



St. Rita of Cascia

A Catholic Faith Community Since 1908

MARCH 12, 2017

MASS TIMES

SUNDAYS: Sat. 5:30 pm (Vigil), 7:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

WEEKDAYS: Mon., Tues., Fri. and Sat. 8 am
(Wed. & Thurs. 8 am Communion Service)

HOLY DAYS: (eve of) 5:30 pm; (day of) 8 am & 6:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confession) Saturdays 4 – 5 pm or by appointment

DEVOTIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Saturday 7:50 am

ADORATION

First Friday 8:30 am – 5 pm, Rectory Oratory

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Deacon Manuel Valencia • Deacon John Hull

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Susan Day: 355-3835

Sacristans:

Sat. 5:30 pm: Gary Fidone

Sun. 7:30 am: Bill Cosso/David Banis;

Sun. 10:00 am: David Muhs/Paula Garavaglia/Terri Eliassen;

Sun. 12:00 pm: Bernie Grace

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Let Saint Rita Be There For You . . .

Communion for Sick and Homebound Parishioners

St. Rita Eucharistic Ministers provide Communion home visits. Contact the Parish Office • 355.1292 or Jill Muhs • 355.9810 • em@st-rita.org

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify us (355.1292) for the Anointing of the Sick, the sacrament intended for the seriously ill or dying and Our Lord's special presence and companionship in serious time of need. Anointing may take place in the home, at the hospital or elsewhere and as often as once a month. If someone should die without anointing, remember that the desire to receive is sufficient.

If You Should Experience the Loss of a Loved One, Please Call Us at 355.1292

If you feel you will be in need, or your loved one has passed, we will assist in making arrangements with your chosen funeral director; refer you to our Bereavement Ministry and Music Ministry; and offer you helpful guidelines that will aid in the selection of readings for a Mass or Memorial Service. We know this can be a tough time and we want you to know that your parish is here for you. **PLEASE UNDERSTAND** we only have one resident priest; sometimes arrangements for another priest may be needed.

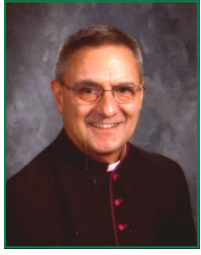
✘ For Information Regarding These Sacraments ✘

Baptism—Please contact the Parish Office for further information on the Baptism process and requirements.

Reconciliation and First Eucharist—Preparation for children who have attained the age of reason (usually during 2nd grade) is arranged either through the Office of Religious Education or St. Rita Elementary School.

Matrimony—Contact the Parish Office upon engagement; at least six months is needed for preparation of this joyous sacrament!

Confirmation—A two-year program for freshman/sophomore age teens. Apply through the Office of Youth Ministry.



REV. MSGR. RICHARD KREKELBERG

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

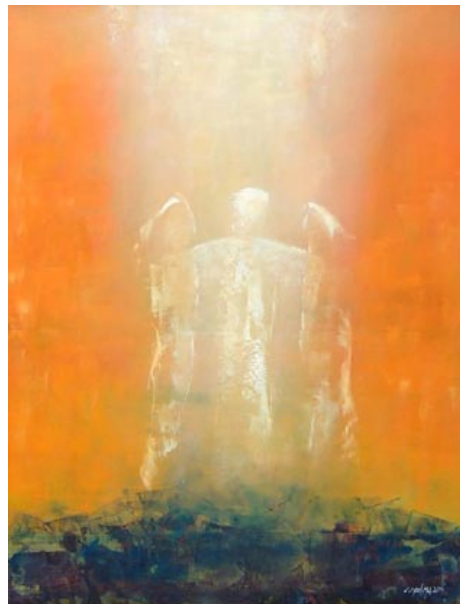
TELEVISION TO NO MAN!

This was the quote of a comedian to claim that the bible had certainly outlawed the “boob tube.” Well, even though some might have their own reasons for wishing that the quote were accurate, we must report: NOT! It is of course today’s gospel account of the Transfiguration from Matthew that provided the comedian’s material. Far more importantly and for our Lenten journey, Jesus’ instruction to Peter, James, and John, **“Tell the vision to no one,”** demonstrates that our special and personal encounters and experiences of the Lord’s presence in our lives are to be kept just that—special and personal.

Approved: Lenten Selfishness

The effort that we make individually and personally during the remaining 29 days of Lent is not a selfish business. Whatever we commit ourselves to in terms of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer is meant to convert us, help us to become better people, and encourage us to become instruments of God’s kingdom now, at this time, and on this Earth. This could only benefit and bless the people we live with, work with, and journey with to the Father. When

your child is obviously enjoying you more or you are experiencing better communication and understanding with your teenager, or when



loneliness becomes blessed solitude, the Lenten brand of selfishness will only be cause for gratitude and celebration.

Depending on the level of change and conversion needed in our lives, surrendering to Lent personally can also be a risky business, maybe even frightening. Trust is needed. Abram’s being asked to pack up and move out “to a land I will eventually show you” certainly required

enormous trust. Paul assures us we have grounds for trusting in God’s mission for us as he explains that we can do the scary thing — **“Bear your share of hardship for the Gospel”** — when he adds, **“With the strength that comes from God.”** It’s the old thing: God will not ask of us what God will not also provide the grace to accomplish. The Transfiguration was also provided to Peter, James, and John to build their confidence in Jesus who would indeed require much of them. Jesus appears with Moses of the Law and Elijah of the Prophets—what’s not to trust?

No doubt today’s readings are evidence that we would do well as we journey, to rely not only on the daily bread we need (not too much fasting there, only fasting in moderation), but on all the words that come from the mouth of God. Giving God quality time will surely pay off both in a clearer understanding of what God is sending us on a mission to do and in adding confidence to our purpose by way of a stronger relationship to Him.

—Msgr. Richard

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

8:00 AM Manuel Batista RIP
 5:30 PM For All Parishioners

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

7:30 AM Linda Skograno RIP
 10:00 AM David Humphrey INT
 12 NOON Jerry Lauricella RIP

MONDAY, MARCH 13

8:00 AM Mary Ellen Isoard RIP

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

8:00 AM Sixta T. Arban RIP

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 AM Communion Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

8:00 AM Communion Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

8:00 AM Msgr. Robert Gara RIP

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

8:00 AM Don Oswald RIP
 5:30 PM Marisol Cowles INT

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

7:30 AM For All Parishioners
 10:00 AM Albert Blust RIP
 12 NOON Linda Milligan RIP

The Rosary & the Chaplet of Divine Mercy are recited as a group at 7:20 am before the weekday Masses.

FEAST DAYS & OBSERVANCES

Friday: St. Patrick
Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Today's Readings

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (*Genesis 12:1-4a*).

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (*Psalms 33*).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (*2 Timothy 1:8b-10*).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (*Matthew 17:1-9*).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO REQUEST OUR PRAYERS —



Mary Zuckerburg, Linda Theriault, Betsy Batchelder, Rose Steele, Wayne Steven Dow, Pete & Daisy Olson, Gil Lazo, Tim Jebbia, Margaret Fala, Hannah Waken, Clare Greteman, Pete & Daisy Olson, Mike Dendrinis, Rita Centeno, Br. William Carriere, Al Bencia, Lalo Arriaga, Mary Kay Lee, Jane Rowland, John Centeno, Jim Crilly, Trini Marti, Rosie Vidaurri, Joann Little, Brittany Rhyne, Leslie Lemus, Luz Arriaga, Lynn Snetsinger, Randy Graff, Paul Viger, Isabel Rosas Curci, José Zuniga, Joseph J. Gruppie, Ron Jones, John Collins, Doug Peterson, Sandra Osborne, Guia Canizales, Margie Schubert, Evelyn Tres, Gerald Drean, Toni Navarro, Clare Marquardt, Tonyja Blakeslee, Addie Marshall, Jackie Bagnuolo, Edith Olah, Fred Mycroft, Joseph Moore.

Please note: names on the Sick List are published for thirty days unless otherwise requested. To add or remove a name, please contact the Parish Office or email: bulletin@st-rita.org



REST IN PEACE

Frank Cabral
 Joe Hinojos

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Lenten Penance Services

Wednesday, March 22—7pm
 Ss. Felicitas & Perpetua, San Marino

Monday, April 3—7 pm
 Sacred Heart, Altadena
 St. Luke, Temple City

Tuesday, April 4—7pm
 St. Andrew, Pasadena

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 11
 St. Rita (with Assumption) at St. Rita
 7 pm

All Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence for all those over the age of 14. Abstinence means you may not eat meat, including chicken or other poultry. Seafood is permitted.

Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 17 • 6:15 pm in the Church

Join us this Friday, and every Friday during Lent, for group recitation of the Stations of the Cross.

Soup Kitchen
Immediately following Stations

Then cross the driveway to Gara Hall for the **Soup Kitchen**. Enjoy visiting with friends and a simple meal of soup. We ask for a free will donation, which will be given to help feed the poor.

JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION

“We used to be such good friends. How is it that you’ve moved so far away?” one man asked another. “Perhaps,” the other replied, “you have moved away. By standing still.” This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God’s will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life’s difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God’s will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

Children's Ministries

Elementary Religious Education

This program for children in Grades 1 - 5 begins with Sacrament Preparation and continues to invite children into a personal relationship with God through prayer, the Bible, liturgy, and church history. Classes meet on Monday afternoons during the school year.

Preschool Sunday School

Our Sunday School program provides Bible stories, art projects and various activities while creating a safe environment for your preschool- and kindergarten-aged child (ages 3-5) during the Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. Come join us upstairs in Gara Hall!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children in 1st grade and older are invited to be dismissed from Sunday 10 a.m. Mass after the Opening Prayer and go to Gara Hall where they will have the opportunity to listen to the Sunday readings at an age-appropriate level. Children return just before the Liturgy of the Eucharist to continue to participate in Mass.

Cristina Cullen • dre@st-rita.org

Youth Ministry

High School Youth Nites

2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, throughout the year. Join us for faith, fun, and fellowship! Upcoming:

3/24 • 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Gara Hall

EDGE Middle School

• Monday, March 13, 4:30, Gara Hall

Confirmation Program Meetings

• Year 1 Session and Mass:
3/18, 4:00 p.m. in Gara Hall

Theresa Costanzo • ym@st-rita.org

Young Adult Ministry

Please contact us for more information on this Ministry for adults between 18 and 39, single or married.

Priya Tharayil • trosep84@yahoo.com

Bulletin Deadline

Ten days before desired publication date.
bulletin@st-rita.org • 355-1292 x226

COME TO THE MOUNTAIN:

OUR ANNUAL RETREAT FOR MEN OF ST. RITA PARISH

Friday, March 24—Sunday, March 26

Once each year it's good to slow down, step back from the daily clamor, and take a fresh look at life. You may find yourself opening up to the healing voice of God. The Passionist Retreat Team offers inspirational talks, as well as time for quiet prayer, Mass, Confession, and Stations of the Cross.

For more information, or to sign up, contact any of our Retreat Captains:

Bill Cosso (626) 355-5656	Dave Muhs (626) 355-9810	Pat Wickhem (626) 416-8824	Dave Banis (626) 355-2012
Duncan MacGillivray (626) 355-0762	Andy Cullen (310) 560-0201	Rich McCoppin (626) 355-2871	

Volunteer Recruitment Sunday

Thank you to those who stopped by to find out more about volunteering at St. Rita Parish and special thanks to those who signed up!! Men and women agreed to everything from counting money to cleaning the church to stuffing envelopes and much more. If you are interested in volunteering, but didn't have a chance to sign up, please pick up a brochure in the vestibule, fill it out and return it to the parish office. You can also call the office to find out more about volunteering.

Why volunteer? Of course, the biggest reason for volunteering is because you will be filling a need. But in addition, volunteers are offered the opportunity of meeting and interacting with one another and the delightful St. Rita Staff. This is a great way to get to know some of your fellow parishioners and at the same time share your gifts to help your parish.



Archdiocese of Los Angeles
San Gabriel Pastoral Region

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

As a sign of how much God loves you and how much the Church loves you, parishes around the San Gabriel Valley will be open for 24 hours, offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

12:00 P.M. FRIDAY, MARCH 24
until

12:00 P.M. SATURDAY, MARCH 25

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
344 W. Workman St.
Covina, CA 91723
(626) 332-3570

St. Andrew Catholic Church
140 Chestnut St.
Pasadena, CA 91103
(626) 792-4183



Pope Francis asks YOU to evangelize—to reach out and invite, even bring, those who have been away a long time. Even some of our regular parishioners attending Sunday Mass may have avoided Confession for years. Invite them... and if that describes you, please come to **24 Hours for the Lord!**

This Week at St. Rita

This Sunday, March 12
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Were you late for Mass this morning?

This Sunday, March 12—Hospitality
 Gara Hall • after all the Masses
Hosted by St. Rita School of Religious Education

This Sunday, March 12—
Men’s Club Spaghetti Dinner
Reservations required.

Friday, March 17—Day of Abstinence
See page 4 for more information.

Friday, March 17
Stations of the Cross & Lenten Soup Kitchen
 Stations begin at 6:15 pm in the Church
See page 4 for more information.

Save the Date

March 24-26 — Men’s Retreat
 Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center
See page 5 for more information.

Saturday, March 25
Youth Ministry “Fill the Truck” Goodwill Fundraiser
 Start cleaning and sorting now!
See today’s flyer insert for more information.



Capital Campaign Q&A

Q: What does it mean to be a “good steward of the Church”?

A: As Christian stewards, we receive God’s gifts gratefully, cultivate these gifts responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

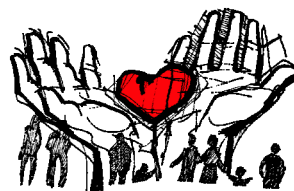
Stewards of God’s gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church – collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church’s essential mission. This mission – proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying – is our task.

The Bible calls each one of us as stewards of the Church into action. As members of the Church we have our own roles to play in carrying the mission of the Church, by:

- Nurturing our children in the light of our Catholic faith;
- Working to make our parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;
- Giving our generous support – *time, money, prayers, and personal service according to our circumstances* – to the parish and diocesan programs, and to the universal Church.

We appreciate and thank those who contribute generously of time, money, prayers and personal service to Saint Rita. Thank you also to those who stopped by our Volunteer Sunday table last week.

As always, we invite and welcome all to respond to the call to stewardship!



“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”
 (1 Pt 4:10).

Mary Lou Butler • mlbutler@st-rita.org

The Stations of the Cross on March 3 were led by Chuck and Linda McDaniels. Paul Puccinelli softly played the guitar between the Stations. Come spend 30 minutes on a Friday evening participating in a longtime and meaningful devotion. Stations begin at 6:15 pm.



The first Soup Kitchen of this Lent was hosted by the St. Rita Girl Scout Troops. The youngest Scouts made the donation boxes for the tables; the Daisies entertained us with some heartfelt and cheerful songs; the older Scouts helped by setting the tables, and serving the food; and the oldest Scouts made the tomato basil and split pea soups from scratch—served with a side of homemade cornbread. All donations at the Soup Kitchen are used for the needy and homeless. Come join us—have a simple meal and meet up with friends or make some new friends. The Soup Kitchen is held in Msgr. Gara Hall, immediately after Stations of the Cross.