

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

I WAS BLIND  
AND NOW  
*I See.*

JOHN 9:25

Lenten Penance  
Service

March 26th at 6:00PM

Our penance service will be  
held upstairs in the Family  
Life Center.

Adoration will be held in  
Room 3



# Welcome Home!



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## 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 • Mar 14

8:30 AM  
5:00 PM

Sharron Logue Higgins +  
Donna Prijatelj +

### Sunday • Mar 15

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

For the People  
Joe Tullos +  
Amanda Sieler

### Monday • Mar 16

8:30 AM

David Schelig +

### Tuesday • Mar 17 🍀

8:30 AM

Ronald Parish +

### Wednesday • Mar 18

8:30AM

Debbie Boudreaux +

### Thursday • Mar 19

8:30 AM

LouAnn Ward Hirschinger +

### Friday • Mar 20

8:30 AM

Jack Swain +

### Saturday • Mar 21

8:30 AM  
5:00PM

Sharron Logue Higgins +  
Jacob & Evan Loomis

**MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> 2026**  
**LIVING STATIONS**  
**OF THE CROSS**  
 PRAYERFULLY LED BY  
 SAINT RITA TEENS  
**6PM IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH**



**LAST ONE OF THE SEASON!**

**MENU**

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



*Join Us! March 27*

**4:00 TO 7:00 PM / TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE**



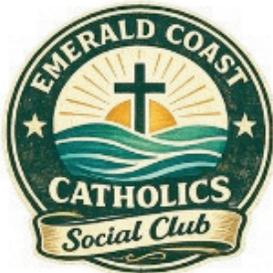
ADULTS: \$20 | KIDS (6-10): \$10 | 5 & UNDER: FREE (Fish Sticks)  
 CASH & CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH | FAMILY LIFE CENTER | 22 SAINT RITA LANE | SANTA ROSA BEACH, FL

PROCEEDS SUPPORT: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, YOUTH ACTIVITIES, & OTHER KNIGHTS' CHARITIES



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKMAN COUNCIL 17689



**YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL CLUB!**

*The Emerald Coast Catholics Social Club is for young adults 18+. It is a collaboration between multiple parishes and includes 1-2 events a month to include dinners, boating, hikes, sporting events and more! Scan QR code to join or text Beth at 985-705-3608.*



**DIOCESE OF PENSACOLA-TALLAHASSEE**



**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



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

**make your pledge today!**

# Parish Staff & Ministries

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## Ministry Leads

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### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

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### **GREETERS/USHERS**

Pat Nealon

### **LECTORS**

Tom Zaccardi

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Mark Stay

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Steve Boudreaux

### **LOVING HANDS**

Alice Sanchez  
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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

**CUT OUT AND HANG ON  
REARVIEW MIRROR TO READ  
WHEN IN PARKING LOT TRAFFIC**

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## Mission Statement

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

## General Offertory

Month of February

Received: **\$125,851.18**

## Building Fund

Month of February

Received: **\$24,898.14**

## Burse Club

Month of February

Received: **\$779.47**

## 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.



# ST. RITA



## REARVIEW MIRROR DISCIPLESHIP

### Liturgy of the Word

- *Your "Nugget"*: What is one word, phrase, or image from the readings that stuck with you?
- *Comfort or Conviction*: Did today's homily bring you peace, or did it challenge you to change?

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

- *The Altar*: What specific joy, struggle, or worry did you place on the altar in prayer today?
- *Conversation and Conversion*: After receiving Him in the Eucharist, what did you and Jesus talk about?

### Living Out the Mission

- *The Ripple Effect*: Who is one person outside this car we can love better this week with the help of God's grace?
- *Taking the Wheel*: What is one concrete action we can take as a family to let God lead us this week?



**Discipleship means  
letting Jesus be the  
Lord of every part of  
our lives, not just our  
Sunday mornings!**

# Around Saint Rita

## Recurring Events

### Sunday

- 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 March 15th

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1 SAM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A, PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6; EPH 5:8-14; JN 9:1-41 OR  
JN 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

### MONDAY

IS 65:17-21; PS 30:2 AND 4, 5-6, 11-12A AND 13B; JN 4:43-54

### TUESDAY

EZ 47:1-9, 12; PS 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; JN 5:1-16

### WEDNESDAY

IS 49:8-15; PS 145:8-9, 13CD-14, 17-18; JN 5:17-30

### THURSDAY SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

2 SAM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16; PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 AND 29; RM 4:13, 16-18, 22;  
MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A OR LK 2:41-51A

### FRIDAY

WIS 2:1A, 12-22; PS 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 AND 23; JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### SATURDAY

JER 11:18-20; PS 7:2-3, 9BC-10, 11-12; JN 7:40-53

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

EZ 37:12-14; PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; RM 8:8-11; JN 11:1-45 OR JN 11:3-7,  
17, 20-27, 33B-45

## Pray with us for:

Sophia Michelle McGee, David Crocker, 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

**COFFEE  
&  
DONUTS**

**FOLLOWING THE  
MORNING MASSES**

Provided by the Knights of Columbus





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APRIL 2

MAUNDY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE  
LAST SUPPER  
OF OUR LORD  
7PM

ADORATION  
TO FOLLOW  
IN THE  
GARDEN

APRIL 3

GOOD FRIDAY

STATIONS OF  
THE CROSS  
3PM

SOLEMN  
LITURGY OF  
GOOD FRIDAY  
7PM



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APRIL 4

HOLY SATURDAY

MASS OF THE  
EASTER VIGIL  
IN THE HOLY  
NIGHT

7PM

APRIL 5

EASTER SUNDAY

MASS OF THE  
RESURRECTION  
OF THE LORD

7AM, 9AM,  
11:30AM

