

# St. Rita Catholic Church

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## April 10, 2022: Palm Sunday

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### HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

*(The Church is open for prayer every day from 6 am - 9 pm.)*

**Sunday:** 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 9:15 am (TLM\*), 11:00 am & 1:00 pm (en Español)

**Monday:** 7:00 am & 7:30 pm (preceded by Miraculous Medal Novena)

**Tuesday:** 7:00 am & 7:30 pm (TLM)

**Wednesday:** 7:00 am, 8:20 am (School Mass), & 7:30 pm

**Thursday:** 7:00 am & 7:30 pm (TLM)

**Friday:** 7:00 am & 7:30 pm

**Saturday:** 8:00 am, 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil Mass)

\*Traditional Latin Mass

### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

**Monday - Friday:** 7:00 pm

**Saturday:** 8:30 am, 4:00 pm, & 7:00 pm

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Monday - Thursday:** 6:30 - 7:30 pm

**Friday:** 8:00 pm - 8:00 am (Saturday)

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to St. Rita Church! Please join us, as together we worship God and grow in love for one another under the protection of our patroness, St. Rita of Cascia. Registration forms can be found in the Russell Road entrance of the church, or online at [www.stritaalexandria.com/parish-registration/](http://www.stritaalexandria.com/parish-registration/).

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements to attend a Baptism preparation class, scheduled individually with Fr. Schierer. Please note that it is possible for expectant parents to attend the preparation class before the birth of their child.

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact the Parish Office to obtain an application to begin marriage preparation. Diocesan regulations require 6 months of marriage preparation. Living together before marriage is sinful and harmful to future marriage. Couples who are living together will be asked to live separately during the marriage preparation time.

### HOSPITALIZED AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Please contact the Parish office so that the hospitalized and homebound may receive pastoral care from the priests and volunteers of St. Rita.

## Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

### Monday, April 11, 2022

*Monday of Holy Week*

7:00 am Catherine Freeman †  
7:30 pm Reaga Caimano

### Tuesday, April 12, 2022

*Tuesday of Holy Week*

7:00 am Clifton West †  
7:30 pm John Iijima

### Wednesday, April 13, 2022

*Wednesday of Holy Week*

7:00 am Laurent Baptiste †  
7:30 pm Raynaldo B. Paredes

### Thursday, April 14, 2022

*Holy Thursday*

6:00 pm Celebrant's Intention  
7:30 pm Guido Zoli

### Friday, April 15, 2022

*Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)*

### Saturday, April 16, 2022

*Holy Saturday*

8:30 pm Lucy Tripi Cino †

### Sunday, April 17, 2022

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

7:00 am Thana Dixon †  
8:00 am Frank and Alice Walsh †  
9:15 am Roger Paredes  
11:00 am Missa Pro Populo  
1:00 pm Juan Luis Rodriguez-Feo †

### 2022 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA): "Do this in remembrance of me"

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA)! If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on your blessings and consider making a gift today! The Bishop's Lenten Appeal provides a unique opportunity to unite as a Catholic family to support programs, ministries and services which help tens of thousands of people. Every donation, large or small, is vital to the success of the BLA. You may mail in your pledge or go online to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code to make a gift. Thank you for your generosity!



### Second Collections for April

April 10: Easter Flowers  
April 14: Holy Thursday  
April 15: Good Friday (Holy Land)  
April 17: Easter Sunday

Thank you for your generosity!

### Bulletin Submissions

Please submit all announcements for the bulletin to [bulletin.submit.strita@gmail.com](mailto:bulletin.submit.strita@gmail.com) by Wednesday, ten days before the desired bulletin date. Thank you!

## Holy Week 2022

**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022**

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

### MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Regular Schedule of Mass and Confessions

## The Sacred Paschal Triduum

### HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022

6:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (en Español)  
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (English)  
After Mass - Midnight Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2022

8:30 am Good Friday Lauds (Morning Prayer)  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm Confession  
12:00 pm Stations of the Cross (English)  
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English)  
6:00 pm "Via Crucis" Living Stations of the Cross followed by the Lord's Passion (en Español)

### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022

8:30 am Holy Saturday Lauds (Morning Prayer)  
After Lauds Polish Blessing of the Easter Food  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm Confession

## This Week at St. Rita

### Sunday, April 10, 2022

*Coffee and Donuts after the 9:15, 11, and 1:00 pm Masses*

6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group  
6:00 pm High School Youth Group

### Monday, April 11, 2022

5:30 pm Legión de María (en Español)  
6:00 pm Religious Education Classes (Grades 1-12)  
7:00 pm Rosary (in the Church)

### Tuesday, April 12, 2022

6:00 pm American Heritage Girls  
7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

### Wednesday, April 13, 2022

2:30 pm Home School Holy Hour  
6:00 pm RCIA Classes  
7:30 pm SRYA Men's Group

### Thursday, April 14, 2022

*See Holy Week Schedule.*

### Friday, April 15, 2022

*See Holy Week Schedule.*

### Saturday, April 16, 2022

*See Holy Week Schedule.*

### Sunday, April 17, 2022

6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

**Easter 2022**  
**Sunday, April 17, 2022**



**Saturday, April 16, 2022**

8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

**Sunday April 17, 2022**

7:00 am English

8:00 am English

9:15 am Missa Cantata  
 (Extraordinary Form)

11:00 am English

1:00 pm en Español

**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**Sunday, April 24, 2022**  
**Regular Sunday Mass Schedule**



3:00 - 4:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 Silent Adoration  
 Confessions  
 Benediction

**The Car Raffle Drawing is April 30th!**

Did you realize that each ticket has a chance to win cash drawings (including one for \$20,000) and 4 vehicles? When a winner is drawn, their name goes back into the drum for subsequent drawings. What a deal! Also, the money helps to pay for our St. Rita Youth Programs (especially WorkCamp)! Contact **David Klosterman** at [strita.car.raffle@gmail.com](mailto:strita.car.raffle@gmail.com).

**Please Pray for These St. Rita Parishioners**

**For all those discerning Religious Vocations:**

Sr. Maria Josepha, Labor Mariae; William Manaker, Society of Jesus; Seminarians for the Diocese of Arlington, especially Tim Courtney, and Sean Nypaver

**For the Sick in our Parish:**

Diego Alzugaray, Alana Austin, Ciarán Canning, Neftali Cardoza, Margaret Fisher, Elizabeth Holmes, Stephanie Prescott, Constance Richardson, William Rodger, Egidio and Graciela Vera-y-Aragón, Carol Walsh

*If you know of someone who should be on the list, please contact Dori at [bulletin.submit.strita@gmail.com](mailto:bulletin.submit.strita@gmail.com). Names will remain on the above prayer list for 30 days from the time they are requested. At the end of that time, you may renew your request. Thank you!*

**For the Deceased in our Parish:**

Elizabeth Allenbach, Wilson A. Alvarez, Mary Barbee, Maria Bond, Carlos Deupi, Deborah File, John Carrington, Oskar Egger, Pamela Hayes, Isabel Hernandez, Andrea Orsini Herndon, Leslie Hyland, Matthew Parowski, Jeffrey Petrino, Thomas Rowe, James Schick, Eileen Serice, William Shields, Angela Smith, John Wonderoth

**Save the Date: Parish Festival!**

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our Parish Festival on **Saturday, May 21**, at St. Rita. It will be a fun-filled day with games, food, music, and more. Please stay tuned to the newsletter and bulletin for more information about this exciting day.



**St. Rita Track Team**

Do you have a third through eighth grader who is interested in throwing for distance and/or running track? St. Rita has a CYO track and field program open to all registered parishioners and school students. All registered parishioners in CCD and homeschool programs qualify! The track team is a great community that unites all the parts of our parish into a competitive team. We train the children according to their talents in sprints, distance, throws, jumps and relays. If you want your child to be fit and make friends or get involved in a sport he or she might want to do in high school, you will be interested in this program. Please email **Coach Lisa McNichols** at [stritatrack@gmail.com](mailto:stritatrack@gmail.com) with any questions.

**News from the Diocese and Beyond**

**Mother of Light Lenten Donations**



Help to prepare your body, mind and spirit during Lent by donating to those in need! Select a tag from the Lenten cross in the Russell Road vestibule for donation to the Mother of Light Center. Items can be delivered to St Rita Church during the season of Lent until **Wednesday, April 13**. Thank you for your generosity!

¡Ayuda a preparar tu cuerpo, mente y espíritu durante la Cuaresma donando a los necesitados! Seleccione una etiqueta de la cruz de Cuaresma que se encuentra en el vestíbulo de Russell Road para donarlos al Centro Madre de la Luz. Los artículos se pueden traer a la iglesia de Santa Rita durante el tiempo de Cuaresma antes del miércoles 13 de abril. ¡Gracias por tu generosidad!

**John Paul the Great Applications for 2022-23**

John Paul is still accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year! For more information and to apply please visit: [https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/how\\_to\\_apply](https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/how_to_apply).

**John Paul the Great Spring Musical: Mary Poppins**

The JP Fine Arts department will debut its spring musical, *Mary Poppins*, on **Friday, April 29th** with shows running through **Sunday, May 1st!** Tickets are available for purchase here: <https://jpthegreat.booktix.com/>

**Vocations**

Let yourself be moved by Our Lord's sacrifice of love this Holy Week, and open yourself to his grace to discern your vocation. Could he be calling you? Call **Father Michael Isenberg** at **703-841-2514**, or write: [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org).

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