

# St. Rita Catholic Church



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## November 10, 2024: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### CLERGY AND STAFF

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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

**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**

**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/](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, November 11, 2024

*Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop*

7:00 am James Moorefield †

7:30 pm David Pence †

### Tuesday, November 12, 2024

*Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr*

7:00 am Jon Schnur

### Wednesday, November 13, 2024

*Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*

7:00 am Fr. Denis Donahue

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### Thursday, November 14, 2024

*Thursday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am Felice (D) and Julia Litterio

### Friday, November 15, 2024

*Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

7:00 am Austin and Veronica Simon

7:30 pm Ron McGraw †

### Saturday, November 16, 2024

*Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin*

8:00 am Hannah and Thomas O'Shea †

5:00 pm Viviana Picarello

### Sunday, November 17, 2024

*Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am Evan Schmidt

8:00 am Randy Hart †

11:00 am Missa Pro Populo

1:00 pm Jaime Lemus

*Additional Mass Intentions this Week:*

Brian Foley, Debbie Beck, All Souls in Purgatory †, Livie Dunham

### Lectors Needed

Become a lector and help to spread the Word of God and contribute to our parish. Lectors are needed for all Masses. Scheduling is flexible and training is provided. Please consider volunteering for this ministry. To volunteer, or if you would like more information, please contact **Frank Donahoe** at 703-960-0719 or [fpdonahoe137@gmail.com](mailto:fpdonahoe137@gmail.com).



### Upcoming Second Collections

- November 10: Retirement Fund for Religious
- November 24: Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- November 28: Thanksgiving

Thank you for your continued generosity!

### Parish Office Closed in Observance of Veterans Day

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, November 11**, in observance of Veteran's Day. Please pray for all veterans, living and deceased, who have served our country so generously.



### Bulletin Submissions

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

### Archconfraternity of the Holy Face Today

All are welcome to join us for meeting of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face **today, Sunday, November 10**, at **3:00 pm** in the church. This 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 more about the devotion at <https://hisholyface.com/the-devotion/>.

### Women's Group: "We are a Pilgrim People"

Ladies of St Rita...It's been a long time, but better late than never! Please join other women of our parish for an evening of sisterhood, refreshments, and a talk by our pastor, Fr. Christensen, on **Friday, November 15**, in the Parish Center reception room. We will begin with refreshments and social time at **7:00 pm** and Fr. Christensen's talk will begin at **7:30 pm**. Please feel free to bring a drink, snack, or dessert to share!

### Knights of Columbus Advent Candle Sales

Advent is approaching! To help you prepare, the Knights of Columbus will be selling Advent Candles after all Saturday evening and Sunday Masses on **November 16/17** and **November 30/December 1**. Candles are **\$10** per set of four, and all proceeds benefit diocesan seminarians!



## This Week at St. Rita

### Sunday, November 10, 2024

- 3:00 pm Archconfraternity of the Holy Face
- 6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

### Monday, November 11, 2024

*Parish Office Closed in Observance of Veterans Day  
No Religious Education Classes*

- 5:30 pm Legión de María (en Español)
- 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study

### Tuesday, November 12, 2024

- 7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

### Wednesday, November 13, 2024

- 2:30 pm Homeschool Holy Hour
- 6:00 pm Religious Education Classes
- 6:00 pm Spanish Baptism Class
- 7:30 pm RICA (en Español)
- 8:15 pm St. Rita Young Adults Men's Group
- 8:15 pm St. Rita Young Adults Women's Group

### Thursday, November 14, 2024

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

### Friday, November 15, 2024

- 7:00 pm Vespers
- 7:00 pm Women's Group

### Saturday, November 16, 2024

- Knights of Columbus Advent Candle Sales after 5:00 pm Mass*
- 9:00 am OCIA
- 9:15 am Legion of Mary

### Sunday, November 17, 2024

- Knights of Columbus Candle Sales after All Masses  
Coffee and Donuts after all Masses, beginning with the 8am Mass*
- 5:00 pm Teams of our Lady
- 6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group



**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**.

**Baptism Classes**

The next Spanish Baptism class will take place on **Wednesday, November 13** at **6:00 pm**. English Baptism classes are scheduled on an individual basis with Fr. Schierer. Please contact the parish office for more information or to sign up for a class.



**St. Rita School Open House**



St. Rita School is hosting an Open House on Thursday, **November 21** at **9:00 am**. for all prospective preschool and K-8 families. Our presentations and tours will highlight our Catholic, classical approach to education within a strong community. To RSVP, please visit our website at [saintrita-school.org](http://saintrita-school.org).

**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](mailto:crockwell@saintrita-school.org)  
K-8: **Malia Busekrus** at [mbusekrus@saintrita-school.org](mailto:mbusekrus@saintrita-school.org)

**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:**

Renuka Carlitti, Karen Davidson, J.G.

*If you know of someone who should be on the list, please contact Elizabeth 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, Bob D'Sylva, Mary Gleeson, William C. Haas, Oscar Merino, Aileen Price, Joanne Robertson, Laura Maitre Stevens, George Szele, Rafael Vasquez-Coubert, Raymond Williams, Angela Wilson

**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 [saintritahospitality@gmail.com](mailto:saintritahospitality@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!



**Veterans Day Ceremony Honoring Capt. Rocky Versace**

Join St. Rita American Heritage Girls and other members of the faith community at a Veterans Day Ceremony on **Monday, November 11** to remember former St. Rita parishioner Capt. Rocky Versace, other Fallen Alexandrians who made the ultimate sacrifice, and all Veterans. The Ceremony, including the presentation of Vietnam Era Lapel Pins to qualified Veterans, will take place at **1:00 pm** in the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center adjacent to the Capt. Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans Memorial at **2701 Commonwealth Ave**. For additional information please visit <https://www.virginia.org/event/veterans-day-ceremony-2024/28305/>.

**News from the Diocese and Beyond**

**Solemn Vespers with Bishop Burbidge**

Bishop Burbidge invites you to join him for the celebration of Solemn Vespers to be held in thanksgiving for the naming of six priests of the Diocese of Arlington as "Chaplains to His Holiness" by Pope Francis and bestowing on them the title of Monsignor. Solemn Vespers will be held at the **Cathedral of Saint Thomas More**, Arlington, at **7:00 pm**, on Sunday, November 24, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. All are invited to a dessert reception to follow in Burke Hall. Learn more at [arlingtondiocese.org/event/solemn-vespers-2024](http://arlingtondiocese.org/event/solemn-vespers-2024).

**A Man for All Seasons at Bishop Ireton**

Bishop Ireton High School's Theater Arts Department presents *A Man for All Seasons*, **November 15, 16, 17 and 22** at **7:00 pm**, and **November 23** at **2:00 pm** in **Garwood Whaley Auditorium at Bishop Ireton High School**, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA 22314. Tickets and further information are available at <https://www.bishopireton.org/fine-arts/theater-arts>.

**Volunteers Needed**

**for St. Martin de Porres Senior Center**

The St. Martin de Porres Senior Center provides a variety of services to prevent the isolation of seniors and promote their wellness, happiness, and independence, by providing congregate meals, health screenings, exercise, educational activities, and numerous activities. Many volunteers are need to provide these services. For more information or to volunteer, contact **Maria Mellor** at **703-751-2766** or [maria.mellor@ccda.net](mailto:maria.mellor@ccda.net).

**Vocations**

"Out of her poverty she has put in everything she had." Will you respond with generosity should the Lord choose you for priesthood or the consecrated life? Contact **Father Michael Isenberg** at **703-841-2514**, or email [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org).