



St. Rita Catholic Church

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November 30, 2025: First Sunday of Advent

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Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come...So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." (Mt. 42, 44)

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/.

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

(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

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)

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Monday, December 1, 2025

Monday of the First Week of Advent

7:00 am Celia Wrazen †

7:30 pm Isabella Prettitore

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Tuesday of the First Week of Advent

7:00 am In Honor of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

7:00 am Sylvia Sullivan †

7:30 pm Kerry Huynh

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Fr. Joseph Connor

Friday, December 5, 2025

Friday of the First Week of Advent

7:00 am Eriberto S. Perez †

7:30 pm Louis Piereck de Sa †

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 am Claudio Piereck de Sa †

5:00 pm The President, Vice President, and their
Families

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 am Maddy and Anthony Oliverio

8:00 am Dharmalatha Deheregoda †

11:00 am Missa Pro Populo

1:00 pm Raquel Villagran

Additional Mass Intentions this Week:

Matthew Schnur, Candice Pence, Rosanna Prettitore,
Celebrant's Intention, Brooks Brown

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast Today



St. Rita Knights of Columbus are hosting a pancake breakfast **today, Sunday, November 30,** in the Parish Center, starting after the 8:00 am Mass until after the

11:00 am Mass. The cost is \$10 per person and \$25 per family. This fundraiser will support the work of the Knights of Columbus. Come join us and bring a friend!

Upcoming Second Collections

December 7: Repairs and Replacements
December 8: Immaculate Conception
December 14: Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Bulletin/Newsletter Submissions

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

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción



Mass Schedule Horario de Misas

Lunes/Monday, December 8

7:00 am (English)

6:00 pm (Español)

7:30 pm (English)

No evening Confessions or Adoration.

Please see the flyers in the vestibules or call the Parish Office for the full schedule of Masses.

"The Almighty has done great things for me and Holy is His Name." (Luke 1:49)

"Porque me ha hecho grandes cosas el Poderoso; y santo es su nombre." (Lucas 1:49)

Mañanitas

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Venga a celebrar con nosotros!
Come celebrate with us!

Viernes/Friday, December 12

5:00 am Serenata con Mariachis
seguido de la Santa Misa (Holy Mass)

Después de la misa, únete a nosotros afuera de la iglesia para tomar chocolate caliente y pan dulce.

After Mass, join us outside the church for hot chocolate and sweet bread.

¿No estoy yo aquí que soy tu Madre?
"Am I not here, I, who am your mother?"



This Week at St. Rita

Sunday, November 30, 2025

9:00 am Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

Monday, December 1, 2025

5:30 pm Legión de María (en Español)

6:15 pm Religious Education Classes

7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

2:30 pm Homeschool Holy Hour

6:15 pm Religious Education Classes

Thursday, December 4, 2025

4:00 pm Junior Legion of Mary

6:30 pm High School Youth Ministry

Friday, December 5, 2025

7:00 pm Vespers

Saturday, December 6, 2025

9:00 am OCIA

9:00 am Legion of Mary

Sunday, December 7, 2025

10:30 am St. Nicholas Market

5:30 pm Teams of our Lady

6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

The 5th Annual

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SUNDAY, DEC 7, 2025, 10:30AM-3:30PM

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Lectors Needed

Become a lector and help spread the Word of God and contribute to our parish. Lectors are needed for all English 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 [571-236-8495](tel:571-236-8495) or fpdonahoe137@gmail.com.

Please Pray for These St. Rita Parishioners

For all those discerning Religious Vocations:

Catherine Addington, Daughters of St. Paul; Sr. Giovanna Lamarra, Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles; Br. Nathaniel Labs, Order of Preachers; Mark Martinez, Archdiocese of Santa Fe; Seminarians for the Diocese of Arlington, especially John Murphy and Daniel Usewick

For the Sick in our Parish:

Renuka Carlitti, Josephine Cunningham, Barry Foust, J.G., Jennifer Jacobs, Kimberly Meredith, Constance Richardson, Susan Tracey, Col. Christie Walton

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:

Veronica Abarre, Jose Luis Arranda, Michael Barker, Daniel Lee Beiro, Lee Edwards, John Francis Garrity, III, David Langley, Oscar Merino, Catherine Elizabeth Nugent, John Martin Rice, Jane Rippey, Fermin L. Vilar

First Saturday Pro-Life Rosary



Come join the monthly Pro-Life Rosary on the first Saturdays of the month at the abortion clinic at **2616 Sherwood Hall Lane**. The next First Saturday is **Saturday, December 6**. Plan to be there **a little before 10:00 am**, and we will form a group with the others who are there, and pray the Rosary together. For more

information contact **Rick Strobach** at rick.strobach@gmail.com or **Jay Moret** at felix.moret@gmail.com.



Saint Rita School invites pre-Kindergarten & preschool aged children to our annual Advent event

COOKIES, CAROLS, & CRAFTS

Thursday, December 11, 2025

★ Saint Rita School Hall

Enjoy lunch, crafts, and cookies with our Student Council & presentation by our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Quintanilla

Parent, guardian, or babysitter must remain present!

Registration is required. Please visit saintrita-school.org under Admissions/ Open Houses & Tours



Christmas Tree Sales at our Lady of Lourdes

The St. Rita Knights of Columbus will be joining the Knights at Our Lady of Lourdes to sell Christmas Trees at the Christmas Tree Lot at **Our Lady of Lourdes (830 23rd Street South, Arlington, VA)**. Christmas Tree sales begin on **Saturday, November 29**, and the lot will be open on **Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm**, and on **Tuesdays and Fridays from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**.



Gift for Life Giving Tree



Please consider giving a Gift for Life this Advent season. Take a tag from the Giving Tree in the Russell Road vestibule and support the Gabriel Project Pregnancy Assistance and Project Rachel After Abortion Care ministries. For more information about these ministries, or to donate online, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife.

