

# St. Rita Catholic Church

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## May 19, 2024: Pentecost 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, 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/](http://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, May 20, 2024

*The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

7:00 am Rev. Daniel Gee

7:30 pm Robert Schnur

### Tuesday, May 21, 2024

*St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs*

7:00 am Alisa Skuodas

### Wednesday, May 22, 2024

*Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious*

7:00 am Faith Ann Santucci

7:30 pm Martin Oliverio

### Thursday, May 23, 2024

*Thursday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am Keith Washlick ☩

### Friday, May 24, 2024

*Friday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am Rev. Raymond Machesney ☩

7:30 pm Peggy Jobes ☩

### Saturday, May 25, 2024

*St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church;*

*St. Gregory VII, Pope;*

*St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin*

8:00 am Michael Cyprian Echaniz ☩

5:00 pm Andre Krol ☩

### Sunday, May 26, 2024

*The Most Holy Trinity*

7:00 am Ryan Deabuto ☩

8:00 am Joseph Gavieres ☩

11:00 am Missa Pro Populo

1:00 pm Rainer Montero Castillo ☩

*Additional Mass intentions this week:*

Patricia McLaughlin, Alisa Skuodas, Patricia Matz ☩,  
Len Pawlak and Jean Gendron

### THIS SATURDAY: St. Rita Festival

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our Annual Festival on **this Saturday, May 25th, 11am-3pm** in the St. Rita parking lot. Celebrate our 100th Anniversary with live performances including Marie Miller; Pupusas, Tacos, Snow Cones, and Beer & Wine for sale; Bouncy Castle, Rock Climbing, and Face Painting for children; Church Tours, 'Dunk the Pastor,' and more! There is no admission fee, but donations will be accepted. If you are interested in helping with this exciting day, please contact: **Maria Goitiandia** at [mgoitiandia.strita@gmail.com](mailto:mgoitiandia.strita@gmail.com).



### Pentecost Evangelization TODAY

Join Deacon Joseph Connor in the Parish Center immediately **following the 11 am Mass today, Sunday, May 19** for a talk on evangelization. After his talk groups will carpool to the National Mall to give witness to others. There will be an optional dinner afterward, at around **5:00pm**, for all participants. For more information, or to sign up, please email **Deacon Joseph Connor** at [jconnor228@gmail.com](mailto:jconnor228@gmail.com).

### Organ Recital and Sacred Music for Pentecost

Join us **today, Sunday, May 19**, at **7:00pm**, for a concert of sacred music for Pentecost, with Lawrence Bowie, Director of Sacred Music, assisted by schola cantorum, cello and violin, featuring works by Titelouze, Buxtehude, Bach, Bohm, Bernhard, Viadana, and Mozart, as well as the sung Solemn Te Deum. A reception will follow in the Parish Center.

### Feast of St. Rita: May 22

Join us on **Wednesday, May 22**, for the celebration of the feast of our parish patron, St. Rita of Cascia. Masses will be offered in English at **7:00am** and **7:30pm**. A plenary indulgence (under the usual conditions - Confession, Holy Communion, prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father, complete detachment from sin) is available to those who visit a parish on its patronal feast day, and pray there the Our Father and the Creed.

## This Week at St. Rita

### Sunday, May 19, 2024

12:00 pm Pentecost Evangelization  
5:00 pm Teams of Our Lady  
6:00 pm High School Youth Group  
6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group  
7:00 pm Pentecost Organ Recital

### Monday, May 20, 2024

5:30 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary  
6:00 pm Religious Education Classes

### Tuesday, May 21, 2024

6:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

### Wednesday, May 22, 2024

2:30 pm Homeschool Holy Hour  
6:00 pm Religious Education Classes  
8:30 pm Young Adult Social

### Thursday, May 23, 2024

4:00 pm Junior Legion of Mary

### Friday, May 24, 2024

7:00 pm Vespers

### Saturday, May 25, 2024

9:15 am Legion of Mary  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm Parish Festival

### Sunday, May 26, 2024

6:00 pm St. Rita Young Adult F4  
6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

### 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!

### Saint Rita Day of Giving

In honor of the upcoming feast day of our patroness on **May 22**, St. Rita School will be launching a fundraiser to move forward with several summer projects. Visit our school website at <https://saintrita-school.org/annual-fund/> to donate via PayPal or ParishGiving. Thank you, as always, for your abundant generosity!

### Young Adult Social for the Feast of St. Rita

In place of men's and women's group, the young adults will be gathering in the school courtyard **following the 7:30 pm Mass on May 22** for a social in celebration of the feast of St. Rita.

### St. Rita 100th Anniversary

This year we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St. Rita Parish, founded on September 21, 1924. All are welcome to join us for the many events we have planned for the parish. Come see and see all that St. Rita Parish has to offer! Visit our website at [www.stritaalexandria.com/100th](http://www.stritaalexandria.com/100th) to see a list of upcoming events.



Este año celebramos el centenario de la parroquia fundada el 21 de septiembre de 1924. Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a nosotros en los numerosos eventos que hemos planeado para la parroquia. ¡Ven a ver todo lo que la parroquia Santa Rita ofrece! Visite nuestro sitio web en [www.stritaalexandria.com/cien](http://www.stritaalexandria.com/cien) para ver una lista de los próximos eventos.

### 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 Deacon Joseph Connor, and John Murphy

#### For the Sick in our Parish:

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](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:

John Abarre, 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

### A Promise Kept With Fire

At the Last Supper he promised the Twelve  
To send the Spirit of Truth.  
He will bear witness to all that was said,  
Declaring the things that will come.

Gathered together in that upper room,  
The apostles and Mary did pray.  
They did remember the words Jesus said:  
“Do not be alarmed or afraid.”

All of a sudden a wind filled the place;  
The sound was mighty and loud.  
God’s presence dwelling in each of their hearts;  
They watched for a sign from above.

Flaming tongues came o’er their heads in a flash;  
The Spirit indeed had arrived.  
He filled all their souls with courage and awe;  
What came next was such a surprise.

Opening their mouths to speak prayer and thanksgiving,  
And this they could hardly believe,  
Each word being formed by their mouth and their lips  
Was heard by the crowd without trouble.

The Spirit allowed their words to resound  
To every nation ‘neath the heavens.  
They brought God souls by the thousands that day;  
The Church was born in their midst.  
The strength of faith that the Spirit instilled  
Added more to their numbers in time.  
The tongues made of fire were just a beginning  
Of a presence that could not be stopped.

Today we remember with fervor and thanks  
That first Pentecost long ago.  
God strengthens His Church both then and still now  
Through the Spirit who’s with us forever.

Deacon Stephen Dixon

### Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Inova bloodmobile at St. Rita Church on **Saturday, June 29** from **10 am - 2 pm**. Many lives have been saved thanks to the generosity of our community in past drives. Use the link below to sign up: [https://www.inovabloodsaves.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/34051](https://www.inovabloodsaves.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/34051).

### Hearing Assistance Devices Available

With the recent upgrade to the St. Rita sound system, we were able to acquire new hearing assistance devices for use during Masses. They are available in the sacristy for check out. The priest or usher will ask you to sign your name in the logbook and to leave your car keys as a security.

### News from the Diocese and Beyond

#### Vocations

"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth." Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you to your true vocation in the Risen Lord...perhaps as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at **(703) 841-2514** or email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).