

Be with me
LORD

The 40 Days
OF LENT

Welcome Home!



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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 21

8:30 AM
5:00 PM

Jennie Cometti Stephen +
Clara Troiano & Deanna
O'Hare +

Sunday • Feb 22

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

For the People
Brittany Klucz +
Maria Jourdes Gomez +

Monday • Feb 23

8:30 AM

Fred Schmitt +

Tuesday • Feb 24

8:30 AM

Lacie Seay Baby & Family +

Wednesday • Feb 25

8:30AM

Nino Stella

Thursday • Feb 26

8:30 AM

Dorthy Williams +

Friday • Feb 27

8:30 AM

Debbie Boudreaux +

Saturday • Feb 28

8:30 AM
5:00PM

Rev Edward Davey +
Roman Waldera +



LENTEN RETREAT

AS THE FATHER SENT ME, SO I SEND YOU.

WITH PRESENTER: FR. MATTHEW BAUGH, SJ

FEB. 27 + 28



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FOR MORE INFORMATION
+ TO SIGN UP

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during
Lent in the church

English - 6pm
Spanish - 7pm




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

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



H O L Y W E E K

APRIL 2	APRIL 3	APRIL 4	APRIL 5
MAUNDY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	HOLY SATURDAY	EASTER SUNDAY
MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER OF OUR LORD 7PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3PM	MASS OF THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT 7PM	MASS OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 7AM, 9AM, 11:30AM
ADORATION TO FOLLOW IN THE GARDEN	SOLEMN LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY 7PM		

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Bob Ligday

GREETERS/USHERS

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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**

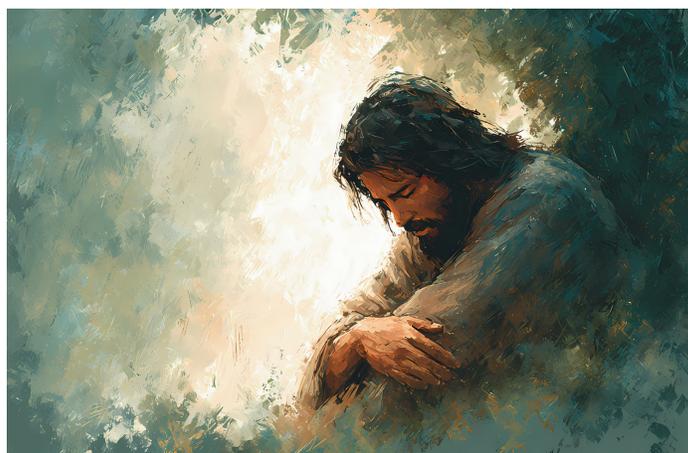
Ways to Give



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.



Desert the Desert in the Desert

This Sunday we reflect on Our Lord's temptation in the desert – if you will, a personal retreat before His public ministry. The threefold temptations are familiar: command that stones be turned into bread; throw yourself down from the parapet (to be supported by angels); worship the devil to gain the earthly lands.

Jesus's refusals with phrasing found in Deuteronomy mirror these entrapments with those of the Israelites wandering in the desert. Thus, Jesus reverses the disobedience of the ancients and points the way for our own rejection of sin. Our Lenten practice of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can be understood as our weapons to avoid the snares of temptation.

Prayer orients our lives toward our Heavenly Father. Him alone shall we worship. These moments of praise and thanksgiving or adoration and contemplation raise our existence to our true inheritance: the eternal, heavenly realm.

Fasting is an exercise of self-discipline. It awakens our awareness of our many bodily and spiritual appetites. Perhaps allowing the distinction of the various movements of the heart, we might arrive at the ultimate satisfaction found only in God.

Almsgiving is ultimately about giving of oneself. Our donations, small or big, to specific ministries or to the less fortunate remind us of our call to be of service to our neighbor. The opposite is the pitfall of seeking to be served by others.

May the Lord bless our journeys in following Him through the desert of Lent to the mountain of Easter!

Fr. James Valenzuela

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



Congratulations to June Howington and Pat Falenofa for entering full communion with the church this weekend! Please continue to pray for them as they grow ever deeper in their Catholic Faith.

Scripture Readings

For the week of February 22nd

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7; PS 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; RM 5:12-19 OR 5:12, 17-19; MT 4:1-11

MONDAY

LEV 19:1-2, 11-18; PS 19:8, 9, 10, 15; MT 25:31-46

TUESDAY

IS 55:10-11; PS 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; MT 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY

JONAH 3:1-10; PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; LK 11:29-32

THURSDAY

EST C:12, 14-16, 23-25; PS 138:1-2AB, 2CDE-3, 7C-8; MT 7:7-12

FRIDAY

EZ 18:21-28; PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7A, 7BC-8; MT 5:20-26

SATURDAY

DT 26:16-19; PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; MT 5:43-48

SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

GN 12:1-4A; PS 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 TIM 1:8B-10; MT 17:1-9

Pray with us for:

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

SAVE THE DATE!



**SAINT RITA
SUMMER CAMP 2026**

**GRADES K - 5
IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

**JUNE 8TH THRU JUNE 11TH
9AM - 1PM**

EMAIL
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WITH QUESTIONS



Saint Rita Pre-School Donuts with Dad

Since Father's Day falls in the summer, the pre-school hosts Donuts with Dad around Valentine's Day to show our appreciation for the father's in our lives!



