

St. Rita Catholic Church

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April 14, 2024: Third Sunday of Easter

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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, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm (en Español)

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

Tuesday: 7:00 am

Wednesday: 7:00 am & 7:30 pm

Thursday: 7:00 am

Friday: 7:00 am & 7:30 pm (Novus Ordo Latin)

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Monday - Friday: 7:00 pm

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

Sunday: 12:30 pm (en Español)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

ST. RITA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

“The soul of education is the education of the soul”

<https://saintrita-school.org/> | 703-548-1888

Principal Max Bindernagel

Preschool Director Caitlin Rockwell

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 online at www.stritaalexandria.com/parish-registration/ or at the Parish Office.

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 15, 2024

Monday of the Third Week of Easter

7:00 am Donna Connor
7:30 pm Raynaldo B. Paredes

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter

7:00 am Cassius Miles Thomas

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter

7:00 am Cecilia Sierra
7:30 pm Roger Paredes

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Thursday of the Third Week of Easter

7:00 am Brendon Connor

Friday, April 19, 2024

Friday of the Third Week of Easter

7:00 am Carol Austin
7:30 pm Anthony Oliverio

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Saturday of the Third Week of Easter

8:00 am Madeline Olivero
5:00 pm Erlinda del Carmen Serrano †

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:00 am Cecilia Sierra
8:00 am Madeline Coito
11:00 am Missa Pro Populo
1:00 pm Rainer Montero Castillo †

Additional Mass intentions this week:

Rosanna Prettitore, Monica Kolf, Arnamma George †,
Monsignor Ralph Chieffo

Confirmation Scheduling Note

Please note that there will be no Adoration, Confessions or 7:30 pm Mass on **Monday, April 22** due to our Confirmation Mass with Bishop Loverde scheduled that night. Thank you.

Come Holy Spirit

On **Monday, April 22**, Bishop Emeritus Paul S. Loverde will celebrate our Confirmation Mass at St. Rita Church. We will have about 40 Confirmandi from our parish who have been preparing all year with a retreat, service, and catechesis. Please keep them in your prayers as they are sealed with the Holy Spirit.

Bulletin Submissions

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

Coffee and Donuts Today

Join us for Coffee and Donuts **today, April 14th**, in the Parish Center after all Masses, beginning with the 8 am Mass!



Olive Wood Carvings by Bethlehem Christians

Help support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem by purchasing olivewood carvings from the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37% of the population, but currently fewer than 1% remain. Carving olivewood is now the main source of income for the Christians who are still living in the Holy Land. These beautiful carvings are handmade by the Christians of Bethlehem and will be displayed for purchase after all Masses on the weekend of **April 27-28**. For more information, please contact the Bethlehem Carving Group at **202-302-5889** or visit www.BethlehemCarvings.org.

This Week at St. Rita

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Coffee and Donuts after all Masses, beginning with the 8am Mass

3:00 pm Archconfraternity of the Holy Face Meeting
4:30 pm High School Sacrament Preparation
6:00 pm High School Youth Group
6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

Monday, April 15, 2024

5:30 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

6:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

2:30 pm Homeschool Holy Hour
6:15 pm RICA (en Espanol)
8:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2024

4:00 pm Junior Legion of Mary

Friday, April 19, 2024

7:00 pm Vespers

Saturday, April 20, 2024

9:00 am RCIA
9:15 am Legion of Mary
6:30 pm Teams of Our Lady

Sunday, April 21, 2024

4:30 pm High School Sacrament Preparation
5:00 pm Teams of Our Lady
6:00 pm High School Youth Group
6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

Archconfraternity of the Holy Face

The next meeting of the St. Rita Chapter of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face will be this **Sunday, April 14 at 3:00 pm** in the church. All are welcome to join us for the devotion's powerful prayers, including a short meditative reflection for all attendees. This new prayer group is dedicated to offering reparation for blasphemies against Our Lord and His Holy Name, for sins against keeping Sunday holy, and for sins of revolution and communism. You can read about the devotion at <https://hisholyface.com/the-devotion/>. The meetings will continue at **3:00 PM** on the **second Sunday of each month**.

Saint Rita School Admissions

If you would like your child to join our quest for the good, the true, and the beautiful, please consider applying now for the 2024-2025 school year. We have very few spaces remaining, with waiting lists in numerous grades, so please do not delay! Visit our school website at saintrita-school.org/admissions/apply or call our Admissions Director, **Mrs. Malia Busekrus**, at **(703) 548-1888 ext. 32** with any questions.

Poor Box Donations

In recent months we have had so many people requesting assistance that our poor box funds have been depleted. Please consider making a donation to the poor box to help the many needy persons in our community. You can make a donation by placing it in the poor boxes located in the church, through Parish Giving, or dropping off a check at the parish office.

Please Pray for These St. Rita Parishioners

For all those discerning Religious Vocations:

Sr. Maria Josepha, Labor Mariae; William Manaker, Society of Jesus; Catherine Addington, Daughters of St. Paul; Vayla Lamarra, Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles; Seminarians for the Diocese of Arlington, especially Joseph Connor, and John Murphy

For the Sick in our Parish:

John Abarre, Diego Alzugaray, Ciarán Canning, Renuka Carlitti, Eva Conner, Samuel Dunton, Margee M. Eife, Margaret Fisher, Elizabeth Holmes, Alexandra Meredith, Kimberly Meredith, Stephanie Prescott, Michael Slavin, Constance Richardson, Joanne Robertson, Egidio and Graciela Vera-y-Aragón, Hayley Wynn

If you know of someone who should be on the list, please contact Vanessa at 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:

Hessie Bannon, Laura Bean, Maggie Delia Bernard, Leger Brosnahan, Reno Carlitti, Rumalda Coletto, Margarita Linman, Martin McGarth, Joseph McKenna, Victor Manuel Piche, Aileen Price Alvaro Ramirez, Jesus Romero, Thomas Rowe, James Schick, Colleen Sheehan, Laura Maitre Stevens, Angela Wilson

The Car Raffle Drawing is April 27th!

Thanks to all who have contributed to the success of the 4-car raffle. If you are not able to participate, you can help by returning the tickets that you received. If you are planning to purchase your tickets, but haven't yet, please do it soon. The final deadline for ticket return is **April 23rd**. As a reminder, raffle tickets should be returned to All Saints in the envelope provided, or they can be dropped off at the St. Rita Parish Office (by **Friday, April 19th**). If you have any questions, or would like additional tickets, please contact strita.car.raffle@gmail.com.

¡El Sorteo de la Rifa de Autos es el 27 de abril!

Gracias a todos los que han contribuido al éxito del sorteo de 4 autos. Si no puede participar, puede ayudar devolviendo los boletos que recibió. Si planea comprar sus boletos, pero aún no lo ha hecho, hágalo pronto. La fecha límite final para la devolución de boletos es el **23 de abril**. Como recordatorio, los boletos de la rifa deben devolverse a All Saints en el sobre proporcionado, o pueden dejarlos en la oficina parroquial de St. Rita (antes del **viernes 19 de abril**). Si tiene alguna pregunta o desea boletos adicionales, comuníquese a strita.car.raffle@gmail.com.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolate that does the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Founded by Frank Duff in 1921 in Ireland, it has spread throughout the world. Here at St. Rita Parish, the English Adult Legion group meets on **Saturdays at 9:15am** in the Parish Center conference room. Some of the works they do are door-to-door visitation, Pilgrim Virgin visits and auxiliary visits. The Junior Legion of Mary, open to children in grade 3 and higher, meets on Thursdays. They visit Alexandria Rehab Center as their work. For more information, please contact **Vivian Moran** at vbmoran@juno.com or call or text her at **(703) 888-8196**.

News from the Diocese and Beyond

St. Martin de Porres Senior Center - Volunteers Needed

St. Martin de Porres Senior Center, 4650 Taney Avenue, Alexandria, is seeking volunteers for arts and crafts, exercise, serving congregational meals, computer/tech instructors and to give presentations. Flexible schedule. St. Martin's Senior Center provides services to prevent senior isolation and promote their wellness and independence. The Senior Center is a multicultural community with more than 20 countries represented. Center hours are Monday-Friday, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact maria.mellor@ccda.net or **703-751-2766**.

Relevant Radio

24/7 Catholic radio is now available in the DC region on channel 1260 AM. Relevant Radio has excellent shows that discuss current events, spiritual growth, and prayers such as the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet that you can listen to while driving in your car or at home anytime. For more information, go to www.relevantradio.com or just download the Relevant Radio app!

Vocations

"Now by this we may be sure that we know Him, if we obey His commandments." Jesus makes Himself known to you through the vocation He chose for you. Do you hear a call to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at **(703) 841-2514** or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.