

October 26, 2025



## 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

#### CONFESSION

*Confesiones*

**SATURDAY** | Sábado  
3:30 pm—4:30 pm  
In the church or by  
appointment  
En la iglesia o por cita

#### WEEKDAY MASS

IN SHRINE  
Misa Diaria en el  
Santuario

**MONDAY-FRIDAY** /  
De Lunes a Viernes  
8:00 am —English

#### PARISH OFFICE

Horario de Oficina

**MONDAY-  
WEDNESDAY** / De  
Lunes a Miércoles  
8:30 am—4:00 pm

**THURSDAY** / Jueves  
8:00 am—2:00 pm

**FRIDAY** / Viernes  
9:00 am—1:00pm

Office closed  
12:00 pm—1:00 pm  
daily

#### ADORATION

**FRIDAY** | Viernes  
8:30 am—9:30 am  
In the church or by  
appointment  
*En la iglesia o por cita*

#### 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

**Luke 18:9-14**

"Oh Dios, ten compasión de mí, que soy un pecador."

**Lc 18:9-14**

**Reflection:** The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector unveils the heart of true humility. The Pharisee, confident in his self-righteousness, contrasts sharply with the tax collector, who humbly acknowledges his need for God's mercy. Jesus teaches us that it is the humble heart that finds favor with God. This Gospel passage challenges us to examine the posture of our own hearts in prayer and daily life. Are we aware of our need for God's grace, or do we rely on our own merits: Let us approach God with the humility and honesty of the tax collector, trusting in His boundless mercy.

**Socratic Question:** How can you cultivate a spirit of humility and reliance on God's mercy in your daily encounters and prayers?

*via Truthly App*

## PARISH INFORMATION

### COLLECTIONS | COLECTA



October 19, 2025

Offertory: \$6,245.70  
Campus Maint: \$1,699.22  
Rectory Debt: \$2,295.00

Thank you for your support.  
*God bless you!*

<https://www.stritainthedesert.org>  
select "Giving" and then "Online Giving"

### ST. RITA STAFF

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### BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting any information to the office for the bulletin is the **Wednesday** before the weekend you want it viewed.

### 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 2:30-3:30pm in the John XXIII for 1hr



#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 8am Mass

#### BAPTISMS

Visit [stritainthedesert.org](http://stritainthedesert.org)  
LITURGY/SACRAMENTS and complete the *Intent to Baptize* Form



#### CONFIRMATION

Contact Youth Minister or OCIA director

#### MARRIAGE

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

### 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

#### GOD LISTENS TO THE HUMBLE

The readings for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C remind us that God sees the heart. He listens to those who are humble and cries out for justice. He does not turn away from the poor or the weak. Instead, He cares for those who trust Him.

This Sunday shows us the difference between pride and humility. Sirach speaks of God's justice. The psalm praises God for saving the poor. Paul talks about staying faithful even in hard times. Jesus tells a parable about a tax collector who prays with a humble heart.

The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C calls us to be honest before God. We are invited to trust Him, to serve others, and to admit our need for His mercy. God does not look at outward signs. He looks at a heart that seeks Him with love and truth.

*via young-catholics.com*



### DID YOU KNOW...

The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time often falls just before the end of the Church's liturgical year, making it a prime opportunity for reflection on the themes of humility, mercy, and preparation.

As the Church year nears its end, these readings encourage us to examine our lives in light of the coming Kingdom of God. They prompt us to consider how we can align our hearts more closely with Christ's call to authentic discipleship, characterized by love for God and neighbor, humility in our hearts, and a readiness to embrace God's mercy.

The liturgical year of the Catholic Church, which includes the Sundays of Ordinary Time, serves as a living catechism, guiding the faithful through the life of Christ and the unfolding of salvation history. Ordinary Time is marked not by the absence of events but by the deepening understanding of Christ's teachings and mysteries.

Historically, the term "Ordinary" in Ordinary Time is derived from the Latin "ordo," meaning ordered or numbered, not common or mundane. This season invites the faithful to live out the extraordinary call of the Gospel in everyday life. The readings and prayers are structured to encourage spiritual growth and reflect on the mission of the Church in the world.

As we reach the 30th Sunday, these reflections are especially poignant, urging us to integrate the lessons of Christ into our daily lives as we prepare for Advent, the season of anticipation and preparation for the coming of Christ.

*via Truthly App*

# WEEKLY CALENDAR, INTENTIONS, OBSERVATIONS & READINGS

## MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

### *Saturday October 25*

5:00 pm

† Joan & Janet Pettit (sisters)

### *Sunday October 26*

8:00 am

† Peter & Page Daly & Siblings

10:00 am

† Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Daly & Siblings

12:00 pm

(SI) Guadalupe Cordova

### *Monday October 27*

8:00 am

† Stanley Szczapa Sr.

### *Tuesday October 28*

8:00 am

First Responders

### *Wednesday October 29*

8:00 am

Men & Women in the Military

### *Thursday October 30*

8:00 am

(SI) Ashley D. Garcia

(SI) Karen Kahle

### *Friday October 31*

8:00 am

Living & Deceased of St. Rita

### *Saturday November 1*

8:00 am

† Mark Bender & John Brown

5:00 pm

(SI) C. Estabalaya & Family

(SI) Jim & Ruth Steenson 70th

Wedding Anniversary

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### *Sunday, October 26*

8:00 am – Mass (English)

10:00 am – Mass (English)

12:00 noon – Mass (Spanish)

### *Monday, October 27*

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy

Chaplet

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

### *Tuesday, October 28*

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy

Chaplet

### *Wednesday, October 29*

8:00 am – Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy

Chaplet

### *Thursday, October 30*

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Divine Mercy

Chaplet

4:30 pm Legion of Mary

### *Friday, October 31*

**OFFICE CLOSED**

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Eucharist Adoration

6:00 pm--*Vigil Mass of*

*Solemnity of All Saints* (Sp)

Center

### *Saturday, November 1*

8:00 am Mass in Center

5:00 pm – Mass (English)

*Mass of All Souls*

## READINGS & OBSERVANCES

### FIRST READING:

"The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and it will not rest until it reaches its goal..." (Sir 35:16-17)

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"The poor one called and the Lord heard, and from all his distress he saved him." (Ps 34:7)

### SECOND READING:

"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on, the crown of righteousness awaits me..." (2 Tm 4:7-8)

### GOSPEL:

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" (Lk 18:13)

### SUNDAY:

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 | Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 | 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 | Lk 18:9-14

### MONDAY:

Rom 8:12-17 | Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 | Lk 13:10-17

### TUESDAY:

*Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles:*

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

### WEDNESDAY:

Rom 8:26-30 | Ps 13:4-5, 6 | Lk 13:22-30

### THURSDAY:

Rom 8:31b-39 | Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 | Lk 13:31-35

### FRIDAY:

Rom 9:1-5 | Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 | Lk 14:1-6

### SATURDAY:

*Solemnity of All Saints:*

Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 | Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 | 1 Jn 3:1-3 | Mt 5:1-12a



## DIOCESE INFORMATION



### DIOCESE OF TUCSON NEW OUTLOOK

The Diocese of Tucson invites you to stay in touch with the Church via your phone and/or email. Every week the Diocese publishes the *New Outlook*, our local newsletter with links to news, events, and so much more! To sign up: text **DOTNEWS** to **84576** or go to <https://news.diocesetucson.org/subscribe>

### HOW TO REPORT ABUSE



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

### HELPFUL WEBSITES

#### Diocese of Tucson:

[www.diocesetucson.org](http://www.diocesetucson.org)

#### The New Outlook:

<https://news.diocesetucson.org>

#### News from the Vatican:

[www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va)

#### U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

#### Office of Vocations:

<https://diocesetucson.org/vocations>

### OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY IN SOUTHERN ARIZONA

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson includes nine counties in Southern Arizona and serves 400,000 Catholics at 77 parishes spanning across 42,707 square miles.

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### ✝ 400,000 SERVED

The Diocese of Tucson is a mission diocese of 400,000 Catholics that are served by nearly 200 priests, 77 parishes, 34 missions, 23 Catholic schools, four member agencies:

- Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona
- Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Tucson
- Catholic Tuition Support Organization
- Diocese of Tucson Catholic Cemeteries
- and dozens of charitable and fraternal organizations.

*via <https://diocesetucson.org/about>*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 1ST ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

Join us on **November 22, 2025** from **11am-4pm** for our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ministry Chili Cook Off. Each of our ministries will be competing to win First Place and they need your vote!

Spice up your afternoon with good food and fellowship. Try your luck at our 50/50 drawing or purchase raffle tickets for a Ministry Gift Basket.

Get a head start at holiday shopping! How many ministries are you familiar with at St. Rita? Take this opportunity to come out and meet with them, support their ministry or answer God's call to volunteer for the Church.

*Proceeds collected from the Chili Cook Off, 50/50 Raffle, and Gift Baskets will be going directly to paying off the Rectory Debt and bringing us one step closer to building our New Church.*



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway.

What we struggle all our lives to learn, is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God.

When you give a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are realizing that in giving you indeed receive.

For more information about becoming a member, call (520) 501-1386.



### ★ RAFFLE FUNDRAISER ★ FOR SAN XAVIER MISSION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The SXM Religious Education Office received the donation of an Alan Marden framed print (pictured above) of the San Xavier Mission; #555/1,000.

Raffle tickets are on sale beginning October 13, and are available through the SXM Religious Education Office. Please call (520) 294-4639.

**TICKET /\$10**

DRAWING WILL OCCUR ON DECEMBER 21, AFTER THE 10 AM MASS | WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT.

### WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“And exactly as you would want people to treat you, treat them also the same.”

Learn how your spouse would like to be treated on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on February 14-15, 2026 in Phoenix or April 18-19, 2026 in Tucson.

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

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday  
Verhagen Building  
9:00 am

*All women are welcome  
to join*

Contact Irene at  
irenetoews@cox.net

### MEN'S GROUP

Every 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
of the month  
6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Oscar Romero Room

**Please join us!**

Contact: Jayme Kahle  
jkahle25@gmail.com  
520-664-4467

### ALTAR SERVERS

Deepen your faith through  
service to the Church as  
ministers of the Altar.

**Interested?**

Contact:  
travis7durman@gmail.com

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

#### *Altar Boys*

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

#### *Altar Society*

The St. Rita Alter Society is looking for volunteers to maintain the Alter in the Shrine and St. John XXIII. If you have a love for decorating and would like to help beautify our parish we would love for you to join us. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> **Tuesday of the month** at 2<sup>pm</sup> in the parish office.

#### *Eucharistic Minister*

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*

Music is an important part of our worship at St. Rita's! We have a music group for every age level and interest. Email: [music@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:music@stritainthedesert.org)

#### *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 Ministries*

Seeking a driving team to assist in delivering meals to schools within the Vail School District. This event takes place every Thursday during the school year. PLEASE JOIN US! Email: [outreach@stritainthedesert.org](mailto: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](mailto:porters@stritainthedesert.org).

#### *Right to Life*

Email: [rtl@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:rtl@stritainthedesert.org)

#### *Family Faith Formation*

[www.watch.formed.org](http://www.watch.formed.org)

#### *Vocations*

Contact Mr. Adam LaGuardia: [Vocations@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:Vocations@stritainthedesert.org)

#### *Welcome Committee*

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

#### *St. Rita Guild*

The Guild of St. Rita is looking for a volunteers. Our shop is opened August-May. Email: [guild@stritainthedesert.org](mailto:guild@stritainthedesert.org)

#### *Sewing - Quilting Ministry*

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)*

Para mas Informacion  
Coordinadora: Angelica Gomez  
(520) 234-8469

### EXTERNAL MINISTRIES

#### *Knights of Columbus*

If you would like more information on the Knights or to join, visit our website: <https://www.kofc14230.org/> or contact John Cuddy at: [gkcouncil14230@gmail.com](mailto:gkcouncil14230@gmail.com)

#### *Legion de Maria*

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

#### *Rachel's Vineyard*

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

#### *St. Vincent de Paul*

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