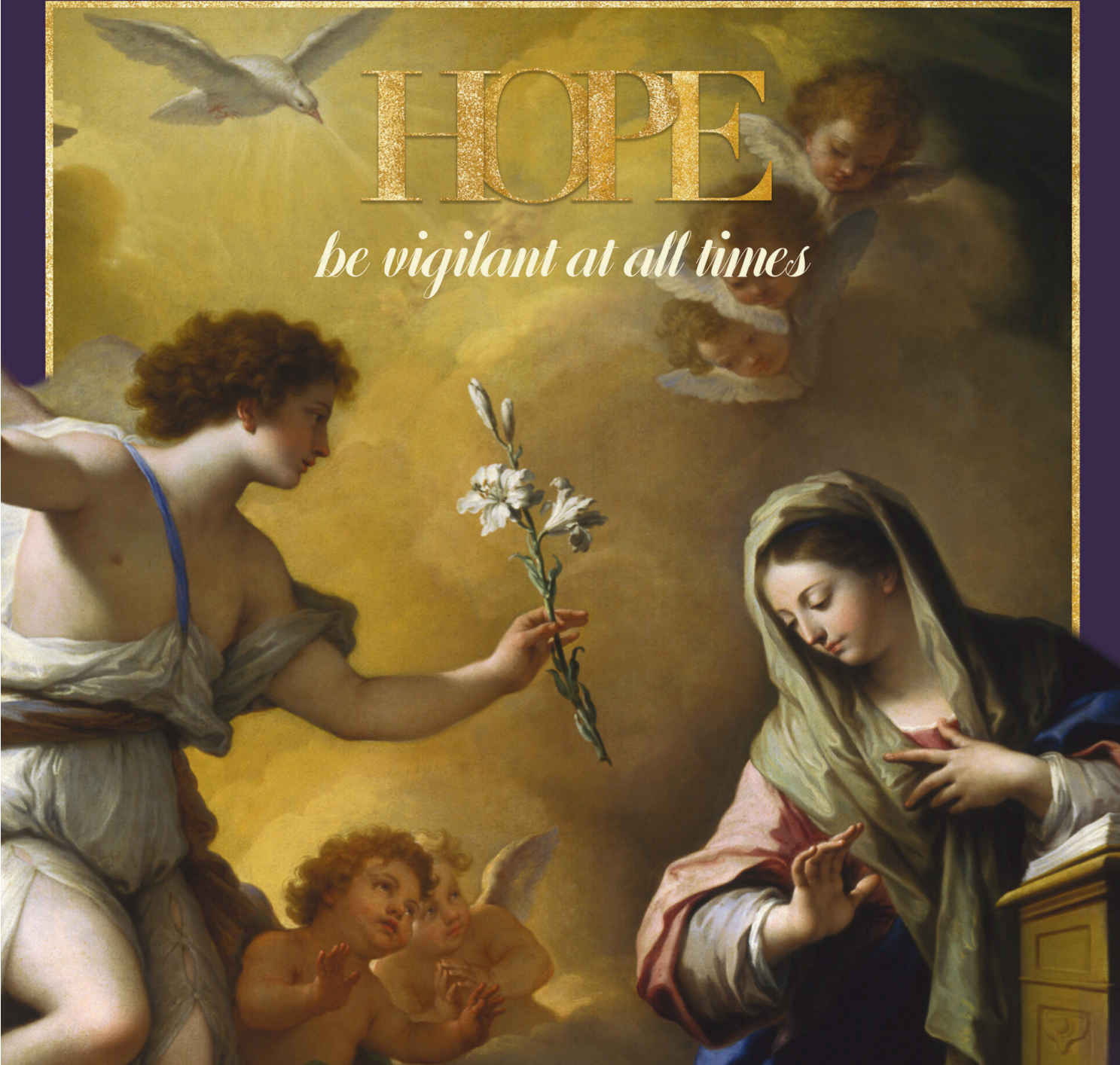




HOPE

be vigilant at all times

Saint Rita Catholic Church

November 30th 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Welcome Home!



Fr. James Valenzuela
Pastor



Fr. Peter Jutras
Parochial Vicar



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 • Nov 29

8:30 AM

5:00 PM

Linda Smallwood +
Adele Petrillo Smart +

Sunday • Nov 30

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

5:00 PM (esp)

For the People
Dave Dabria +
Robert Cordell +

Monday • Dec 1

8:30 AM

Tom O'Hare +

Tuesday • Dec 2

8:30 AM

Patricia Mullen +

Wednesday • Dec 3

8:30 AM

Julia Helm

Thursday • Dec 4

8:30 AM

Norma Connon Whitley +

Friday • Dec 5

8:30 AM

Father Luke Farabaugh

Saturday • Dec 6

8:30 AM

5:00PM

Jeff Helm
Anna Zubalik +

If you would like a specific Mass Intention offered for someone, living or deceased, please to come to the parish office to schedule a particular Mass.

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 October

Received: **\$127,434.41**

Building Fund

Month of October

Received: **\$23,724.07**

Burse Club

Month of October

Received: **\$818.47**

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 reoccurring donation through PushPay.



O come, O come, Emmanuel

Among the perennial wonderings of the Advent Season is why the beloved liturgical hymn “O come, O come, Emmanuel” is set in a minor key. Composers use this scale, among other reasons, to create tension or longing. This familiar melody, then, frequently sung during Masses in anticipation of Christmas, elicits a distinct emotional atmosphere.

In truth, the Advent Season is characterized by expectation, as it is the observance of the two-fold purpose of waiting to commemorate Jesus’s first coming as well as anticipating His second coming. With hope in the redemption of Christ we yearn for his arrival.

At the same time, we know that the Kingdom of God already reigns. We can experience salvation in the moment of now. Thus the Advent Season portends an encounter with Jesus which is accompanied with delight.

In this way, our familiar hymn is also an ode to joy. This reality, as well, is captured by our familiar chant as we are called to “rejoice.”

With Hope and Joy this Advent,
Fr. James Valenzuela

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Bob Ligday

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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

Around Saint Rita's

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

Every Thursday

- Open Gym • 12:00PM - 3:30PM
- Men's G.R.O.W. Group 5:00PM



Scripture Readings

For the week of November 30th

SUNDAY: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IS 2:1-5; PS 122, 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; RM 13:11-14; MT 24:37-44

MONDAY:

IS 4:2-6; PS 122:1-2, 3-4B, 4CD-5, 6-7, 8-9; MT 8:5-11

TUESDAY:

IS 11:1-10; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; LK 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY: MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

IS 25:6-10A; PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5,6; MT 15:29-37

THURSDAY:

IS 26:1-6; PS 118:1 AND 8-9, 19-21, 25-27A; MT 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY:

IS 29:17-24; PS 27:1, 4, 13-14; MT 9:27-31

SATURDAY:

IS 30:19-21, 23-26; PS 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; MT 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8

SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IS 11:1-10; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; RM 15:4-9; MT 3:1-12

Pray with us for:

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, Richard Turner, Baby Jules, Baby Ellis, Marge Crawford, Terry Collins, Bill Higgins, Sally Drobnick, Elizabeth Grace Hunter, Pilar Carson, Gustavo Cáceres, Cáceres Family, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Ed Avery, Trina Spadaccia, Lisa Chapman, Joe Tullos, 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,

SAINT RITA

ADVENT MISSION

THE JOURNEY TO COMMUNION

FATHER
JERONIMO
ESPINOSA



LAUREN POWERS

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 11 | 6:00-8:00 PM

Father Jeronimo Espinosa will form us on what it means to be a people of communion as we journey to Christmas. There will be a talk, adoration with praise and worship as well as confessions available. Lauren Powers will be our musician for the evening.

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 12 | 6:00 PM START

Join us for our Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Mass in the Church and a reception to follow in the FLC! Fr. James will be the main celebrant and Fr. Jeronimo Espinosa will be the homilist.



Women's Club

LUNCHEON

Date: Tuesday, December 9th

Time: 12:00pm Noon

Longhorn Steakhouse
34865 Emerald Coast Pkwy
Destin, FL

RSVP to Alice Ann Sanchez
(850) 896-3352

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

7:00 PM
THURSDAY 18TH
DECEMBER 2025

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF WORSHIP
MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

Want to sign up for lessons to
join the choir? Scan the qr code
to learn more!





SAINT RITA CHRISTMAS MARKET

SHOP CHRISTMAS ITEMS FROM OUR
PARISH MINISTRIES AND LOCAL SMALL
BUSINESSES OWNERS

**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 6TH
10:00 AM-5:00 PM**

**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 7TH
9:00 AM -2:00
PM**



Catholic Sharing
Appeal

Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) supports our Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, its programs and initiatives of Bishop William Wack that align with our Catholic values and teachings, which provide aid to the vulnerable, promote social justice, and foster spiritual growth within our communities.

GOAL: \$213,221
PLEDGED: \$208,950

*Scan the QR Code to
donate today!
Be sure to choose
Saint Rita Parish*





FEAST *of the* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, December 8th

**Mass Times
9am & 6pm**

O Mary,
conceived
without sin, pray
for us who have
recourse to thee.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
4PM & 10PM

Christmas Day
8AM & 11AM

