



# St. Rita of Cascia

*A Catholic Faith Community Since 1908*

**APRIL 2, 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

**Msgr. Richard Krekelberg — Pastor**  
**Deacon Manuel Valencia • Deacon John Hull**

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### Liturgy & Worship

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers:

David & Jill Muhs: 355.9810 • em@st-rita.org

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Sat. 5:30 pm: Gary Fidone

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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.

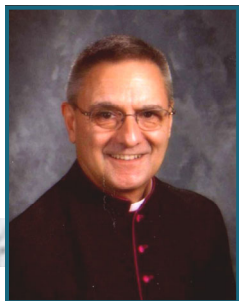
### ✘ For Information Regarding These Sacraments ✘

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



# Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

*Then you shall know that I am the Lord,  
When I open your graves and have you rise from them,  
O, my people!*

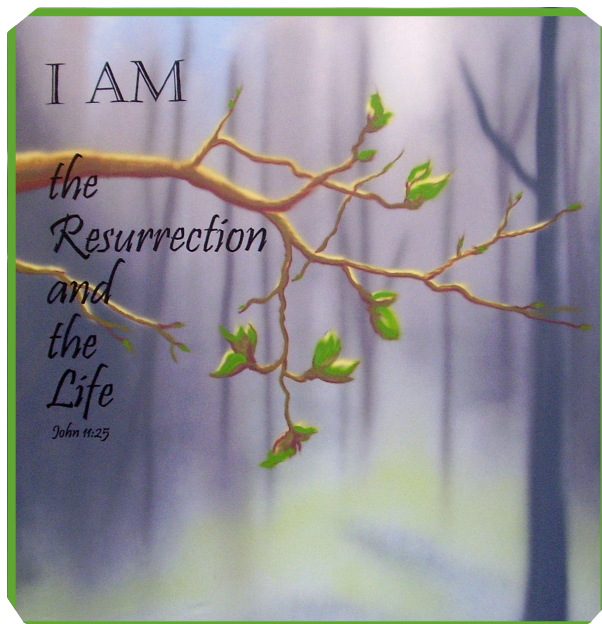
If the Chosen People were hearing these words nearly a full 600 years before this appearance on this Earth, no wonder the Messiah was so desired and anticipated by the time he was actually born. No wonder Jesus' words to his friend Martha,

***I am the Resurrection  
and the Life;  
Whoever believes in me  
will never die***

have come down to our own day as the solemn hope of Christians and their repeated declaration as to the critical difference Jesus makes. In the long history of human beings on this Earth and their "Great Religions of the World" search for God, no one has ever claimed what Jesus claims much less actually carried it out!

As we approach our High Holy Days, Passion (Palm) Sunday and the days of Triduum, it is time to hear Jesus' question to Martha,

**DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?**



More than once when today's Gospel passage has been proclaimed at funerals and I ask people to imagine themselves being asked this question by Jesus, tears come to the eyes. After all, there is my wife, my husband, grandma or grandpa, some dear loved one in the casket or the cremation urn—pretty dramatic moment to ask, "Do you believe in the resurrection of the dead?" More poignantly, "Do we believe in our own resurrection?" More frequently, in my

experience of these past few years, has the funeral and loss of a loved one been the occasion for someone to seek out a confessional—the decision made: it's time to come back.

As a priest, I know that the desire for hope in resurrection lies just below the skin. I am in good company with this belief and knowledge about people; it is the same reason St. Paul writes: ***"If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you."*** On those words an awful

lot of people decided to join Paul and the other apostles and joyously allowed themselves to be called Christians—even for thousands at the requirement of their own martyrdom!

**I AM THE RESURRECTION  
AND THE LIFE—**

Pretty powerful words, these! **AMEN!**

—Msgr. Richard

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, APRIL 1

8:00 AM Rev. Boctor Z. Bishara RIP  
5:30 PM Ann Rose RIP

### SUNDAY, APRIL 2

7:30 AM Debra Williamson RIP  
10:00 AM Baby Kirkwood INT  
12 NOON For all parishioners

### MONDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 AM Alice Dolan RIP

### TUESDAY, APRIL 4

8:00 AM Stephen Bruny RIP

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

8:00 AM Communion Service

### THURSDAY, APRIL 6

8:00 AM Communion Service

### FRIDAY, APRIL 7

8:00 AM Nancy Roberts RIP

### SATURDAY, APRIL 8

8:00 AM Mary Anne Ferencz RIP  
5:30 PM For all parishioners

### SUNDAY, APRIL 9

7:30 AM Mae Elizabeth Lynch RIP  
10:00 AM Albert Castillo RIP  
12 NOON Margaret Halpin RIP

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

## FEAST DAYS & OBSERVANCES

**Tuesday:** St. Isidore  
**Wednesday:** St. Vincent Ferrer  
**Friday:** St. John Baptist de la Salle

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (*Ezekiel 37:12-14*).

**Psalms** — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (*Psalms 130*).

**Second Reading** — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (*Romans 8:8-11*).

**Gospel** — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (*John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*).

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO REQUEST OUR PRAYERS —



Tessa Milward, Mary Zuckerburg, Linda Theriault, Betsy Batchelder, Rose Steele, Wayne Steven Dow, Pete & Daisy Olson, Gil Lazo, Tim Jebbia, Margaret Fala, Hannah Waken, Clare Greteman, 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**



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**This Friday, 8:30 AM—5:00 PM**  
St. Rita Parish Oratory

*Sit with Christ. Know His presence; share in His suffering; receive the promises of His Sacred Heart.*

## Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 7 • 6:15 pm in the Church

Join us this Friday, and every Friday during Lent, for group recitation of the Stations of the Cross. This week will be a special “Living Stations of the Cross” presented by students at St. Rita School.

## 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.

## Holy Week at St. Rita

### Palm Sunday, April 9

(Regular Sunday schedule)

*Each Mass will have its own Blessing of Palms; the 10:00 a.m. Mass will be preceded by a solemn procession.*

### Monday, April 10

Regular 8:00 a.m. weekday Mass  
Chrism Mass at the L.A. Cathedral  
7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 11

Regular 8:00 a.m. School Mass  
Penance Service at St. Rita  
7:00 p.m.

### Holy Thursday, April 13

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7:30 p.m.

*Following the Mass, the Holy Eucharist will remain at the altar of repose in Gara Hall for Adoration until 11:30 p.m.*

### Good Friday, April 14

Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday  
1:30 p.m.

### Holy Saturday, April 15

Easter Vigil Mass  
7:30 p.m.

### Easter Sunday, April 16

*Masses of Resurrection will be celebrated on the regular Sunday schedule: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon.*

**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:

4/12 • 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Gara Hall

**EDGE Middle School**

• Monday Fun Day: 4/3

**Confirmation Program Meetings**

• Year 2 Session and Mass:  
4/1, 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

**BIBLE STUDY:  
The Gospel of John**

Thursdays beginning April 20  
7:00—8:30 p.m.

Join parishioners and Catholic Bible Institute graduates Jim and Alice Cobbin for a fifteen-week course of study in their home. The class runs through August 24 (no meeting May 25, June 1, June 29, or July 6). Just bring your Bible! Space is limited, so please call to reserve your spot.

For more information or to register:  
**Jim Cobbin**  
(626) 390-6951  
jimcobbin@icloud.com



**Be Well!  
Stay Healthy!**

It's that time of year—colds, coughs, and flu!

Please don't transfer your germs by shaking hands at the Sign of Peace. It is perfectly acceptable to turn to your neighbor, nod, and wish them Peace without extending your hands.

*Thank you for your consideration!*

Open our graves, Lord,  
remove us from the  
prison of death.

Place your Spirit in us  
so that we may live  
in a world of freedom.

—Lucien Deiss, CSSp



**Lenten Reflection  
at Mater Dolorosa**

Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center is pleased to invite you to the following Lenten presentation. There is no charge to attend and reservations are not required. All are welcome!

**“He Stinketh:  
Unwrapping Lazarus for Easter”**

Dr. Michael Downey  
Sunday, April 2, 2017  
2:00—5:00 p.m.

Mater Dolorosa  
700 N. Sunnyside Ave.  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024  
(626) 355-7188

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS  
IN THE MONTH OF APRIL**

**Palm Sunday, April 9:**  
Maintenance & Repair  
(blue envelope)

This monthly collection is used solely for the upkeep of our facilities—Church, Halls, Offices. This donation remains at St. Rita. Please be generous in helping us as we often run into “non-budgeted” repairs. If you do not receive envelope packets, just mark “blue envelope” or “for Maintenance Only” on any envelope or your check.

*There will be special envelopes in the pens for the following collections:*

**Holy Thursday, April 13:**  
This collection is for the benefit of the poor.

**Good Friday, April 14:**  
A special Universal Church collection for the preservation of sites in the Holy Land.

**Easter Weekend—April 15 & 16:**  
Please be generous in your support of our Parish.

# This Week at St. Rita

**This Sunday, April 2—Hospitality**

Gara Hall • after all the Masses

*Hosted by the Knights of Columbus.*

**Tuesday, April 4—Men’s Club Meeting**

6:30 p.m. Social; Meeting at 7:00 • O’Malley Hall

**Friday, April 7—St. Rita Guild Meeting**

9:00 a.m. • Parish Office Meeting Room

**Friday, April 7—Day of Abstinence**

**Friday, April 7—First Friday**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Parish Office Oratory • 8:30 am—5:00 pm

*See page 4 for more information.*

**Friday, April 7**

**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

**HOLY WEEK — April 9-15**

*See page 4 for a schedule of Liturgies at St. Rita.*



## Capital Campaign

# Q&A

**Q:** *How will my contribution to the Capital Campaign be used to provide for the youth of Saint Rita today and for the future?*

**A:** Phase One (Parts A & B) of the Master Plan specifically addresses this question. In addition to the upgrades to the Church and renovations to Msgr. Gara Hall to be completed this summer, a new Pastoral and Youth Meeting Center is planned for Saint Rita.

Currently, our parish serves over 300 schoolchildren, and additionally, a combined 250 religious education elementary, middle and high school youth, and two young adult groups. These ministries, specifically dedicated to the faith formation of our young are steadily growing and require adequate meeting space and scheduling time. This new Pastoral and Youth center will offer approximately 4,500 sq. ft. of state of the art, technologically advanced and ADA compliant multifunction space to hold parish ministry and community events, as well as religious education instruction, retreats, regional religious education conferences for our youth and more. The first floor plan includes restrooms and a kitchen, while the second floor is designated for youth activities. The building will open to a meadow for outdoor functions year around. Imagine the possibilities for our young to learn and carry on our Catholic faith now and for future generations!

## Newsnotes

### Catholic Community & Local Events

**Friday, April 7—12 Hours for the Lord.** Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place from noon until midnight. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is also available during that time. St. Elizabeth Church, 1879 Lake Ave., Altadena, 91001.

*Information:* Carolyn Harrington • (626) 376-3003

**Sunday, April 23—Are You Being Called to Become a Deacon?** Information meeting for men interested in the Permanent Diaconate. 2:00-4:00 p.m., St. Andrew Parish School, 42 Chestnut St., Pasadena, 91103.

*Information:* Claudia Ortiz • (213) 637-7383

**Friday, May 5 to Sunday, May 7— Receiving Abundant Grace.** Join Jim Clarke, Ph.D., Director of Evangelization for the L.A. Archdiocese, for an invigorating retreat focusing on God’s ever-present grace and love. Cost is \$245/per person for double occupancy or \$345/per person for single occupancy (\$15 discount if paid in full by April 14). Mary & Joseph Retreat Center, 5300 Crest Rd., Ranchos Palos Verdes, 90275.

*Information:* Marlene Velazquez • (310) 377-4867 x234  
www.maryjoseph.org

# TOGETHER IN MISSION

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

Participating in the good works of Together in Mission is one way that we become light for the world to see. How bright the light would be if everyone participated! Holiness is an action, a way of living out one's life. Simply put, "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." God's holiness is not about taking care of oneself only, but helping those in need. This is authentic love. We love because God loves us first. **Christ's light calls us to be stewards in our Faith.**

### DID YOU KNOW?

Every year **80** parishes and **63** schools receive funds from Together in Mission. The funds from Together in Mission are only used for those parishes and schools that are in need. Over the course of **24** years, Together in Mission has impacted **525,000** families and raised over **\$345** million.

### ST. RITA PARISH

#### TOGETHER IN MISSION REPORT

Together in Mission Goal:	\$ 65,600
Amount pledged or donated to Together in Mission:	\$ 25,265
<b><i>To meet our goal, we need:</i></b>	<b><u>\$ 40,335</u></b>

*Have you given?*

*To pledge or give to the Together In Mission fund, make checks payable to "TOGETHER IN MISSION".*

*Please submit your donations or pledges to the parish office or send them to:*

*Together in Mission  
3424 Wilshire Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90010*