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St. Rita of Cascia

A Catholic Faith Community Since 1908

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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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

Porter (Evening Church Lockup): Sheila Palazzolo; Tim O'Connor

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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.

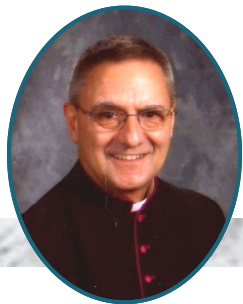
✘ For Information Regarding These Sacraments ✘

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.



Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners and Visitors:

Do you remember who taught you to tie your shoes? Well, whoever did gave you a gift that would serve you a lifetime. Think of this and of many other such examples of people who have loved you enough to teach you and to give you tools to survive and to live your life. This exercise will help you understand the concept of biblical wisdom and the purpose of “The Wisdom Movement” that was taking place just before the advent of the Messiah. The conclusion of those who, by divine inspiration, composed the “wisdom literature” was that the greatest wisdom one could receive—the greatest tool for living life—would be the wisdom or lesson of how to do the will of God and to save your soul. The logic here is not complicated.

The Wisdom Movement was at its peak when Jesus walked the earth. He identified himself with the

concepts and thinking of the Wisdom Movement, especially because they included the idea of resurrection and afterlife. The Wisdom Books in the Old Testament are: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom (hello?), and Sirach. The content of these books are all either lessons in “divine how to” or praise of the person who seeks after Divine Wisdom. Today’s first reading is a song about those who seek ultimate wisdom:

*“Resplendent and unfading
is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by
those who love her...
For taking thought of wisdom is
the perfection of prudence,
and whoever for her sake keeps
vigil, shall quickly be free
from care ...”*

The gospel passage from Matthew has Jesus offering his listeners a parable—a much loved vehicle for teaching divine wisdom. This parable about “the wise and foolish” means to teach Jesus’ disciples about the salvific value of waiting and watching **vigilantly** for the arrival of the bridegroom (Jesus), and of being ready as the bride (the Church), for the great wedding to take place—the wedding of the Lamb of God to the People of God, the Baptized—that is, you and I! And what a bridegroom we have, for he IS Wisdom itself—the Way, the Truth, and the Life—the ultimate wisdom!

Now, let’s see. I remember how to tie my shoes and dress myself. Do I remember how to do the will of God and to dispose myself to Jesus’ redemption and salvation?

—Msgr. Richard

AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR “DPA”

Today, Charlene Henkelmann, our Director of Parish Administration, will speak to us about important events and activities that are coming up soon at St. Rita. Thank you, Charlene!

AFTERMATH of what has become THE “R” WORD

I could not know all the consequences of my announcing that I would retire on June 30th, 2018. The best has been all of the outpouring of prayers, love, and support. Truly humbling. On the other hand, the escalating attempts to set up individual appointments, activities, and events, has become overwhelming and, well, impossible. Due to the latter, I have had to curtail added commitments and limit them. Therefore, I have asked Paula, my secretary, to follow some needed guidelines in adding any appointments, etc., to my calendar. I feel the weight of demands that I must take care of in my remaining time, and I beg your prayers and understanding. Thank you so much!

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:00 AM For all veterans
5:30 PM Bruce Currie RIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:30 AM Gordon Caldwell RIP
10:00 AM Bud Brennan RIP
12 NOON For all parishioners

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:00 AM Frank Cabral RIP

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00 AM Ed Hagerott RIP

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:00 AM Communion Service

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:00 AM Communion Service

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:00 AM Joannie Rose Hall RIP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:00 AM Maria del Socorro Garza-Fuentes RIP
5:30 PM For all parishioners

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:30 AM Cathie Kay INT
10:00 AM Brian Tasker RIP
12 NOON Robert Sinner RIP

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

FEAST DAYS & OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
- Wednesday:** St. Albert the Great
- Thursday:** St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
- Friday:** St. Elizabeth of Hungary
- Saturday:** Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul; St. Rose Phillipine Duchesne

Today's Readings

First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (*Wisdom 6:12-16*).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (*Psalm 63*).

Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]*).

Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (*Matthew 25:1-13*).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO REQUEST OUR PRAYERS —



Salvatore D'Agostaro, Jacque Marshall Martin, Carol Cerrina, Beatrice Da Re, Carmen Ruiz, Art Contreras, Jeffrey Torres, Mario De La Torre, Grace De La Torre, Maria Blust, Rosemarie Casalicchio, Glen Blaser, Barbara Blaser, Daisy Walters, Leslie Lemus, Salvatore Termini, Cathy Hundshamer, Mary Rodriguez, Tessa Milward, Wayne Steven Dow, Pete & Daisy Olson, Gil Lazo, Tim Jebbia, Margaret Fala, Hannah Waken, Robert & Clare Greteman, Lalo Arriaga, Jim Crilly, Trini Marti, Joann Little, Luz Arriaga, Doug Peterson, Sandra Osborne, Evelyn Tres, Gerald Drean, Toni Navarro, Clare Marquardt, Tonyja Blakeslee, Addie Marshall, Jackie Bagnuolo, Edith Olah, Fred Mycroft, Joseph Moore.



DID YOU KNOW?
Disaster Preparation


Families may become separated during the chaos of a disaster, especially when evacuation is required. It is important to plan for your family's safety. Develop and regularly practice emergency plans at home with all family members and designate a location where your family could gather in the event of separation. For more tips, please visit: <http://www.missingkids.com/Disasters>.

Treasures from our Tradition

We had sixteen hundred years' experience with one Eucharistic Prayer in our repertoire, and the liturgical reforms of the Council of Trent shaped the way we worshiped for four hundred years. In the last years of the Tridentine Mass, the early 1960s, we tended to see children as miniature adults. Fully rooted in the Sunday assembly by the decision of Pope Saint Pius X to push Communion back to the age of seven or so from the standard age of twelve to fourteen years during the early 1900s, children were still more tolerated than acknowledged. The Mass was in Latin, and by the 1960s the people had begun to regain their voices in the "dialogue Mass," so the focus was on training little children to recite or sing in Latin.

The new attention to the experience of children, their ability to enter into ritual, their spontaneity, their ability to grasp key concepts in faith, felt "untraditional." Yet we can trace in our tradition the ways in which children have long been given a special place in the assembly. From earliest times, boys have served in choirs and certain ministries in monasteries and in parish churches. Girls were sometimes entrusted to nuns, learning liturgical chants and the arts. Yet, in our day, the formation of a Lectionary for children and Eucharistic Prayers suited to them are truly tremendous breakthroughs in our treasury of prayer.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



ST. RITA SCHOOL NEWS

CAMPUS MINISTRY
Annual Food & Clothing Drive
November 5-17

Tents are made for camping, not housing!

Some more donation ideas:

- Backpack with extra school supplies
- A purse that is almost new
- New and gently used shoes, slippers and socks
- Food for Thanksgiving: stovetop stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, white potatoes, vegetables, (string beans, peas, carrots, corn), gravy, brown sugar, white sugar, apple cider/juice, pie crust, canned pie filling of your choice, rolls or bread, boxed Jell-O or pudding, fruit, canned peaches, mixed fruit, pears, powdered milk, instant coffee or tea, \$25 gift certificate to the grocery store

Please bring your donations to the school office. After the drive, items will be delivered to the Brownson House and St. Francis Center.

Thank you for your generosity!

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:

12/13 • 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Parish Offices

EDGE Middle School

- Monday Fun Day: 12/4

Confirmation Program Meetings

- Year 2 Meeting & Mass: Saturday, 11/18 • 3:30 p.m.

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.

Biceps & Bibles Upcoming Meeting:

- Saturday, November 11 at 3:00 p.m.

Priya Tharayil • trosep84@yahoo.com

Bulletin Deadline

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

Call for New Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

We are all called to a full and active participation in our liturgies, especially Sunday Mass. If you have ever considered serving as a Lector or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, you are invited to an information and training session to be held in the St. Rita Church sanctuary on **Wednesday, November 15th, from 7:00—9:00 p.m.** As we prepare to enter our Year of the Eucharist at St. Rita, this is a perfect opportunity for you to grow in your active participation in our Eucharistic feast each weekend.

For more information:

David Muhs
(626) 355-9810
em@st-rita.org

Sacristan Ministry

Sacristans prepare the altar and all the necessary items to celebrate Mass, assist the celebrant and other ministers as necessary in preparation, and clean up after Mass. Sacristans typically arrive 30 minutes before the start of Mass, and stay about 10 minutes after Mass. We are in need of additional Sacristans to serve at St. Rita.

For more information:

David Muhs
(626) 355-9810
em@st-rita.org

Knit and Crochet Ministry Holiday Boutique

All funds raised will be used to purchase materials to knit and crochet sweaters, blankets, and more and for postage to send these items to World Vision to support needy children all over the world.

Sunday, November 19, 2017
Gara Hall • After All the Masses

Please join us for some holiday shopping!

End-of-Life Panel Discussion

A priest, a nurse, a funeral director and an attorney walk into Gara Hall to ...

facilitate a frank and informative discussion of common end-of-life issues. Join us today at 3:30 to clarify what you know already and identify issues you haven't anticipated. The Bereavement Ministry encourages parishioners of all ages to attend.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information:

Mary Higgins
(626) 355-1959

Adult Altar Servers Needed

St. Rita Parish offers a unique opportunity for men and women of all ages to be Altar Servers at our Masses. No experience necessary, and easy training is provided. There is not a big commitment of time required—about one assignment a month—and you can select the date yourself. This is also a wonderful opportunity for family members to serve together.

If you would enjoy participating in this spiritually-rewarding Ministry of service for your Parish, please contact:

Bill Cosso
(626) 355-5656

or

Kathy Ganino
(626) 394-4260

I have started houses with no more than the price of a loaf of bread and prayers, for with him who comforts me, I can do anything.

—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

This Week at St. Rita

This Sunday, November 12
Men's Club Pancake Breakfast
8:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. • Gara Hall
Admission is free, in honor of our veterans! Please join us.

Continuing until November 17
Annual Food & Clothing Drive
Sponsored by St. Rita School Campus Ministry
See page 4 for more information.

Wednesday, November 15
Lector and EM Training Session
7:00—9:00 p.m. • St. Rita Sanctuary
See page 5 for more information.

Save the Date

Next Weekend, November 18—19
Special Collection:
Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next Weekend, November 18—19
St. Anthony Food Drive
Sponsored by the St. Rita Guild
Watch next week's bulletin for details.

Next Sunday, November 19
End-Of-Life Issues: Panel Discussion
3:30—5:30 p.m. • Gara Hall
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Knit & Crochet Ministry Boutique
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The Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles, who operate Hayden Child Care Center at Santa Teresita, are excited to announce the following:

**OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR FAMILIES
WITH 2- OR 3-YEAR-OLDS**

- Nourishment in Catholic faith;
- Academic excellence;
- Safe & healthy environment;
- Hot meals;
- CARE Program, encouraging a relationship between children and elderly residents at Santa Teresita.

If we can serve your family, please contact:
(626) 359-9592
contact@haydenchildcare.com

ST. RITA GUILD COMMUNION BREAKFAST



L to R: Margaret Fullinwider, Msgr. Richard, Guest Speaker Hon. Craig J. Mitchell.

We received a special request from California Bishops to aid Parishes who were affected by fires and help Parishioners recover from the aftermath of destruction. To answer the call, St. Rita Parish will offer our Thanksgiving collection for that purpose. Thank you for your generosity!

Newsnotes

Catholic Community & Local Events

Healing the Family Tree—Saturday, November 25. Join Fr. Lou Cerulli for a one-day conference on praying for our loved ones, living and deceased. 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. \$30; St. Denis Parish Hall, 2151 S. Diamond Bar Blvd., Diamond Bar 91765.

Information: www.scr.org • (818) 771-1361
spirit@scr.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend—December 1-3. Learn techniques of communication that encourage exploration of important areas of your life together in a positive spirit of love and understanding. Location in the San Gabriel Valley TBA.

Information: Mike & Veronica Sasaki • (626) 765-4305

Our Lady of Guadalupe: Encounter with Jesus—Sunday, December 3. Procession begins at 10:30 a.m. at the corner of Cesar Chavez Ave. and Ford Blvd.; Mass is celebrated by Archbishop Gomez at 1:00 p.m. at East L. A. College Stadium. Free. All are welcome! 1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park, 91754.

Information: (323) 236-2733



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

FOOD DRIVE FOR ST. ANTHONY PARISH
Weekend of November 18—19 • After all the Masses

Hosted by the St. Rita Guild

Bring your donations to Gara Hall on Sunday,
and stay to enjoy some Hospitality!

Please do not donate food with expired dates or in glass containers. Please do not donate perishable items. You may donate fixings towards a Thanksgiving Day Meal (canned pumpkin; veggies; stuffing mix)—or food needed daily to combat hunger.

Most needed items are: canned vegetables, canned fruits, soup, canned beans, macaroni and cheese ramen noodles, tuna, peanut butter, rice, noodles, beans, cereals, canned milk, coffee or tea.

We also accept cash donations, scrip, gift cards, or checks (made payable to St. Anthony Church).

Thank you for your generosity!