



St. Rita Catholic Church

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November 9, 2025: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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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.



The Apse of the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran, the Cathedral Church of Rome. It is the oldest of the Four major papal basilicas, and is Mother and Head of all Churches in Rome and in the World. At the center of the Apse can be seen the Papal Cathedra (or chair).

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, November 10, 2025

Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

- 7:00 am All Souls Novena ☩
- 7:30 pm All Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary ☩

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

- 7:00 am Kevin Shea ☩

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

- 7:00 am Chris and Kristen Lowe
- 7:30 pm In Honor of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, November 13, 2025

Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

- 7:00 am Fr. Denis Donahue

Friday, November 14, 2025

Friday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 am Zeb Knott ☩
- 7:30 pm Collette McMahon

Saturday, November 15, 2025

Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 8:00 am Peter and Mary Ellen Yep
- 5:00 pm The President, Vice President and their Families

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 am Hannah and Thomas O'Shea ☩
- 8:00 am Nate and Beth Kaczmarek
- 11:00 am Missa Pro Populo
- 1:00 pm Liseth Lizano

Additional Mass Intentions this Week:

Matthew Schnur, Becky Hiney, Jon and Elisa Schnur, Santiago Soutuyo ☩

St. Rita Date Night

Whether you've been married for years or are still in the early chapters, or even just dating, join us at **RT's (3804 Mt. Vernon Ave.)** on **Saturday, November 15** from **7:00 - 8:30 pm** for a simple night out, which will create space to strengthen your bond and return home refreshed. More than just dinner, it's an intentional time to invest in one another and be reminded of the gift of community. Scan the QR Code for more information and to register.



The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans' Day.

Upcoming Second Collections

- November 9: Retirement Fund for Religious
- November 23: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

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!

Archconfraternity of the Holy Face Today

All are welcome to join us for the next meeting of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face on **Sunday, November 9**, 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/>.

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AT ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH
3815 RUSSELL ROAD, ALEXANDRIA

ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9

4:30 - 6:30 PM



REGISTER
HERE
(FREE!)

4:30 PM: EVENSONG (SUNG VESPERS) IN THE CHURCH WITH FR. WOODALL OF THE ORDINARIATE OF THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER

5:15 PM: DR. WHALEN OF HILLSDALE COLLEGE ON THE ENDURING RELEVANCE OF ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN IN MODERN CHURCH AND CULTURE, IN THE SCHOOL HALL

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

This Week at St. Rita

Sunday, November 9, 2025

- 8:30 am St. Rita School Book Fair
- 3:00 pm Archconfraternity of the Holy Face
- 4:30 pm Evensong and Lecture on St. John Henry Newman
- 6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

Monday, November 10, 2025

- 5:30 pm Legión de María (en Español)
- 6:15 pm Religious Education Classes
- 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

- Parish Office Closed in Observance of Veterans' Day*
- 7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

- 2:30 pm Homeschool Holy Hour
- 6:00 pm Spanish Baptism Class
- 6:15 pm Religious Education Classes

Thursday, November 13, 2025

- 4:00 pm Junior Legion of Mary
- 6:30 pm High School Youth Ministry

Friday, November 14, 2025

- 7:00 pm Vespers
- 7:30 pm Men's Fellowship

Saturday, November 15, 2025

- 9:00 am OCIA
- 9:00 am Legion of Mary
- 6:30 pm Teams of our Lady

Sunday, November 16, 2025

- Coffee and Donuts after all Masses beginning with the 8am Mass*
- American Heritage Girls Wreaths Across America Sales*
- 5:00 pm Teams of our Lady
- 6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

DOMINGO, 16 DE NOVIEMBRE

TOUR POR LA ESCUELA Santa Rita

Hora: 2:00pm - 3:00pm
(justo después de la Misa)

Estamos invitando a las familias de la iglesia a un recorrido por nuestra escuela. La información se estará proporcionando en español.

Ven a conocer todo lo que la escuela tiene para ofrecer.

Vive la experiencia de nuestra acogedora comunidad y conoce nuestro compromiso con la fe y la excelencia académica así como el porqué de nuestra misión: "El alma de la educación es la educación del alma."

La señorita Lizano estará afuera después de misa el 9 de Noviembre si desea registrarse para poder asistir.

Lo invitamos a nuestra celebración en honor a la Reina de la Paz, Patrona de El Salvador.



El Viernes 21 de Noviembre del 2025

En la iglesia de Santa Rita

7:00 pm - Procesión con los niños

7:30 pm - Santa Misa.

(Por favor vestir a los niños de blanco o trajes típicos)

Después de la misa tendremos chocolate caliente y pan en el Salón de la escuela.



★ Please visit our table during ★
Donut Sunday, **November 16.**



**Help St Rita American Heritage Girls
honor local heroes!**

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a
veteran's grave this December at Alexandria
National Cemetery

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or
visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/VA0710P



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ST. RITA SCHOOL
PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES
OPEN HOUSE

K-8TH GRADE- NOVEMBER 18, 2025

PRESCHOOL- NOVEMBER 20, 2025

Catholic / Classical / Community

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JOIN US FOR PRESENTATIONS AND
TOURS OF OUR PRESCHOOL & K-8
PROGRAMS



Registration required



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Baptism Classes

The next Spanish Baptism class will take place on **Wednesday, November 12 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.

As the Diocesan Week of Service begins, thank you, generous people of St. Rita Parish and School for your donations of clothing. Our neighbors in physical need will be able to "shop" for free clothes on Saturday, November 15th. In serving them with charity, we also are fulfilling Bishop Burbidge's charge of "Love in Action through Service in Community". This is the prayer he has asked to be prayed this week.



Coffee and Donuts Next Sunday

Join us for Coffee and Donuts in the School Hall on **Sunday, November 16**, after all Masses, starting after the 8:00 am Mass.

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 Uswick

For the Sick in our Parish:

Veronica Abarre, 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:

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 Rippy, Fermin L. Vilar

Veteran's Day Ceremony Honoring Rocky Versace

Join St. Rita American Heritage Girls and other members of the faith community at a Veterans Day Ceremony on **Tuesday, 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-2025/36414/>.

St. Rita Men's Fellowship Meeting

The St. Rita Men's Fellowship will meet on **Friday, November 14**, at **7:30 pm** in the school courtyard, weather permitting, and in the Parish Center (enter through the back) if it rains. Please join us for prayer, conversation, and "manly solidarity" under our patron, St. Joseph, "Glory of family life." Bring a chair, cold beverages and food or snacks to share, and your rosary! Please contact **Rick Strobach** at rick.strobach@gmail.com for more information. New and past members are always welcome! *Sancte Joseph, ora pro nobis!*



St. Rita School 5K and Fun Run

The St. Rita School 5K and 1K Fun Run will be held on **Saturday, November 15**, at **8:00 am** behind **George Washington Middle School**. For registration and event details, see www.StRita5K.com. All are welcome to participate and support St. Rita School while enjoying a fun-filled morning of fitness and autumn weather!

Evening Mass on Friday, November 21

The **7:30 pm Mass** on **Friday, November 21** will be in Spanish for the celebration of La Reina de la Paz, Patroness of El Salvador. All are welcome to join the Hispanic community for this celebration which will begin at **7:00 pm** with a procession of children dressed in white, or in traditional Salvadorian attire. After Mass, there will be tamales, hot chocolate and sweet bread in the School Hall to continue the celebration.

Please note that there will be no Vespers on Friday, November 21. Confessions will take place, as usual, at 6:30 pm.

