



# SAINT RITA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

22 ST RITA LANE, SANTA ROSA BEACH, FLORIDA

September 28 2025

850.267.2558

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor,  
so that by his poverty you might become rich.

-Lk 16

## SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

### MASS

Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil

Sunday 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM Misa en Español

Daily Mass - Monday - Saturday 8:30 AM

### SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays after Mass, 9 AM - 10 AM in church

First Friday of the Month, 9 AM - 6 PM in chapel

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 9 AM (or by appointment)

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs, 9 AM - 4 PM

\* All schedule changes are announced in the bulletin

## PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Father James Valenzuela

Parochial Vicar: Father Peter Jutras

Deacon: Antonio Herrera

Director of Parish Mission: Jenna Danos

Director of Liturgies: Nancy Wesson

Director of Liturgical Music: Gabby Schrack

Preschool Director: Heather Carson

CGS Director: Ticia Gallo

Youth Minister: Alex Molzer

Business & Finance Manager: Laurie Mandrekar

Receptionist: Gail Epplin

Baptism & Wedding Coordinator: Kristy Seeliger

Communications Manager: McKay Moews

Pastoral Assistant: Alyssa Miles

Facilities Manager: Travis Shields

Maintenance Assistant: PJ Dubicki

# ENCOUNTER • SHARE • BECOME

We exist to provide opportunities for you to encounter Christ, share His love, and become more like Him.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Perpetual

- Mon @ 5:30PM - Middle School Youth Night
- Tues @ 6:00PM - Catholicism 101
- Wed @ 9:00AM - Loving Hands Ministry
- Wed @ 5:30PM - High School Youth Night
- 1st & 3rd Thurs @ 9:30AM - SVdP Meeting
- Thurs @ 6:00PM - Men's G.R.O.W. Group

### Announcements

- **Women's Club Luncheon - Tuesday October 14th**  
12pm at The Surf Hut in Destin FL. To RSVP call Alice Ann Sanchez at (850) 896-3352.

## TREASURE

Giving Account (Weekly Goal)	Last Week (% of Weekly Goal)
Offertory (\$40,105.65)	\$24,915.07 (62.12%)
Building Fund (\$5,721.72)	\$10,055.43 (175.74%)
Burse Club (\$200.00)	\$30.30 (15.15%)

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## WEEKLY INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b> 8:30am 5:00pm	<b>September 27th</b> William Vandervort (+) Alexander Landry (+)
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am 11:00am 5:00pm (Esp)	<b>September 28th</b> For The People Mary Helen Mueller (+) Marvin Davis & Family (+)
<b>Monday</b> 8:30am	<b>September 29th</b> Janice & Pete Zimmerlee (+)
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30am	<b>September 30th</b> John Thompson (+)
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30am	<b>October 1st</b> Tom & John Pennekamp (+)
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30am	<b>October 2nd</b> Coleman Hall & Family (+)
<b>Friday</b> 8:30am	<b>October 3rd</b> Sebastien & Olivia Epplin
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30am 5:00pm	<b>October 4th</b> Thomas O'Hare (+) Kevin Wright & Family (+)

## PRAY WITH US FOR

Nancy Wesson, Janet Stevens, Tommie Magran, Mary Davis, Deedee Hofeling, Oz Wilkenson, Richard Turner, Baby Jules, Baby Ellis, Marge Crawford, Terry Collins, Bill Higgins, Sally Drobnick, Ryan Gruters, Elizabeth Grace Hunter, Pilar Carson, Gustavo Cáceres, Cáceres Family, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Ed Avery, Trina Spadaccia, Lisa Chapman, Jed Withers, Joe Tullios, Renee Watson, Pavlin Family, Nancy Lord, Micheline Riggio, Beth Turnbach, Christine H., Joseph Albert, Stella Leverton, Gregorio Alvarez, Helen Lee & Family, Julie Duncan, Tunello Family, Wendy, Kathy Farrell, Banks Wilson, Asiah Walsh, Adam Urena, Gianni Piraino, Tracy Finke, Dale Koblenzer, Mike McIntosh, Kevin Vandervort, Saylor Kloepling, The Piraino Family, Jason Worthington, Greg Shields, Evelyn Handon, Lorraine RJL, Lisa Trumps, Briggs Bruni, Margaret & John Mihalczko, Paris, Monica Hughes, Gianluca Piraino, William Higgins, John Bauer, Matt Beckett, Korrie Lali, Meg Copher, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Gustavo Bardana, Timothy C., Michael K., Beth Coppedge, Joan Buchewicz, David Crocker Nicole Perez, Lisa Laurence, Jay Alberio, Elizabeth Zdanis, Dorothy Brockmeier,

Calling All Parishioners!

# MINISTRY FAIR

FREE  
ENTRY

Join us in the Family Life Center  
following ALL Masses to see what  
ministries saint Rita has to offer!

JOIN US THIS  
MORNING IN THE FLC

COFFEE &  
DONUTS  
WILL BE  
PROVIDED



**free  
admission  
for all!**

# **FESTIVAL OF SAINTS**

**FAMILY-FOOD-FUN**

**OCTOBER 24, 2025**

**5:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**FAMILY COSTUME CONTEST!**

**SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SANTA ROSA BEACH, FL**



# COSTUME CONTEST

**October 24th from 5:30-8:30pm**

Dinner, Treats, Festival Games, Family Costume Contest, and More!

**Location:** Saint Rita's Parking Lot



We ask **families** to dress up as a "Saint Squad" and to come ready to explain who you are and why you chose your saints to our panel of judges. You will be given a number on the day of the festival and our three judges will find you during the evening and ask a few questions pertaining to your saints.



## CATEGORIES

- Best Costume
- Best Teaching
- Best Overall

## AWARDS

- Reserved Christmas Parking Spot
- Reserved Easter Parking Spot
- Dinner out for the whole family!

\*Day of sign ups will be at the entrance of the FLC. Please be at the Festival of Saints between 6:00-7:00pm for judging. Winners will be announced at 7:15pm.

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# Annotated Mass

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WITH FATHER PETER

Have you wondered what happens during Mass? Do you wonder why our priests do what they do on the altar?

Now is your chance to learn!

Please join us,

Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm

All children, teens,  
and parents are  
invited to attend!





## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our parish offers two levels of The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd method of Faith Formation for children.

**Level 1:** located across from the gift shop in the church, is for children aged 3-6 yrs of age.

**Level 2:** located behind Level 1, in what used to be the Mary Star of the Sea Room, is for 7-9 yr olds.

The catechists who work with the children participate in over 100 hours of formation and prepare a special environment for the children, which is called the Atrium. Children gather in the Atrium on a weekly basis, for about an hour and a half, to listen to the Word of God; work with developmentally appropriate materials related to the life of Christ; and to come to know the Good Shepherd, who loves them so much

### **Why is it called an Atrium anyway?**

The word atrium actually means "portico, or porch entrance to a large house". The Atrium was a term given to this space by Maria Montessori. It was chosen because in the ancient church, the atrium was a gathering space between the Church Proper and the street. It was a place where the catechumens, those preparing for initiation to the Church, would receive introduction. The Atrium has a similar purpose for our children, as it is a place to help them enter into full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgical and communal life of the Church.

To learn more about the Atrium or to schedule a tour, please contact Ticia Gallo at [ticia@saintritaparish.org](mailto:ticia@saintritaparish.org).

# COATS FOR KIDS

- FUNDRAISER -

- OUR 2025 GOAL -  
RAISE \$11,000 AND PROVIDE 700 COATS



PROGRAM WILL RUN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING AND SHARING OF SOUTH WALTON  
Questions? Contact Jeff Ricketts 616-901-5825



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