



St. Rita Catholic Church

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June 28, 2026: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Mt. 10:38-39)

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)

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday - Thursday: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Friday: 8:00 pm - 8:00 am (Saturday)

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Monday, June 29, 2026

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

7:00 am John and Veronica Abarre †

7:30 pm Jack Peter Goitiandia, Jr. †

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

7:00 am Jon and Elisa Schnur

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

7:00 am Gunlock Family

7:30 pm Marcel and Lauren Pryor

Thursday, July 2, 2026

Thursday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Ann Duryea Greenleese †

Friday, July 3, 2026

Saint Thomas, Apostle

7:00 am Abie Jackson †

7:30 pm Christina Hart

Saturday, July 4, 2026

Independence Day

8:00 am Miguel A. Reyes, Sr.

5:00 pm Frank and Alice Walsh †

Sunday, July 5, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Miguel A. Reyes, Sr.

8:00 am Rory O'Donnell

11:00 am Missa Pro Populo

1:00 pm Carmen Baires

Additional Mass Intentions this Week:

Judy McFarlane, John and Veronica Abarre †, James and Beatrice Kupfer †

Offertory Counters Needed

The Offertory Counters have the important job of counting the weekly Sunday collections. Volunteering is low-commitment and only requires meeting once a month. If you are interested in volunteering as an offertory counter, please contact Jill Bender at nymeetsva@yahoo.com.

2026-2027 Homeschool Atrium Aides Needed



We are looking for aides for our Wednesday afternoon Homeschool Atrium. Aides do not need to have prior experience, but will need to complete VIRTUS certification. For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Elizabeth Vail at evail.strita@gmail.com.

Upcoming Second Collections

June 28: Peter's Pence Collection
July 5: Repairs and Replacements

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!

4th of July Schedule



8:00 am Mass in English

8:30 am Confessions

4:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

There will be no 7:00 pm Confessions on the 4th of July.

Vocations Crucifix

All parishioners are invited to host the St. Rita Vocations Crucifix for one week this year. Hosting the vocations crucifix is a wonderful way to deepen your family's prayer life, while praying for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. More information is available on the Sign-Up Genius, available online at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AA5AF22A2F5CF8-64506456-vocations#, or by scanning the QR Code. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Karen Mah-Chamberlain at mahcham@gmail.com. She will also be available after Masses on Sunday, June 28, to answer any questions.



"May the Holy Spirit make the entire Church a praying people who raise their voices to the Heavenly Father to implore holy vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life."

Pope St. John Paul II, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, May 2, 2004

This Week at St. Rita

Sunday, June 28, 2026

10:30 am St. Rita Young Adult Brunch
4:30 pm Solemn Vespers followed by Reception
6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

Monday, June 29, 2026

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

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

6:30 pm Legion of Mary

Thursday, July 2, 2026

No events scheduled

Friday, July 3, 2026

No events scheduled

Saturday, July 4, 2026

No 7:00 pm Confessions

6:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult Group

Sunday, July 5, 2026

4:30 pm Solemn Vespers followed by Reception
6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

Sung Vespers

4:30 PM

Followed by a Welcome Reception for:

FR. WILL NYCE *and* FR. NOAH MOREY



*Sunday, June 28
First Vespers of the
Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul*



*Sunday, July 5
Vespers of the Fourteenth
Sunday in Ordinary Time*

INTO THE DEEP



Save the Date for Vacation Bible School
Monday – Friday, August 3rd–7th, 2026
8:45am – 12pm in the St. Rita School Hall
Open to all rising 1st to 6th graders

Registration opens Friday, May 1

Registration forms will be available in the vestibules and online
at <https://stritaalexandria.com/vacation-bible-school/>

St. Rita High School Youth Ministry

Summer Schedule

July

18th – Trip to the Museum of the Bible (sign up only)

29th – Diocesan King's Dominion Day (sign up only)

August

3-7th – Vacation Bible School (sign up to volunteer)

21st – Summer Friday in the Convent from 7-9pm

September

4th – Summer Friday in the Convent from 7-9pm

24th – First Thursday Night YM of the 2026-2027 Year

for all 'sign up only' events please contact
mgoitiandia.strita@gmail.com or see flyers / forms in the vestibule





Faith & Science

FROM WONDER TO HUMAN GENIUS

August 8, 2026

Conference with Optional 3-Day VIP Experience

In a culture that insists belief and reason are enemies, Catholics are left with confusion, compromise, or silence. But the Church has always known better.

Join Christendom College for a weekend of intellectual renewal as leading Catholic scientists, philosophers, and theologians explore the profound harmony between faith and science — and show how human genius, rightly ordered, serves truth, culture, and the dignity of the human person.



FEATURING STEPHEN BARR, REV. TADEUSZ PACHOLCZYK,
HARRISON SCHMITT, DAVID DEAVEL, GEORGE HARNE, AND MORE

View speaker bios and ticket info at
conference.christendom.edu
or scan the code to register.



St. Rita High School Youth Ministry trip to the



museum of the Bible

Saturday, July 18th | 9am-3pm

Our High School Youth Ministry will be taking a trip to the Museum of the Bible on Saturday, July 18th. To sign up, please fill out the permission form by scanning the QR Code and return it to the Parish Office or email it to mgoitiandia.strita@gmail.com.

The cost of the trip is covered but please consider making a donation in order to keep the Youth Ministry program accessible to all participants.



Volunteers Needed for St. Rita Middle School Ministry

The St. Rita Middle School Ministry is seeking male and female volunteers to help run our boys and girls middle school small groups. The small groups meet once a month during the school year (different nights for boys/girls) on a **Wednesday** evening from **6:00 - 7:30 pm** in the St. Rita Convent for dinner, discussions, and fellowship. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please fill out the following form by going to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfm3myHr4fyLQYmVEYIBP2eH57oT61wLOg70hVfE2QV2ZC3ew/viewform> or scanning the QR Code.



Peter, the Apostle, and Paul, the Doctor of the nations, these have taught us Thy law, O Lord!

Please Pray for These St. Rita Parishioners

For all those discerning Religious Vocations:

Sr. Catherine Lucia Phoebe 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:

Judy Burke, Renuka Carlitti, Brad Chester, Josephine Cunningham, Alex Deeds, Barry Foust, Julie Gunlock, Jennifer Jacobs, Kimberly Meredith, Constance Richardson, Hayden Ruffin, 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, Celia Coletto, Gary Culpeper, Rosemary Guida, Shirley Indelicato, Mickey Kimball, David Langley, Oscar Merino, Fr. Martin McGuill, Catherine Elizabeth Nugent, Jane Rippy

Vespers Update

Beginning on **Sunday, June 28**, St. Rita will celebrate sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) every Sunday at **4:30 pm** in the Church, in lieu of our current Friday evening Vespers. Our first two Sundays, June 28 and July 5, will also serve as an opportunity to meet and greet our new priests, Fr. Will Nyce and Fr. Noah Morey (Vocations Director), and so we'll have a small social in the school hall and playground afterwards. The main reason for the shift from Friday to Sunday, however, is an attempt to speed up our Confession lines. Moving Vespers to Sunday allows us to add a second priest in the Confessional on Fridays (beginning June 26), with the goal of finishing Confessions by 7:30 pm when Mass begins. Beginning Monday, June 29, we'll also add a second priest in the Confessional on Mondays, with the same goal. For more information, please scan the QR Code or visit <https://stritaalexandria.com/june-21-2026/>.



First Saturday Pro-Life Rosary

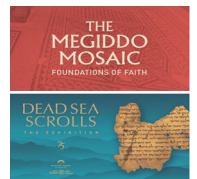


Come join the monthly Pro-Life Rosary on the first Saturdays of the month at the abortion clinic at **2616 Sherwood Hall Lane**. The next First Saturday is **Saturday, July 4**. Plan to be there **a little before 10:00 am**, and we will form a group with the others who are there, and pray the Rosary together. For more information contact **Rick Strobach** at rick.strobach@gmail.com or **Jay Moret** at felix.moret@gmail.com.

News from the Diocese and Beyond

Museum of the Bible Exhibit

Museum of the Bible invites you to a once in a lifetime faith experience to view two ancient Biblical exhibits at once: The Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibition and The Megiddo Mosaic. Parishioners in groups of 10 and greater may use the code "CATH26" to receive an exclusive 50% admissions discount. Please contact Customer Service at **866-430-MOTB (6682)** or contact **Jacqueline Schleppenbach** at Jacqueline.Schleppenbach@mbible.org for booking assistance and help with logistics and planning. Plan your visit to Museum of the Bible located at 400 4th St. SW Washington, DC 20024 today!



Chesterton Academy of Christ the King

Chesterton Academy of Christ the King will be opening at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Alexandria this fall. Chesterton high schools have a strong Catholic identity anchored in daily school Mass, a rigorous classical curriculum, screen-free discussion-based learning, and affordable tuition. Our 2026-2027 tuition rate of \$13,900 will be locked in for our founding families, and need-based financial aid is available. Interested students and their families are invited to learn more about the school while enjoying afternoons of ice cream and fellowship on our campus at monthly "Sundaes on Sundays" events throughout the spring and summer. Visit Chesterton-ChristTheKing.org to learn more, RSVP for our next event, and to apply.