

St. Rita Catholic Church

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November 15, 2026: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

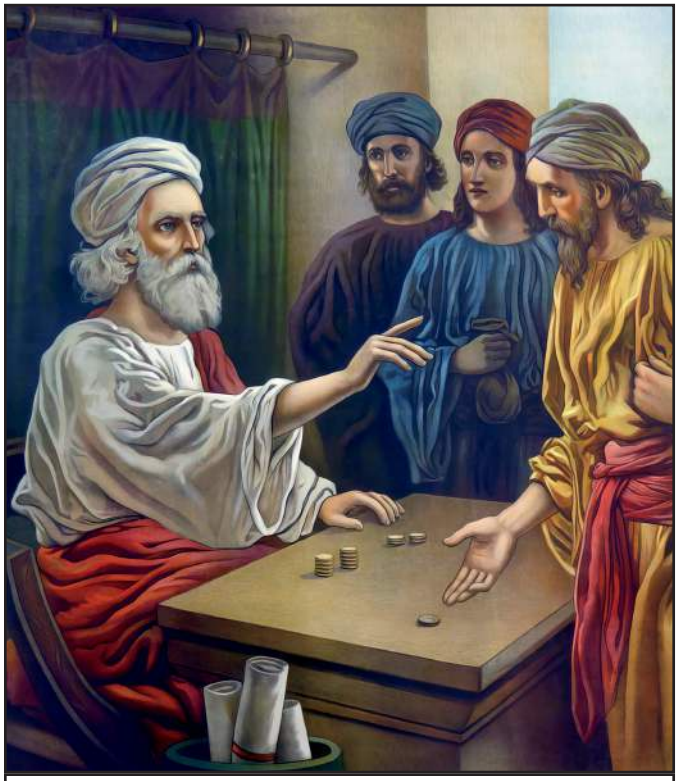
Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements to attend a Baptism preparation class or to schedule Baptism. Please note that it is possible for expectant parents to attend the preparation class before the birth of their child.

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.



"His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten.'" (Matthew 25: 26-28)

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 16, 2026
Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin
7:00 am — Martin Sanon ✞
7:30 pm — Donald Ainsworth, Sr. ✞

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
7:00 am — Justin Mascari

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
7:00 am — Ronald Rigey ✞
7:30 pm — Thomas Michael Christian ✞

Thursday, November 19, 2026
Thursday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time
7:00 am — Fr. Nicholas Schierer

Friday, November 20, 2026
Friday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time
7:00 am — Joshua Harmer
7:30 pm — Leola Hronek ✞

Saturday, November 21, 2026
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am — Jeannine Mantz
2:00 pm *(en Español)* — Celebrant's Intention
5:00 pm — Norka Miller

Sunday, November 22, 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
7:00 am — Angie Marks and Laura Durel
8:00 am — Randy Hart ✞
11:00 am — Missa Pro Populo
1:00 pm — Roberto Reyes

Additional Mass Intentions this Week:
Sarah Miller, Candice Pence, Marilyn McGill ✞, The President

Coffee and Donuts Today

Join us for Coffee and Donuts on **Sunday, November 15**, in the School Hall, after all Masses, starting after the 8:00 am Mass.

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

Thursday, November 26, 2026

8:30 am English Mass with Music

Please see the flyers in the vestibules or call the parish office for the full schedule of Masses.

There will be no 7:00 am or 7:30 pm Mass, no Adoration, and no Confessions on Thanksgiving Day

Proceeds received from the Thanksgiving Collection will go to the Poor Box to help our neighbors in need.

Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.

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!

Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting

Men of St. Rita age 18 and up are invited to attend the Knights of Columbus regular meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at **7:45 pm** in the Parish Center. The next meeting will be **November 18**. Join us in our quest to work for Charity, Unity, and Fraternity at our parish and in our families. We are a service organization of "Practical Catholic Gentlemen." For information, contact **Ray McGowan**, Deputy Grand Knight, at **raymcgowan@gmail.com** —or just stop by our meeting!

Women's Group Meeting

Dear Women of St. Rita—Come join other parish women as we gather to pray, visit, and explore our Faith with special guest Fr. Noah Morey, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Arlington! We will gather in the Parish Center on **Friday, November 20**, from **7:00 - 8:30 pm**, with refreshments, conversation, and a Rosary at 7:30 pm. After the Rosary Fr. Morey will speak, helping us to prepare for Advent. Hope to see you there!

Rites of Entrance and Welcoming for Coming Converts

Come and support our new Catechumens and Candidates for Confirmation in the rites of Entrance and Welcoming. This short ceremony will take place during Vespers on **Sunday, November 22** at **4:30 pm**. We will have a small reception afterwards for all who attend. Come and support these adults who are on the path towards baptism and full communion in the Catholic Church!

This Week at St. Rita

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Coffee and Donuts after all Masses, starting after the 8am Mass
2:00 pm — Ritual de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos
4:30 pm — Solemn Vespers
6:00 pm — Hispanic Prayer Group

Monday, November 16, 2026
5:30 pm — Legión de María (en Español)
6:15 pm — Religious Education Classes
7:00 pm — Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
7:00 pm — Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
2:30 pm — Homeschool Holy Hour
6:30 pm — Legion of Mary
6:15 pm — Religious Education Classes
7:45 pm — Knights of Columbus Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2026
4:00 pm — Junior Legion of Mary
6:30 pm — High School Youth Ministry

Friday, November 20, 2026
7:30 pm — Women's Group

Saturday, November 21, 2026
10:00 am — Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
1:20 pm — Rosario y Santa Misa en honor de la Reina de la Paz
6:30 pm — Hispanic Young Adult Group

Sunday, November 22, 2026
10:30 am — St. Rita Young Adult Brunch
2:00 pm — Ritual de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos
4:30 pm — Solemn Vespers and Rites of Entrance and Welcoming for Candidates and Catechumens
6:00 pm — Hispanic Prayer Group

The St. Rita Knights of Columbus

Advent Candles

Available **after all Sunday Masses** in front of the church:

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



El Sábado 21 de Noviembre del 2026

En la iglesia de Santa Rita

1:20 pm - Rezo del Santo Rosario

2:00 pm - Santa Misa

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

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Upcoming Second Collections

November 22: Catholic Campaign for Human Development
November 26: Thanksgiving

Thank you for your continued generosity!

October 2026 Collections

Regular Offertory:	$36,965
Parish Giving Offertory:	$65,616
Repairs & Replacements:	$3,135
Parish Giving Repairs & Replacements:	$6,154
Poor Box:	$2,934
Parish Giving Poor Box:	$4,291

Change in Mass Times, Starting Sunday, November 29

Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent (**Sunday, November 29**), our 9:15 am Extraordinary Form Mass will move to **9:30 am**, and our 11:00 am English Mass will move to **11:15 am**. All other Mass times will remain the same.

We have had a wonderful increase in attendance over the last year, approximately 200 more people each weekend! And so, the goal is to give a little more space between the morning Masses. We are unable to move other Mass times later because of parking restrictions at the Birchmere. Thank you for your flexibility, your patience, and your understanding! Please keep praying for St. Rita Parish!

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (Feast: November 18)



St. Rose Philippine Duchesne was born in France, where she entered the Religious of the Sacred Heart. Longing for the missionary life, she came to the United States in 1818, opening 6 Catholic schools. At the age of 72, she went to Kansas to help open a school for Potawotami girls. The Potawotami, inspired by her spirit of prayer, gave her the name Quah-kah-ka-num-ad, which means "Woman-Who-Prays-Always."

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

Vocations Crucifix



Spend a week praying together for more men and women from our parish community to hear God's call to join the priesthood and religious life.

Sign up for a Wednesday to pick-up the crucifix from the Church Office

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AA5AF22A2F5CF8-64506456-vocations#/

Contact Karen Mah-Chamberlain with questions
mahcham@gmail.com - 571-347-0306

Legion of Mary



The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolate whose members are dedicated to serving the Church through prayer and apostolic works, under the leadership of our Lady. The English Adult Legion group meets on **Wednesdays** at **6:30 pm** in the Parish Center conference room.

Junior Legion

The Junior Legion of Mary, open to children in grade 3 and higher, meets on **Thursdays** at **4:00 pm** during the school year. They visit Alexandria Rehab Center as their work.

For more information, or if you are interested in joining in the work of the Legion of Mary, please contact **Vivian Moran** at **vivian.b.moran @gmail.com** or call or text her at **(703) 888-8196**.

Birchmere Parking Rules

The Birchmere at 3701 Mount Vernon Avenue has graciously allowed St. Rita 100% free use of their parking lot during our Masses on Sunday. Please see the rules below.

****The lot is available for St. Rita use on Sundays from 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM ONLY.****

****Please use only the front portion of the lot.****

****Signs will be posted on St. Rita property indicating that the Birchmere lot is available. If signs are not posted, please do NOT use the Birchmere lot.****

****Please vacate the Birchmere lot by 2:30 PM.****
They have evening events for which they need to prepare.

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