

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Rita Catholic Church
February 8th 2026

You are the
SALT *of the*
EARTH

MATTHEW 5:13

Welcome Home!



Fr. James Valenzuela
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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 • Feb 7

8:30 AM
5:00 PM

Scott Larsen & Ryan Carrico
William Marbaker+

Sunday • Feb 8

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

For the People
Virginia Prouse +
Nella Di Gaetano +

Monday • Feb 9

8:30 AM

Jacqui Schmitt

Tuesday • Feb 10

8:30 AM

Joseph & Megan Gianelloni

Wednesday • Feb 11

8:30AM

Tommie A. Davidson +

Thursday • Feb 12

8:30 AM

Mary Beth Shepherd +

Friday • Feb 13

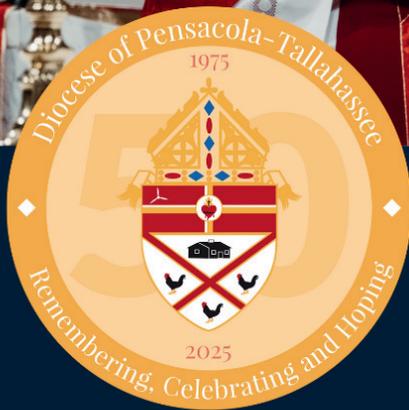
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Jacqui Schmitt

Saturday • Feb 14

8:30 AM
5:00PM

Maria Pia D' Angelo +
Carol Selby



CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL 2026

OUR HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH

The Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) is the story about the Church here in Northwest Florida and the Big Bend, a story in which each and every one of us has a part to play. It is a local story of how the people of God have built this Church up to where it is now.

Bishop William Wack writes, "When contributing to CSA, your helping hand is present at critical moments in someone's life – providing ministry, support and hope precisely when it is needed most."

- 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



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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 January

Received: **\$319,912.44**

Building Fund

Month of January

Received: **\$32,456.59**

Burse Club

Month of January

Received: **\$493.47**

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.



Help Wanted!

Our preschool community is growing and we are joyfully seeking Full-Time teachers. Interested candidates may send a resume to **Heather Carson, Director, at heather@saintrita-parish.org**

Open Enrollment for Summer and Fall 2026 begins February 16. We welcome new families to join our school community. Please contact Heather Carson, Director for more information.

Pre School Update:

At our preschool, we've recently installed new, **vibrant turf** in the play areas to provide a safe, durable, and enjoyable space for our little ones to learn and grow. We've also added a **new administrator window** to enhance visibility, security, and accessibility for families and staff.



Around Saint Rita

Recurring Events

Sunday

- 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 8th

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

MONDAY 1 KINGS

8:1-7, 9-13; PS 132:6-7, 8-10; MK 6:53-56

TUESDAY MEMORIAL OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

1 KINGS 8:22-23, 27-30; PS 84:3, 4, 5 AND 10, 11; MK 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY

1 KINGS 10:1-10; PS 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; MK 7:14-23

THURSDAY

1 KINGS 11:4-13; PS 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 AND 40; MK 7:24-30

FRIDAY

1 KINGS 11:29-32; 12:19; PS 81:10-11 AB, 12-13, 14-15; MK 7:31-37

SATURDAY MEMORIAL OF SAINTS CYRIL, MONK AND METHIDIUS, BISHOP

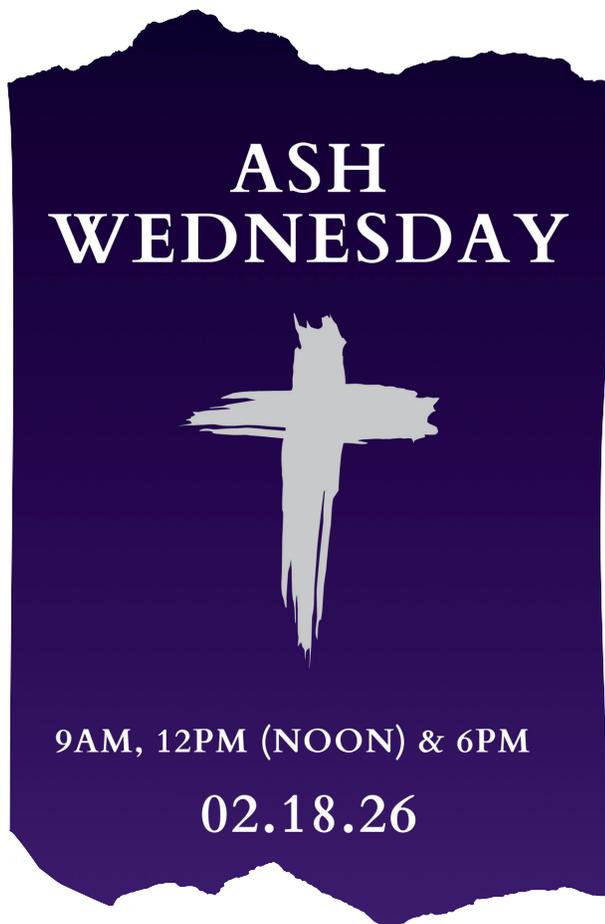
1 KINGS 12:26-32, 13:33-34; PS 106:6-7 AB, 19-20, 21-22; MK 8:1-10

SUNDAY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SIR 15:15-20; PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 COR 2:6-10; MT 5:17-37 OR
MT 5:20-22A, 27-28, 33-34A, 37

Pray with us for:

Christina Meinen, 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



SCAN HERE

FOR MORE INFORMATION +
TO SIGN UP



MIDDLE SCHOOL MONDAY
FLOCKNOTE GROUP LINK



EMAIL
ALEX@SAINTRITAPARISH.ORG
WITH QUESTIONS!

HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY
FLOCKNOTE GROUP LINK

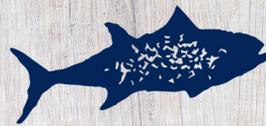


Women's Club LUNCHEON

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

Nonna's Ristorante
in Destin

RSVP to Alice Ann Sanchez
(850) 896 3352



MENU

Fried or Grilled Fish // Fries
Baked Beans // Hushpuppies
Coleslaw // Rolls // Dessert
Coffee, Tea, Beer & Wine Available



Join Us! February 13
4:00 TO 7:00 PM / TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE



ADULTS: \$20 | KIDS (6-10): \$10 | 5 & UNDER: FREE (Fish Sticks)

