

People will come from the east
and the west and from the north and the south

*and will recline at table
in the kingdom of God.*

~ Luke 13:29

St. Rita Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1908

AUGUST 25, 2019
21ST SUNDAY OF 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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SACRAMENTS**Baptisms**

First Sunday of the month after the Noon Mass. Registration and Catechesis are prerequisites. Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriages

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

Reconciliation and First Eucharist

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

Confirmation

A two-year program for freshman/sophomore age teens. Please apply through the Youth Ministry Program.

Communion for the Sick and Homebound

St. Rita Eucharistic Ministers provide Communion home visits. Contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick and Funeral Liturgies

Please notify us for the Anointing of the Sick, the sacrament intended for the seriously ill or dying which brings Our Lord's special presence and companionship in serious time of need. If someone should die without anointing, remember that the desire to receive is sufficient.

If 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.



The Narrow Way

Dear Parishioners and Visitors:

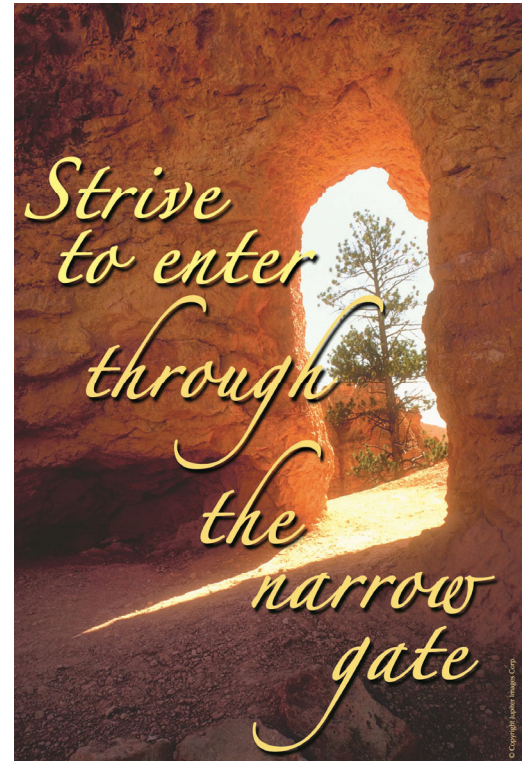
In today's Gospel Jesus says: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." In Robert Frost's poem he wrote: "Two roads diverted in a wood, and I – I took the road less traveled by, and that has made all the difference in the world."

As a man who chose to be a priest, I took the road less travelled, and I am so glad I did. The call of service in the priesthood, the call of surrender to Jesus, and the call to truly live what I profess has made all the difference for me. I am privileged to have been called, fortunate to have had the strength and openness to respond, and blessed to serve here at St. Rita Church.

Please, encourage others to choose this road, the road of service and ministry in the Church. It may not be one as priest, but it should always be one of service. It is vital in living our baptismal call to do more than just attending Sunday Mass. Next month we will have a Ministry Fair (September 22) which will give everyone an opportunity to become more engaged in our faith through service, education or other ministry.

May each one of us go the way of Jesus, the narrow way, but the road that makes all the difference. Peace.

—Fr. Tom



VISITORS FROM OUT OF TOWN

Welcome to all those who are visiting us from out of town.
We pray you have an enjoyable and restful time away and that God will lead you safely on your travels.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

8:00 AM Paul Novak INT
5:30 PM Gene Bollman RIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

7:30 AM Carmela Frontino RIP
10:00 AM For all parishioners
12 NOON Jane Arlene Soto RIP

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00 AM Judy Johnson RIP

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 AM Rudy Van Cleef RIP

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00 AM Communion Service

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

8:00 AM Communion Service

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00 AM Dolores Josephine Soto RIP

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00 AM Rudy Van Cleef RIP
5:30 PM Christa Owen RIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:30 AM Patrick Sciarra RIP
10:00 AM Rod Otto RIP
12 NOON For all parishioners

*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. Monica

Wednesday: St. Augustine

Thursday: The Passion of St. John
the Baptist

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (*Isaiah 66:18-21*).

Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (*Psalms 117*).

Second Reading — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (*Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*).

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (*Luke 13:22-30*).

PLEASE PRAY FOR
THOSE WHO REQUEST
OUR PRAYERS:

Bryan Bullough, Charles Baker, Susan Lubeley, Katherine Haderlein, John Lex, Jr., Linda Medina, Michaelyn Fidone, Pat McClelland, Richard Santiago, Gilbert Gonzalez, Paul Viger, Genise Tully, Lee Valladolid, John Bigley, Ronald Van Orden, Mary Kiss, Lisa Bowman, Alison Lex, Charlie Arredondo, Erny Henry, Dorothy Van Gorden, Scott Van Gorden, Benjamin Mamaril, Susie Pinter, Susan Devin, Sawtell John, Inez Ybarra, Josephine & Joseph Gruppie, Francesca DiFranco, Pat Hrstich, Charlotte Meyer, Richard Forcione, Mary Kathryn Genzlinger, Heidi & Terry Kelly, Toni Baiunco, Jacquie Marshall Martin, Teresa D'Agostaro, Carmen Ruiz, Maria Blust, Rosemarie Casalicchio, Glen Blaser, Barbara Blaser, Daisy Walters, Salvatore Termini, Mary Rodriguez, Pete & Daisy Olson, Margaret Fala, Hannah Waken, Clare Greteman, Lalo Arriaga, Jim Crilly, Trini Marti, Joann Little, Luz Arriaga, Doug Peterson, Sandra Osborne, Evelyn Tres, Gerald Drea, Toni Navarro, Clare Marquardt, Tonyja Blakeslee, 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

Bulletin Deadlines

Articles for inclusion in the bulletin must be emailed to **bulletin@st-rita.org** ten days before desired publication date.

Bulletin issue: Submit blurbs by:

September 8 Thursday, August 29

September 15 Thursday, September 5

Thank you for your cooperation!

WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND
at MATER DOLOROSA

*God Is Doing Something New in Us:
Exploring Paths of Deepening Faith*

St. Rita's retreat for women will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of **November 1—3, 2019**. Join your fellow parishioners for this weekend of spiritual enrichment and growth. The Passionist retreat team offers inspirational talks on the theme, as well as time for quiet prayer, Mass, Confessions, and Stations of the Cross.

For information and reservations:

Ana Ptasinski, retreat captain
(626) 355-3146

Jill Bunch, co-captain
(626) 372-9860

Vivian Montoya, co-captain
(626) 253-6193

*After September 30th, contact Nancy Boldt,
Weekend Retreat Coordinator, at Mater
Dolorosa directly (626-355-7188 x133), or
register online at materdolorosa.org.*



ST. RITA SCHOOL

FAITH • EXCELLENCE • SERVICE

"A Catholic Education is an Advantage for Life"

St. Rita School is still accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Instruction focuses on faith development and academic excellence. Students forge lifelong friendships through their academics, sports and multiple enrichment opportunities. Teachers create and foster learning environments where all children are challenged to utilize a variety of innovative problem solving and analytical skills to become 21st century leaders of our church and society at large. Schedule a tour to learn more!

For more information:

Sara Landis
(626) 355-6114

landis@st-ritaschool.org

Faith Formation News

INTRODUCING OUR NEW FAITH FORMATION STAFF MEMBERS!

Louellen Tschopp* — Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation

Louellen is a wife and mother of three children attending St. Rita School. Louellen’s family has been parishioners since 1981. She has taught middle and high school religion classes and served as a Confirmation catechist last year.

Raquel Hernandez* — Coordinator of Confirmation & Youth Ministry

Raquel has worked as a Confirmation coordinator for two years and volunteered for nine years in parish Youth Ministry. She has served on the LA Archdiocesan youth leadership formation teams (CLI and SAW South) and interned at Life Teen International as a young adult missionary.

**Mandi Welman and her family have moved to Arizona, and Jackie Hischer has stepped down in order to focus on finishing college. Jackie now serves as a youth ministry volunteer.*

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION FOR ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, AND CONFIRMATION

Registration is available today (8/25) and on September 8, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in front of the church (8/25) and in Gara Hall (9/8). The deadline to register is on September 8 (a late fee will apply after this deadline). Scan this code to complete the forms online:



**FAITH FORMATION KICKOFF MASS
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AT 10:00 A.M.**

All elementary faith formation families are invited to attend the 10 a.m. Mass on this annual “Catechetical Sunday” to bless all Catholic parents and catechists as the new faith formation year begins.

SINGERS WANTED!



Come sing at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels for the 2019 Los Angeles Catholic Prayer Breakfast.

REHEARSAL:

**Thursday, September 12
7:00—8:30 p.m.**

St. Rita Catholic Church
318 N. Baldwin Avenue
Sierra Madre, 91024

MASS AND PRAYER BREAKFAST:

**Tuesday, September 17
7:00—9:00 a.m. (Be there 6:15 a.m.)**

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels
555 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, 91002

To sign up, please contact:

**Paul Puccinelli
(626) 355-1292 x231
mm@st-rita.org**

Youth Ministry

High School Youth Nites

All high school youth are welcome to these semi-monthly gatherings of FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, and FUN. They occur every 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights (except holidays), 7:00—8:30 p.m. in Gara Hall. **Youth Nites are on a summer hiatus.** Have a safe and blessed summer break!

Confirmation Program

Confirmation registration for the 2019-2020 school year runs until September 8. Please email Raquel Hernandez at ymcoordinator@st-rita.org if you wish to receive the registration packet. Also, please save the date: Confirmation Orientation for all parents and high school freshmen will take place on **Saturday, September 21, at 3:30 p.m. in O’Malley Hall.**



RCIA/ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Come Along on Tuesday Nights

RCIA, the “Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults” is the path the Catholic Church provides for any adult who wants to become a Catholic or, perhaps, needs to receive any of the sacraments. Were you baptized or, maybe, even received your “First Communion” but were never “Confirmed?” Do you want to have a better relationship with Jesus Christ, or generally refresh and deepen your knowledge of your faith? You could simply be curious about this Church and faith that is so much in the news now. Well, come along with us on Tuesday nights! We meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Office conference room beginning on Tuesday Sept. 10, 2019 and come to a high point with the reception of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil mass on April 11, 2020. There is absolutely no pressure. Our meeting on Sept. 10 is informational where we explain our format and answer your inquiries. God may be trying to start a conversation with you...for a few months, give yourself the gift of time on Tuesday nights to explore this idea.

For more information:

**Parish Office
(626) 355-1292 • rcia@st-rita.org**

This Week at St. Rita

Monday, August 26 — Baptism Preparation Class

7:00 p.m. • Parish Office Meeting Room
*Please pick up a registration form
 from the Parish Office prior to class.*

Wednesday, August 28 — Bible Study

7:00 p.m. • Parish Office Meeting Room
*We finish our study of II Thessalonians, Chapter 3.
 All are welcome!*

Save the Date

Monday, September 2 — Labor Day

Parish Offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.

Tuesday, September 10 — RCIA Informational Meeting

7:30 p.m. • Parish Office Meeting Room
See Page 5 for details.

Coming in September:

VIRTUS Training Sessions

Dates and times will be announced soon!

Tuesday, September 17

Los Angeles Catholic Prayer Breakfast

See next Sunday's bulletin for more information.

Weekend of September 21—22

St. Rita Ministry Fair after all the Masses

Come see what makes our parish special!

More details to follow.

Sunday, September 22 — Catechetical Sunday

Join us for Faith Formation Kickoff Weekend.

Watch future bulletins for more information.

Monday, September 23

Faith Formation Classes Begin

See Page 5 for more information.

Friday, November 1 — Sunday, November 3

Women's Retreat at Mater Dolorosa

See Page 4 for details.



VOLUNTEER CORNER

Consider sharing your time, talent & treasure!

TAKING YOU AS WE GO...

Become a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick!

Celebrating the Eucharist is at the very heart of our faith. However, many of our fellow St. Rita parishioners cannot join in the celebration at church. It could be a transportation difficulty, illness, distance to our church or other reasons.

To ensure that our community can stay connected and can receive the Eucharist, St. Rita sponsors the Eucharistic Ministry to the CLIMB Work Activity Center and to The Kensington. A script is given as a guild and you are accompanied by other Eucharistic Ministers (EMs).

Not an EM? No Problem! Call the Parish Office at (626) 355-1292.

What does an EM to the Sick do?

The EMs pray with the parishioners and give them Communion.

What is the Commitment?

The commitment is about 20 minutes per week on Sunday morning. Our current EMs say they get much more out of this ministry than they give!

What should I do if I'm interested in this ministry?

Please contact:

Kristin McNeal

mcneal.kristin@gmail.com

Newsnotes

Catholic Community & Local Events

Healing & Mercy Retreat—Saturday, September 14. Deacon Steve Greco will lead a day focused on God's Mercy and healing within families. 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. \$25, includes lunch. St. Elizabeth Church, 1879 N. Lake Ave., Altadena, 91001.

Information: Carolyn Harrington • (626) 376-3003
www.spiritfilledhearts.org

Get More "Bang" out of Your Retirement Dollar—Saturday, September 21. Join us for light refreshments as Scott Carlin, financial advisor, guides you in the right direction and answers all your questions. 1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m. Avila Gardens, 1171 Encanto Parkway, Duarte, 91010.

Information: Sr. Mary Ignatius, O.C.D. • (626) 599-2214
contact@avilagardens.com

The Office of Worship, Archdiocese of Los Angeles presents:

MINISTERS OF CONSOLATION TRAINING

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, a gentle Father and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows, so that we can offer others, in their sorrows, the consolation that we have received from God." ~ 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

5 Consecutive Sessions

**Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
September 7th to October 5th**

\$25 per session

Santa Teresita Hospice
819 Buena Vista Street
Duarte, CA 91801
St. Therese Conference Room, 1st Floor



For more information:

Eva Hernandez
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Online registration:

<http://store.la-archdiocese.org/ministry-of-consolation-st-teresita-sep-7th>

SESSIONS:

Paschal Mystery

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**Liturgy: Order of Christian
Funerals**

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**Role of the Community and
Accompaniment**

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**Establishing the Ministry
in the Parish**

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Effective Ministers

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Diverse Losses

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**Bereavement Support
Groups**