

JOY

*He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit*



Saint Rita Catholic Church

December 14<sup>th</sup> 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

# Welcome Home!



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**Deacon**

## Parish Office

**Monday - Thursday** • 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
*Closed for Lunch 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM*

**Parish Office** • 850-267-2558

**Parish Website** • [www.saintritaparish.org](http://www.saintritaparish.org)

## Sacramental Life

### Sunday Mass

Saturday: Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM (Esp)

### Daily Mass

Monday: Saturday 8:30 AM

Thursdays: Ascension Sacred Heart  
Hospital - 11:30am

## SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday after Mass: 9 AM - 10 AM in Church

First Friday of the Month: 9 AM - 6 PM in  
Stella Maris Chapel

## RECONCILIATION

First Friday: 9AM - 10 AM

Saturday: 9 AM (or by appointment)  
*email office@saintritaparish.org to schedule*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday • Dec 13

8:30 AM

5:00 PM

Joel Bernstein +  
Virjean Harstvedt +

### Sunday • Dec 14

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

5:00 PM (esp)

For the People  
Joseph Kalil +

### Monday • Dec 15

8:30 AM

Patrick Hogenson +

### Tuesday • Dec 16

8:30 AM

James R. Werfel +

### Wednesday • Dec 17

8:30 AM

Dolores Thompson

### Thursday • Dec 18

8:30 AM

Michael Perdomo +

### Friday • Dec 19

8:30 AM

Ed Underwood +

### Saturday • Dec 20

8:30 AM

5:00PM

Allyce Trapp Alexander +  
Charles Ebbecke +

If you would like a specific Mass Intention offered for someone, living or deceased, please to come to the parish office to schedule a particular Mass.

# Administration

## Mission Statement

*We exist to provide opportunities for our parishioners to encounter Christ, share His love and become His disciples.*

## General Offertory

**Month of November**

Received: **\$189,019.37**

## Building Fund

**Month of November**

Received: **\$31,742.52**

## Burse Club

**Month of November**

Received: **\$896.77**

## Ways to Give



**Cash/Checks** - If you prefer to give cash or checks, please drop your donation in the General Offertory basket at the Saturday/Sunday Masses.



**Digital Giving** - If you prefer to give online you can set up a recurring donation through PushPay.



## In loving memory...



With deep sadness, we announce the passing of our beloved parishioner Debbie Boudreaux. Please keep her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

## Funeral Details

Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

Visitation will start at **10:30am** with the Funeral Mass at **11am.**

Reception to follow in the Family Life Center.

Burial date and location have not been set.

*"Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life."*

*-John 6:47*

# Parish Staff & Ministries

## Operations Team



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## Ministry Leads

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Carmen Pretorious

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Bob Ligday

### **GREETERS/USHERS**

Pat Neolon

### **LECTORS**

Tom Zaccardi

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Mark Stay

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Steve Boudreaux

### **LOVING HANDS**

Alice Sanchez  
(850) 896-3352

### **MEN'S GROW GROUP**

John Bakane

### **PRISON MINISTRY**

Will Conley

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Mike Duffey

### **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Barb Meyer

### **WOMEN'S CLUB**

Toni Underwood

### **VINEA VIRTUTIS HOMESCHOOL CO-OP**

Rachel Gruters

### **COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND**

Chris Manion

### **FLOWER MINISTRY**

Nancy Wesson

# Around Saint Rita

## Recurring Events

### Sunday

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday (after 11am Mass) - Young Adults at Heirloom Donuts (19 - 36 yrs old)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Knights of Columbus Coffee and Donuts

### Monday

- Middle School Youth Night • 5:30PM

### Tuesday

- Open Gym • 12:00PM - 3:30PM
- Catholicism 101 • 6:00PM

### Wednesday

- Loving Hands Ministry • 9:00AM
- High School Youth Night • 5:30PM

### 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

- SVdP Meeting • 9:00AM

### Every Thursday

- Men's G.R.O.W. Group 5:00PM



## Scripture Readings

For the week of December 14th

### SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IS 35:1-6A, 10; PS 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; JAS 5:7-10; MT 11:2-11

### MONDAY

NUM 24: 2-7, 15-17A; PS 25:4-5AB; 6 AND 7BC, 8-9; MT 21:23-27

### TUESDAY

ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13; PS 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 AND 23; MT 21:28-32

### WEDNESDAY

GEN 49:2, 8-10; PS 72:1-2, 3-4AB, 7-8,17; MT 1:1-17

### THURSDAY

JER 23:5-8; PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; MT 1:18-25

### FRIDAY

JDG 13:2-7, 24-25A; PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17; LK 1:5-25

### SATURDAY

IS 7:10-14; PS 24:1-2, 3-4AB, 5-6; LK 1:26-38

### SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IS 7:10-14; PS 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; RM 1:1-7; MT 1:18-24

## Pray with us for:

Charlie Tidwell, Tony, Wesley McGee, Kevin Kingsland, Pam Kitchen, Greg Hebert, Barbara Mason, Victoria Eddington, David Cundiff, Marcia A, Janet Stevens, Tommie Magran, Mary Davis, Deedee Hofeling, Oz Wilkenson, Richard Turner, Baby Jules, Baby Ellis, Marge Crawford, Terry Collins, Bill Higgins, Sally Drobnick, Elizabeth Grace Hunter, Pilar Carson, Gustavo Cáceres, Cáceres Family, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Ed Avery, Trina Spadaccia, Lisa Chapman, Joe Tullios, Renee Watson, Pavlin Family, Nancy Lord, Micheline Riggio, Beth Turnbach, Christine H., Joseph Albert, Stella Leverton, Gregorio Alvarez, Helen Lee & Family, Julie Duncan, Tunello Family, Wendy, Kathy Farrell, Banks Wilson, Asiah Walsh

# FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 7:00PM  
IN THE CHURCH

## What is the Festival of Lessons & Carols?

This festival is "a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer" (USCCB). The service is an old Christian tradition in multiple denominations and ours will be led by our very own lectors and choir.

Want to sign up for lessons to  
join the choir? Scan the qr code  
to learn more!



## Angel Tree

Many thanks to all the parishioners who supported the Angel Tree ministry this year. St. Rita sponsored 110 needy children in our community this Christmas! Your wonderful generosity and contributions are much appreciated.



CATECHESIS OF THE  
**GOOD SHEPHERD**  
SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH



Children at work in Catechesis Of the  
Good Shepherd Atria



Join Bonnie & Bob Perry with Father Raja for an

# *Assisi, Rome &* San Giovanni Rotundo Pilgrimage

MAY 4 - 14, 2026



JOIN THE



## CHRISTMAS CHOIR

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!



REHEARSALS ARE SUNDAYS @ 2PM 12/14 & 12/21

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# *Christmas Mass Schedule*

## Christmas Eve

4PM & 10PM

## Christmas Day

8AM & 11AM

