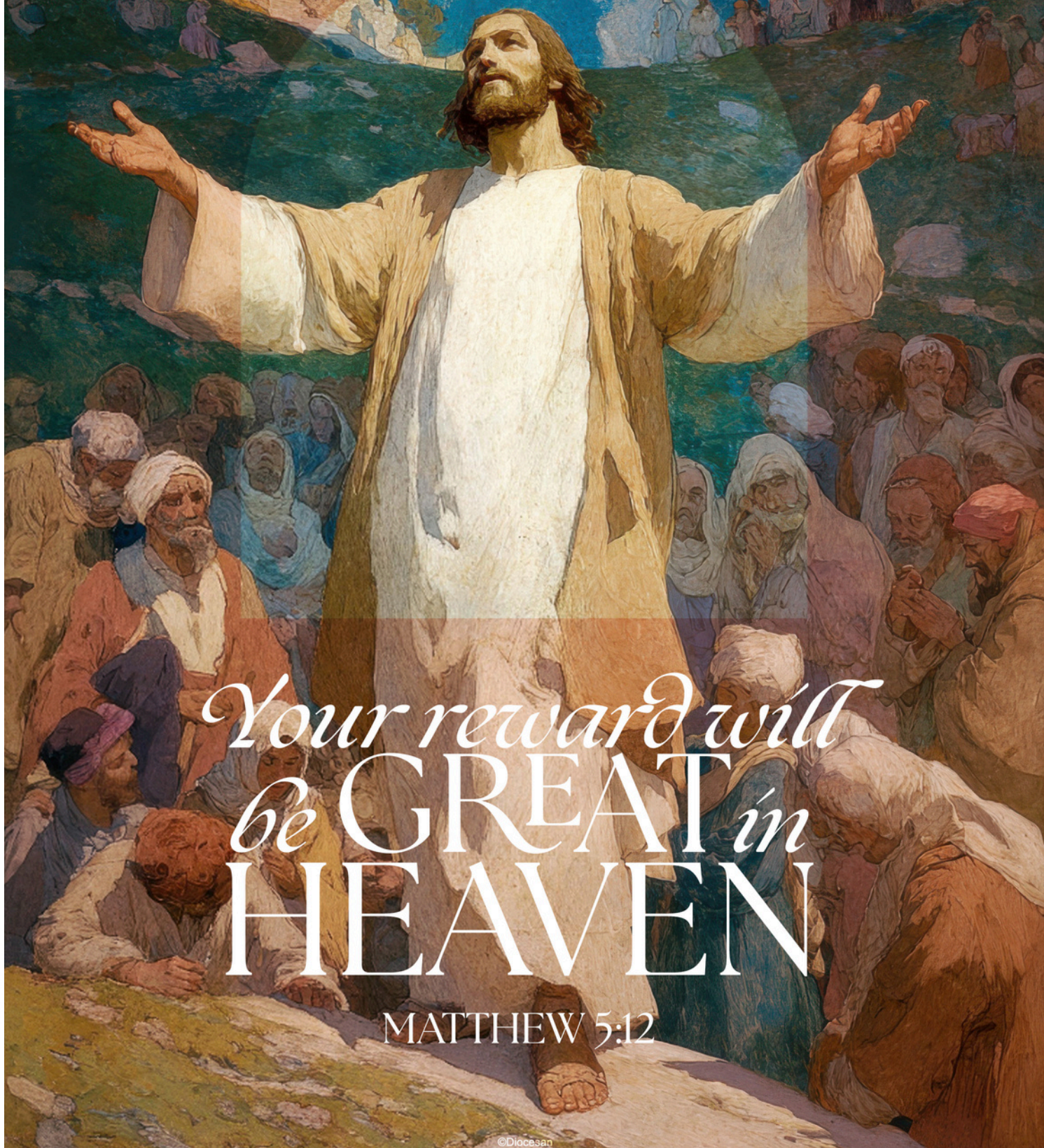


THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Saint Rita Catholic Church

February 1<sup>st</sup> 2026



*Your reward will*  
**be GREAT in**  
**HEAVEN**

MATTHEW 5:12



# Welcome Home!



Fr. James Valenzuela  
**Pastor**  
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Fr. Peter Jutras  
**Parochial Vicar**  
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Antonio Herrera  
**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](mailto:office@saintritaparish.org) to schedule*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday • Jan 31

8:30 AM  
5:00 PM

Xavier & Liz Epplin  
Jack & Carmel Duffey +

### Sunday • Feb 1

8:00 AM  
11:00 AM  
5:00 PM (esp)

For the People  
Genevieve McClintock +  
Joe Frisari +

### Monday • Feb 2

8:30 AM

Charles Bruce Andrews +

### Tuesday • Feb 3

8:30 AM

Jeanette Farrell +

### Wednesday • Feb 4

8:30AM

Peter Mario Dito +

### Thursday • Feb 5

8:30 AM

Marcella Fay Urban +

### Friday • Feb 6

8:30 AM

John Clementson +

### Saturday • Feb 7

8:30 AM  
5:00PM

Scott Larsen & Ryan Carrico  
William Marbaker +



## DIOCESE OF PENSACOLA-TALLAHASSEE

# CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL 2026



By giving funds through the Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA), the people of God assist their bishop and pastor in carrying out the three-fold mission of the local Church: teaching, serving and worshipping. CSA affords parishioners a special opportunity to fulfill their baptismal call to stewardship within and beyond the boundaries of their parish. CSA specifically funds programs, services and functions that are coordinated from the Pastoral Center and are extensions of the Office of Bishop.

- CSA could be understood as the “offertory” for Diocesan ministries
- Supported offices include: Catholic Schools, Catholic Charities, Construction & Properties, Finance, Communications, Tribunal, Education of Future Priests, Campus Ministry, and more
- Overage beyond our parish goal returns to St. Rita Catholic Church
- Watch Bishop Wack’s introductory video at the website below



[ptdiocese.org/csa](https://ptdiocese.org/csa)

make your pledge today!

# Parish Staff & Ministries

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## Ministry Leads

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Carmen Pretorius

### **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



# 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 December**

Received: **\$217,645.47**

## Building Fund

**Month of December**

Received: **\$43,338.20**

## Burse Club

**Month of December**

Received: **\$1,538.50**

## 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.



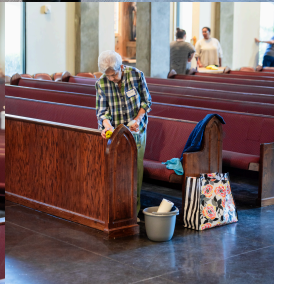
**Digital Giving** - If you prefer to give online you can set up a reoccurring donation through PushPay.



## Parish Clean Up Day

Dear Parish Family,

What a blessing it was to see so many of you show up with willing hearts and ready hands for our recent Parish Clean-Up Day! Your generosity in giving your time, energy, and talents transformed our church campus and Family Life Center into an even more beautiful and welcoming space for worship, fellowship, and community.



# 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

### Thursday

- G.R.O.W. Group • 6:00PM

## Scripture Readings

For the week of February 1st

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ZEP 2:3; 3:12-13; PS 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 COR 1:26-31; MT 5:1-12A

### MONDAY FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

MAL 3:1-4; PS 24:7, 8, 9, 10; HEB 2:14-18; LK 2:22-40 OR 2:22-32

### TUESDAY

2 SM 18:9-10, 14B, 24-25A, 30; 19:3; PS 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; MK 5:21-43

### WEDNESDAY

2 SM 24:2, 9-17; PS 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; MK 6:1-6

### THURSDAY MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

1 KINGS 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 CHR 29:10, 11AB, 11D-12A, 12BCD; MK 6:7-13

### FRIDAY MEMORIAL OF ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

SIR 47:2-11; PS 18:31, 47 AND 50, 51; MK 6:14-29

### SATURDAY

1 KINGS 3:4-13; PS 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; MK 6:30-34

### SUNDAY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IS 58:7-10; PS 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 COR 2:1-5; MT 5:13-16

## Pray with us for:

Martha and Richard Urban, The Prouse Family, Marianne Silman, Laurence Family, Robin Rose, Jennifer Mathews & Family, Addy & Richard Hack, Tim, Roselyne, Isabella Rose, 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, Baby Jules, Baby Ellis, Marge Crawford, Terry Collins, Bill Higgins, Sally Drobnick, Elizabeth Grace Hunter, Pilar Carson, Gustavo Cáceres, Cáceres Family, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Trina Spadaccia, Lisa Chapman, Joe Tullos, Renee Watson, Nancy Lord, Micheline Riggio, Beth Turnbach, Christine H., Joseph Albert, Gregorio Alvarez, Helen Lee & Family, Julie Duncan, Tunello Family, Kathy Farrell



## FAITH FORMATION

### 3RD - 6TH GRADE SPRING CONFIRMATION

**\*PLEASE TURN IN SPONSOR FORM + SAINT + BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE\***

Email [alex@saintrita-parish.org](mailto:alex@saintrita-parish.org) with questions

Confirmation Mass with Bishop on Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00PM

4:30PM arrival in FLC gym for Confirmandi & Sponsors

Confessions prior to Confirmation Mass - Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00AM

Confirmation Mass Rehearsal - Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30AM in the Church

## TEEN DISCIPLESHIP

Middle School Mondays

5:30-7:30PM

Dinner served @ 7:00PM



High School Wednesdays

5:30-8:00PM

Dinner served @ 5:30PM

**FORMING TEENS TO GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST AS INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES**

# LENTEN RETREAT

AS THE FATHER SENT ME, SO I SEND YOU.

WITH PRESENTER: FR. MATTHEW BAUGH, SJ

**FEB. 27 + 28**



SCAN HERE

FOR MORE INFORMATION +  
TO SIGN UP

## Blessing for married couples

All couples who have received the Sacrament of Matrimony are invited to receive the Blessing for Married Couples at the Vigil Mass on Saturday, Feb. 7 and ALL Masses on Sunday, Feb. 8.

Make time to connect with your beloved during National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Feb. 8). This year's theme is Man and Woman He Created Them: Together with Purpose.

"While much is said about handling conflict, nurturing romance, and strengthening intimacy, one of the most powerful yet overlooked aspects of marriage is purpose. A marriage with purpose goes beyond day-to-day life - it is about a higher commitment to walk side by side, building a life that is intentional, meaningful, and enduring." - [marriageweek.org](http://marriageweek.org)

Visit [marriageweek.org](http://marriageweek.org) for ways to strengthen and celebrate your marriage!

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus and St. Rita Parish are once again sponsoring a 40-Days for Life Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Vigil to end abortion and to respect Life from conception to natural death, starting on February 18, 2026 through March 28, 2026.

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## Women's Club

### LUNCHEON

Date: Tuesday, February 10th

Time: 12:00pm Noon

Nonna's Ristorante  
in Destin

RSVP to Alice Ann Sanchez  
(850) 896-3352