

St. Rita Catholic Church

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November 1, 2026: All Saints

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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 or to schedule Baptism. 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.



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

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)

SOLEMN VESPERS

Sunday: 4:30 pm

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Monday, November 2, 2026
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
7:00 am — All Souls Novena ✞
5:15 pm — Thana Dixon ✞
7:30 pm *(en Español)* — Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary ✞

Tuesday, November 3, 2026
Saint Martin de Porres, Religious
7:00 am — All Souls Novena ✞

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
7:00 am — All Souls Novena ✞
7:30 pm — George Giammittorio ✞

Thursday, November 5, 2026
Thursday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time
7:00 am — All Souls Novena ✞

Friday, November 6, 2026
Friday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time
7:00 am — All Souls Novena ✞
7:30 pm — Aldo Canestrari ✞

Saturday, November 7, 2026
Saturday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time
8:00 am — All Souls Novena ✞
5:00 pm — Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary ✞

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am — All Souls Novena ✞
8:00 am — Fernando Noe Ramirez, Sr. ✞
9:15 am — Alfredo Perez Lodares ✞
11:00 am — Missa Pro Populo
1:00 pm — Andre Lopez

Additional Mass Intentions this Week:
Charles Kabore ✞, Katie Paparella ✞, Becca Lynch, Joseph and Mary Gorczyca ✞

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, November 7**. 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**.

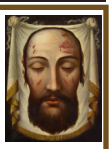
Plenary Indulgence for the Faithful Departed

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).

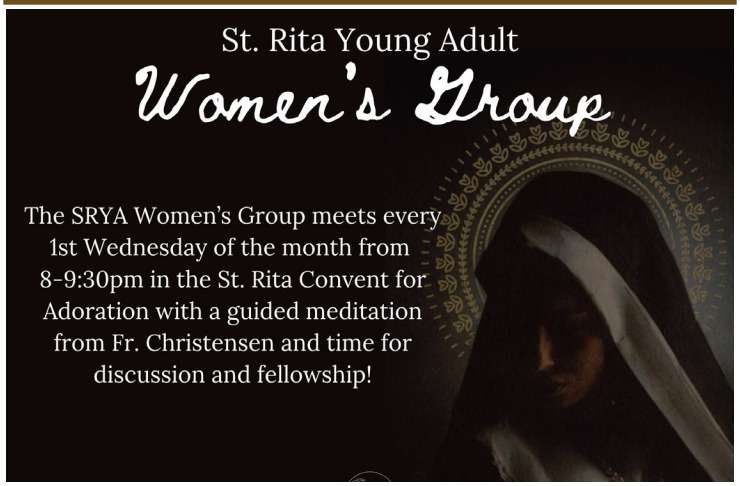
Bulletin/Newsletter Submissions

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 8**, at **3:45 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/**.



Upcoming Second Collections

November 1: Repairs and Replacements
November 1: All Saints' Day
November 2: All Souls' Day
November 8: Retirement Fund for Religious

This Week at St. Rita

Sunday, November 1, 2026
2:00 pm — Ritual de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos
4:30 pm — Solemn Vespers
6:00 pm — Hispanic Prayer Group

Monday, November 2, 2026
5:30 pm — Legión de María (en Español)
7:00 pm — Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, November 3, 2026
7:00 pm — Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
2:30 pm — Homeschool Holy Hour
6:30 pm — Legion of Mary
8:00 pm — St. Rita Young Adult Women's Group

Thursday, November 5, 2026
4:00 pm — Junior Legion of Mary
6:30 pm — High School Youth Ministry

Friday, November 6, 2026
No scheduled events

Saturday, November 7, 2026
10:00 am — Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
6:30 pm — Hispanic Young Adult Group

Sunday, November 8, 2026
2:00 pm — Ritual de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos
3:45 pm — Archconfraternity of the Holy Face
4:30 pm — Solemn Vespers
6:00 pm — Hispanic Prayer Group

All Souls' Day - Monday, November 2
Día de Todos los Difuntos - Lunes, 2 de Noviembre

7:00 am **English**

5:15 pm **English**

7:30 pm **en Español**

Please see the flyers in the bulletin or call the Parish Office at 703-836-1640 for the full schedule of Masses.

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 for the All Souls' Collection in the collection basket, or bring it to the Parish Office. You may also write the names of your loved ones on the slips of paper provided in the Russell Road vestibule and place them in the basket in the vestibule.

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 de la colecta de los difuntos en la canasta o tráigalo a la Oficina Parroquial. También puede escribir los nombres de sus seres queridos en los trozos de papel que se encuentran en el vestíbulo de Russell Road y colocarlos en la canasta que hay allí.

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.

THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE & MARRIAGE

calls for a consistent, universal response from Catholics to protect and preserve objective goods by which God blesses humanity.

As Catholics, we vote no on these ballot measures:

◯ YES ● NO BALLOT 1: "Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment"

- Eliminates common-sense health and safety regulations
- Allows unregulated abortion even for healthy babies up to birth for any reason with no limits
- Pushes parents out of irreversible, life-altering decisions involving their underage daughters
- Encourages even non-physicians to operate unlicensed abortion businesses

◯ YES ● NO BALLOT 2: "Virginia Remove Constitutional Same-Sex Marriage Ban Amendment"

- Enshrines radical gender ideology through "sex" and "gender" language
- Conscience rights and religious liberty protections would be effectively denied
- Commercial surrogacy would continue to exploit vulnerable women and violate the rights of children

CATHOLICS VOTE NO

LA PROTECCIÓN DE LA VIDA HUMANA Y DEL MATRIMONIO

exige una respuesta coherente y universal por parte de los católicos para proteger y preservar los bienes objetivos con los que Dios bendice a la humanidad.

Como católicos, votamos no a estas medidas electorales:

◯ SI ● NO 1: «Enmienda de Virginia sobre el Derecho a la Libertad Reproductiva»

- Elimina las regulaciones de salud y seguridad basadas en el sentido común
- Permite el aborto sin regulación, incluso de bebés sanos hasta el momento del nacimiento, por cualquier motivo y sin límites
- Excluye a los padres de decisiones irreversibles que cambian la vida y que involucran a sus hijas menores de edad
- Permite incluso que personas que no son médicos operen negocios de aborto sin licencia

◯ SI ● NO 2: «Enmienda de Virginia para Eliminar la Prohibición Constitucional del Matrimonio entre Personas del Mismo Sexo»

- Consagra una ideología de género radical mediante el uso del lenguaje de "sexo" y "género".
- Los derechos de conciencia y las protecciones de la libertad religiosa quedarían, en la práctica, anulados.
- La gestación subrogada comercial continuaría explotando a mujeres vulnerables y vulnerando los derechos de los niños.

CATÓLICOS VOTAN NO



St. Rita Parish and School are participating in the Diocesan Week of Service
"Love in Action - Service in Community"

FALL / WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

fall or winter new and gently used men/women/ children clothing

- undergarments
- costumes
- tattered clothing

CLOTHING COLLECTION

- Before and after Oct 31/Nov 1 Masses and Nov 7-8 Masses
- during the week of Nov 2-10

Boxes will be at each church entrance

Monetary Donations:

DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, November 14, 9 am-2 pm, in the School Hall

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Please Pray for These St. Rita Parishioners

For all those discerning Religious Vocations:

Sr. Catherine Lucia Phoebe Addington, Daughters of St. Paul; Hannah Hermann, Postulant, Daughters of St. Paul; Br. Nathaniel Labs, Order of Preachers; Sr. Giovanna Lamarra, Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles; 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, Constance Richardson, Douglas Taylor

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, Jorge Roberto Chavarria, Celia Coleto, Gary Culpeper, Barry Foust, Rosemary Guida, Shirley Indelicato, Mickey Kimball, Oscar Merino, Fr. Martin McGuill, Charles Stulb

Vocation Awareness Week - Called to Become Saints!

Today, on the Solemnity of All Saints, we begin National Vocation Awareness Week—a special time to focus on vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, and to help young people listen for God's call. This year we also celebrate the Year of St. Francis, whose life reminds us that holiness begins by listening to Christ and responding generously. God calls each of us to holiness, but He leads us there along different paths. Our vocation is more than what we do; it is the particular way God calls us to love, serve, and ultimately become saints. During Vocation Awareness Week, ask the Lord to help you live your own vocation more faithfully—and encourage the young people in your life to ask a simple question with an open heart: "Lord, how are you calling me to become a saint?" Another great way to foster vocations is to sign up to host the parish Vocations Crucifix and spend a week praying together as a family for vocations. Scan the QR Code to sign up!

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 **Wednesday, November 11** to remember former St. Rita parishioner Capt. Rocky Versace, other Fallen Alexandrians who made the ultimate sacrifice, and all Veterans in attendance. The highlight of this year's ceremony will be a Pearl Harbor Rememberance. The Ceremony, 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-2026/41317/**, or scan the QR Code.

St. Rita Knights of Columbus Advent Candle Sales



The St. Rita Knights of Columbus will be selling Advent Candles in front of the church after all Sunday Masses on the weekends of **November 14-15** and **November 28-29**. Advent Candles are **$10** per set, and all proceeds will benefit St. Rita's Seminarians.

News from the Diocese and Beyond

Chesterton Academy of Christ the King Open House

Discover Chesterton Academy of Christ the King, a classical high school in the Catholic tradition dedicated to forming students in faith, reason, virtue, and truth. Join us for our Fall Open House on **Saturday, November 7** from **3:00–4:30 pm** on our campus at **Saint Lawrence Church in Alexandria**. Families are invited to learn more about the school, meet members of the faculty, and see what makes a Chesterton education truly special. To RSVP scan the QR Code, or visit our website at **Chesterton-ChristTheKing.org**.

St. Jerome Institute of Northern Virginia Open House

Come and see the St. Jerome Institute of Northern Virginia! A new high school in Falls Church, we prioritize seminar-style classrooms; an integrated Catholic curriculum; low-tech learning; and cultivating friendships, joy, and wonder. Bring your questions to our Open House on **Saturday, November 14**, from **3:00–5:00 pm**, and enjoy refreshments, a seminar demonstration for parents, and a seminar sample for students! For more information about the St. Jerome Institute, please visit **https://www.stjeromeinstitute.org/nova**.