

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Rita Catholic Church

February 1st 2026



*Your reward will
be GREAT in
HEAVEN*

MATTHEW 5:12

Welcome Home!



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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

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 • 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

make your pledge today!

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Mark Stay

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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LOVING HANDS

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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

- 1st Sunday (after 11am Mass) - Young Adults at Heirloom Donuts (19 - 36 yrs old)
- 3rd 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

1st and 3rd 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@saintritaparish.org with questions

Confirmation Mass with Bishop on Tuesday March 10th @ 6:00PM
4:30PM arrival in FLC gym for Confirmandi & Sponsors

Confessions prior to Confirmation Mass - Saturday March 7th @ 9:00AM
Confirmation Mass Rehearsal - Sunday March 8th @ 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



FOR MORE INFORMATION +
TO SIGN UP

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.

SCAN THE CODE
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

Visit marriageweek.org for ways to strengthen and celebrate your marriage!

Women's Club



LUNCHEON

Date: Tuesday, February 10th
Time: 12:00pm Noon

Nonna's Ristorante
in Destin



RSVP to Alice Ann Sanchez
(850) 896 3552

