

St. Rita Catholic Church



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October 27, 2024: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 (2nd Sunday: Novus Ordo Latin), 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: 6:30 pm (**new time starting October 7**)

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)

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Principal

Malia Busekrus

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 in the Russell Road entrance of the church, or online at 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, October 28, 2024

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

7:00 am Noemi Neville
7:30 pm All Deceased Members of the
Legion of Mary †

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

Tuesday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Mike Burley †

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Wednesday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Michael W. Burley †
7:30 pm Rudolph Johnson, Jr. †

Thursday, October 31, 2024

Thursday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Colleen Sheehan †

Friday, November 1, 2024

All Saints

7:00 am Luke Tracey
6:00 pm (en Español) Sophia Reyes
7:30 pm Alana Austin

Saturday, November 2, 2024

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

8:00 am All Souls Novena
5:00 pm Hector Mercedes †

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am All Souls Novena
8:00 am Katie Paparella †
11:00 am Missa Pro Populo
1:00 pm Jose Flores

Additional Mass Intentions this Week:

John Schnur, All Souls in Purgatory †, Becky Walker,
Missa Pro Populo, The Trump Family

High School Youth All Halloween's Eve Party

All High School youth are invited to an All Halloween's Eve Party on **Thursday, October 31** at **6:00 pm** in the Convent Youth Ministry Room. Join us for pizza, pumpkin painting, and a movie. For more details, please contact **Maria Goitiandia** at mgoitiandia.strita@gmail.com.

Young Adult Social for All Saints Day

All young adults are invited to join the St. Rita Young Adults on All Saints' Day, **following the 7:30 pm Mass**, for a social in the St. Rita Convent. Come celebrate with us!

Plenary Indulgence for the Faithful Departed

The month of November is dedicated to praying for the Souls in Purgatory. A Plenary Indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is available between the days of **November 1-8** for those who visit a cemetery and pray there for the departed. The usual conditions apply (Confession, Holy Communion, prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father, complete detachment from sin).

Bulletin Submissions

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

Jesuit Martyrs of Virginia Presentation Tonight



Join us this evening, **Sunday, October 27**, at **6:30 pm**, for a presentation by Fr. Andrew Fisher, Pastor of St. Ambrose Parish about the Jesuit Martyrs of Virginia, a small band of Spanish Jesuit Missionaries who preached the Gospel to the native people of Virginia. Fr. Fisher is a member of the Historical Commission for the Cause of the Martyrs of La Florida, which includes the Jesuit Martyrs of Virginia.

September 2024 Collections

Regular Offertory:	\$49,056
Parish Giving Offertory:	\$59,109
Repairs & Replacements:	\$2,313
Parish Giving Repairs & Replacements:	\$6,220
Poor Box:	\$2,162
Parish Giving Poor Box:	\$14,692

Upcoming Second Collections

October 27:	Porto Charities
November 1:	All Saints Day
November 2:	All Souls Day
November 3:	Repairs and Replacements

This Week at St. Rita

Sunday, October 27, 2024

10:30 am Young Adult Potluck Brunch
5:00 pm Teams of our Lady
6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group
6:30 pm Jesuit Martyrs of Virginia Presentation

Monday, October 28, 2024

5:30 pm Legión de María (en Español)
6:00 pm Religious Education Classes
7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

2:30 pm Homeschool Holy Hour
6:00 pm Religious Education Classes
7:30 pm RICA (en Español)

Thursday, October 31, 2024

4:00 pm Junior Legion of Mary
6:00 pm High School Youth Ministry

Friday, November 1, 2024

7:00 pm Vespers
8:30 pm Young Adult All Saints' Day Social

Saturday, November 2, 2024

9:00 am OCIA
9:15 am Legion of Mary

Sunday, November 3, 2024

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

5:30 pm Teams of our Lady
6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

The Solemnity of All Saints

*How glorious is the Kingdom in which
all the saints rejoice with Christ!*



Mass Schedule Horario de Misas

**Friday, November 1
Viernes, 1 de Noviembre**

7:00 am (English)

6:00 pm (Español)

7:30 pm (English)

*Please see the flyer in the vestibules or call the
parish office at 703-836-1640
for the full schedule of Masses.*

Solemnidad de Todos los Santos

*¡Qué glorioso es el Reino en el que todos los santos
se regocijan con Cristo!*

All Souls' Day - Saturday, November 2 Día de Todos los Difuntos - Sábado, 2 de Noviembre

Mass in English (Misa en Ingles): 8:00 am

The All Souls' Novena of Masses will take place from **November 2 - 10**. If you would like your deceased loved ones to be included in the Novena, please place your envelope in the collection basket, or bring it to the Parish Office.

La Novena de Misas de todos los Difuntos se llevará a cabo del **2 al 10 de noviembre**. Si desea que sus seres queridos fallecidos sean incluidos en la Novena, coloque su sobre en la canasta de colectas o tráigalo a la Oficina Parroquial.

Eternal rest grant unto
them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon
them.



Dales, Señor, el descanso
eterno, y brille para ellos
la luz perpetua.



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Porto Charities Second Collection

The second collection this weekend (**October 26-27**) will benefit Porto Charities, a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing access to diocesan Catholic schools for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Thank you for your generosity to this collection, which enables our diocese to continue to serve those who want and deserve the tremendous benefit of a Catholic education. To learn more about Porto Charities, please visit <https://www.portocharities.org/>.



St. Nicholas Market: Save the Date

Mark your calendars and bring the entire family to the 4th Annual St. Nicholas Market on **Sunday, December 8**, from **10:30 am - 3:30 pm**. This annual event brings together hundreds of families for Christmas shopping, fellowship, and merrymaking, and fosters our strong parish community. If you are interested in being a vendor or helping with the committee, please email **Amanda** at saintritaahospitality@gmail.com. We also have a number of corporate and family sponsorships available this year! Sponsorship information is available on our website (<https://stritaalexandria.com/st-nicholas-market/>). Please consider joining us!

St. Rita History Book Sales

Come to the talk by Father Fisher on the Jesuit Martyrs of Virginia on **Sunday, October 27**, or the St. Rita School 5K Race on **Saturday, November 2**, and buy a copy of *A History of St. Rita Parish*, still at the parishioner price of \$20!

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, John Murphy, and Daniel Usewick

For the Sick in our Parish:

Diego Alzugaray, Ciarán Canning, Renuka Carlitti, Eva Conner, Karen Davidson, Samuel Dunton, J.G., Shannon Harris, Elizabeth Holmes, Alexandra Meredith, Kimberly Meredith, Stephanie Prescott, Michael Slavin, Constance Richardson, Egidio and Graciela Vera-y-Aragón, Benjamin Weitzel, Hayley Wynn

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

John Abarre, HESSIE BANNON, Bob D'Sylva, Mary Gleeson, William C. Haas, Margarita Linman, Martin McGarth, Oscar Merino, Victor Manuel Piche, Aileen Price, Joanne Robertson, Thomas Rowe, James Schick, Laura Maitre Stevens, George Szele, Rafael Vasquez-Coubert, Raymond Williams, Angela Wilson

Parking Notice

Please do not park in the spaces across from the Russell Road entrance to the church. These spaces are reserved and paid for by Presidential Greens residents. Please remember that we have permission from **The Birchmere** to use their front parking lot on **Sunday mornings from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm**. Please follow the signs and only park in the designated areas. Please vacate the lot by **2:30 pm**.

First Saturday Pro-Life Rosary



Come join the new monthly Pro-Life Rosary on the first Saturdays of the month at the abortion clinic at **2616 Sherwood Hall Lane**. Plan to be there **a little before 10:00 am**, and we will form a group with the others who are there to pray the Rosary together. For more information contact **Rick Strobach** at rick.strobach@gmail.com or **Jay Moret** at felix.moret@gmail.com.

Substitute Teachers Needed

Saint Rita School is looking for substitute teachers (Pre-K-8th Grade) to fill in on a daily basis and occasionally for extended periods. A good rapport with children is essential, but a teaching license is not required. Candidates must have a Bachelor's Degree. For more information or to apply to get on our substitute list, please send a resume and cover letter to:

Pre-School: **Caitlin Rockwell** at crockwell@saintrita-school.org
K-8: **Malia Busekrus** at mbusekrus@saintrita-school.org

20th Annual St. Rita 5K and Fun Run

Come join us for the 20th Anniversary of St. Rita's 5K and Fun Run this **Saturday, November 2!** The race will take place at Main Line Blvd. (behind GW Middle School). The Fun Run will begin at **8:00 am**, and the 5K will begin at **8:30 am**. Come for the race, stay for the community fun! Let's make this year's run the biggest and best yet. Lace up your shoes, bring your friends and family, and join us as we celebrate two decades of fitness, fun, and fellowship. We can't wait to see you at the starting line! For more information and to sign up, please visit <https://runsignup.com/strita5k>.



CYO Basketball Registration



Registration is now open for 3rd-8th grade boys and girls from our school and parish to play basketball this winter! Religious Education students and Homeschool Students are eligible to play. The season begins mid-November and runs until early March, with weekly practices and weekend games. The fee is \$125 per athlete, and registration is open at this link (<https://reg.sportspilot.com/106556/leagues>) until **October 28**. Please contact Coordinator **Mr. Chad Worz** at chad.worz@gmail.com with any questions or for more information.

News from the Diocese and Beyond

Vocations

“What do you want Me to do you for you?” What do you ask of the Lord? If you are looking for clarity in your vocation, contact **Father Michael Isenberg** at **703-841-2514**, or email michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.