminds us to find God in everything we do, which is a lesson that helps us live better lives.

Question to Think About: How can St. Ignatius' change from a soldier to a servant of God inspire you to think about what's really important in your own life?

Source: *Truthly App*

KNIGHTS NEWS

Installation of Officers

Saturday, August 8th
after the 5pm mass
All are invited to attend.

You are invited

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, Next Month August 1st & 15th.**

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 BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Have you picked up your baby bottle yet?

There's still time to participate! Simply take a bottle after Mass, fill it with change, cash, or a check (payable to Knights of Columbus), and return it to a Knight by **August 2.**

Together, we can make a lasting difference for REACHOUT Women's Center.



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Red Cross Blood Drive – August 9

Give the gift of life by donating blood at the **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Sunday, **August 9**. Your donation can make a lifesaving difference for someone in need.

Special August Offer: Those who donate blood, platelets, or AB Elite plasma **August 1–31, 2026**, will receive a **\$20 Amazon.com Gift Card** by email.

* For details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/August.

Thank you for supporting this important ministry of service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat (Tucson) September 4-6, 2026

If the emotional and spiritual wounds of a past abortion have left you feeling isolated or strained in your faith, you do not have to carry that burden alone.

Sign up now for a confidential, supportive retreat open to men and women. Discover hope, healing, and renewal. Visit www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org.

Call/Text: 520-743-6777.

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

Recycle your aluminum cans in the collection barrels next to the St. Vincent de Paul donation shed.

Please remember:

- Aluminum cans only (no glass, paper, steel cans, or trash)
- Place cans in securely tied bags
- No clothing donations—please take clothing to the Vail Resources Thrift Store across the street

Need help? Ask a Knight wearing a maroon council shirt.

12-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND & EASTERN EUROPE NOVEMBER 3-14, 2026

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

All-Inclusive Cost: \$4,649

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

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

For a brochure, itinerary, or more information, call 520-631-1408 or visit www.vineofgrace.org.

NEED A PLACE TO GATHER?

St. Rita Hall is available for receptions, luncheons, showers, anniversaries, birthdays, funeral receptions, business meetings, and other special occasions. Seats up to **70 guests**.

For availability and scheduling, contact the Parish Office: 520-762-9688 | secretary@stritainthedesert.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Welcome to a new year of Religious Education!

Registration continues every Sunday after all Masses in the Verhagen Building.

Important Reminder

Families with children preparing to receive a sacrament this year must bring the following physical certificates to complete registration:

- Baptism Certificate (First Communion & Confirmation candidates)
- First Communion Certificate (Confirmation candidates)

Important Dates

Sunday, August 2

Mandatory Parent Meeting

Finalize registration, meet your child's catechist, and receive class materials.

Sunday, August 9

First Day of Classes

Kindergarten-5th Grade, OCII, & Confirmation

Wednesday, August 12

Middle School & High School Youth Group Kickoff

We look forward to partnering with your family as we help our young people grow in faith and deepen their relationship with Christ.



No Marriage is BEYOND HOPE!

Try A RETROUVAILLE Weekend

Upcoming Weekend Tucson, AZ

September 11-13, 2026

Confidential Inquires:

520-762-4449

4003r@helpourmarriage.org

R.O.S.A. ~ Retrouvaille of Southern Arizona



SAINTS THIS MONTH

July 1

- [St. Junipero Serra](#)
- [Aaron the High Priest \(OT\)](#)

July 2

- [St. Otto of Bamberg](#)

July 3

- [Saint Thomas, Apostle](#)

July 4

- [Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati \(to be canonized in 2025\)](#)
- [St. Elizabeth of Portugal](#)
- [St. Ulrich of Augsburg](#)
- [Hosea the Prophet \(OT\)](#) or October 17

July 5

- [St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria](#)

July 6

- [Saint Maria Goretti](#)

July 7

- [Bl. Ralph Milner](#)
- [St. Fermin](#) – or September 25

July 8

- [St. Kilian](#)

July 9

- [Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions, Chinese Martyrs](#)
- [St. Veronica Giuliani](#)

July 10

- [Sts. Rufina and Secunda](#)

July 11

- [Saint Benedict of Nursia](#)

July 12

- [St. John Gualbert](#)
- [Sts. Nabor and Felix](#)

July 13

- [St. Henry](#)
- [Ezra the Scribe \(OT\)](#)
- [Joel the Prophet \(OT\)](#) or October 19

July 14

- [Saint Kateri Tekakwitha](#)
- [St. Camillus de Lellis](#) (outside the US)

July 15

- [Saint Bonaventure](#)

July 16

- [Our Lady of Mount Carmel](#)

July 17

- [St. Marcellina](#)
- [St. Alexius](#)

July 18

- [St. Bruno of Segni](#)
- [St. Camillus de Lellis](#) (in the US)

July 19

- [St. Macrina the Younger](#)

July 20

- [St. Apollinaris](#)
- [Elijah the Prophet \(OT\)](#)

July 21

- [St. Lawrence of Brindisi](#)
- [St. Praxedes](#)
- [Daniel the Prophet \(OT\)](#) or December 17

July 22

- [Saint Mary Magdalene](#)

July 23

- [St. Bridget of Sweden](#)
- [St. Liborius of Le Mans](#)
- [Ezekiel the Prophet \(OT\)](#) or April 10

July 24

- [St. Sharbel Makhlof](#)
- [St. Christine the Astonishing](#)

July 25

- [Saint James the Greater, Apostle](#)
- [St. Christopher](#)

July 26

- [Sts. Joachim and Anne](#)

July 27

- [St. Pantaleon](#)

July 28

- [Sts. Nazarius and Celsus](#)
- [Pope St. Victor I](#)

July 29

- [Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus](#)
- [Sts. Simplicius, Faustinus, and Beatrix](#)

July 30

- [St. Peter Chrysologus](#)

July 31

- [Saint Ignatius of Loyola](#)

All underlined text is clickable

source: young-catholics.com

PARISH MINISTRIES

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Server

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

Altar Society

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

Eucharistic Ministry

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

Lectors

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

Music Ministry - Join Us!

Love sacred music? Come sing or play!

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

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

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

Ushers

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

PARISH MINISTRIES

Outreach Ministry

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

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

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

Guild of St. Rita

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

Sewing Angels

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

Mujeres De Fe (Women of Faith)

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

Marian Book Club

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

Women's Scripture Study

Wednesday mornings **9am**
Oscar Romero Room
All women are welcome
irenetoews@cox.net

EXTERNAL MINISTRIES



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Lead with Faith.
Protect your Family.
Serve Others.
Defend Your Values.
BECOME A KNIGHT

Catholic Men 18+

visit our website:
<https://www.kofc14230.org> or
contact Gary Criscione at:
garycriscione52@gmail.com or
(251)689-6485



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

VISITA DE LA VIRGEN A LOS HOGARES

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

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



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

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



**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

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



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

Secretary:
Veronica Garcia

Office Assistant:
Priscilla Molinar

Business Manager:
Louise Azzopardi

Compliance:
Mary Morgan

Bulletin Editor:
Kathy Lockard

Facilities Manager:
Norm Scheopner

Maintenance:
Bill Cline

Religious Education

Director of Religious Education:
Geraldine Durman

Youth Ministry:
Leah Sides

OCIA Coordinator:
Michelle Quinn Crowley

Parish Directory



Campus Map



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