



St. Rita of Cascia
A Catholic Faith Community Since 1908
Sunday, August 30, 2015

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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Sat. 5:30 pm: Gary Fidone/Stephen Bollman

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.

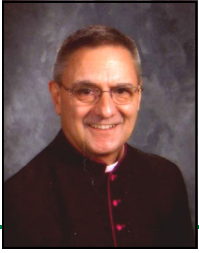
✘ For Information Regarding These Sacraments ✘

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,

Today we welcome Sr. Teslin Joseph of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Kerala, India. She is, for us, an immediate opportunity to put our Christian Catholic Faith into practice—to believe in our connection to our brothers and sisters throughout the world and to actually make a difference in their lives because of our care and generous help.

—Msgr. Richard

For our further reflection on today's readings, please read this excellent commentary by Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB:

The phrase ***“talk is cheap”*** is a cliché not only because it is repeated time and again but most especially because it expresses an experiential truth. Nowhere is this more the case than in religion. People love to talk about religion from all perspectives. Religious arguments and disputes are commonplace in all areas of society. However, quite often the words end up being simply that—words. They do not lead to actions, behavior, or significant deeds. This is not something new nor was it something about which our Jewish and Christian ancestors were ignorant. All three readings plus the responsorial psalm of today's liturgy address ***the issue of words related to actions.***

The book of Deuteronomy portrays Moses giving the chosen people a final review of their covenant commitments before they cross over into the Promised Land. There is great emphasis here on hearing the statutes and decrees of the Lord. However, it is not enough just to hear them or to talk about them—they must be observed, they must be put into practice. The future nation of Israel will not be judged by its words but by its actions. It will be considered a wise

nation if it hears the words of the Lord and puts them into practice.

The second reading is from the letter of James. One never has to wonder what James is attempting to say. He is blunt, forthright, and practical. “Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.” For James, Christianity is not a philosophical theory, not about saying the right words, not even about arguing issues of religion in a persuasive manner. Christianity is a way of life rooted in faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and as such has given us a new way to live our lives until He comes again.

Today's Gospel reading from Mark approaches this issue of words and actions from a slightly different point of view. Jesus and his disciples were criticized by the Pharisees for the lax way they deal with the purity laws regarding washing hands before a meal. In response to this confrontation, Jesus challenges the Pharisees by declaring they have all the rights words and ritual practices but it never gets below the surface of all things. Real and authentic observance comes from the heart and is the result of personal internalization of divine teaching. Empty words and

empty rituals are the basic actions of a hypocrite, an actor, someone playing a part.

The responsorial psalm summarizes all this very succinctly with the phrase, “The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.” Examples of peoples who call themselves Christians saying one thing and doing another abound. Hypocrisy is almost like a virus that infects even those we thought to be immune from such things. This is not a time for name calling or passing judgment on others. It is a time to reaffirm our Judeo-Christian traditions. Words matter, but putting those words into action fulfills their intent. Christianity is about “praxis” or putting our faith into practice. Many people today are getting numb from hearing all the harsh and critical words being exchanged by politicians, religious leaders, and others. We are tired of all the talking heads and we are embarrassed by their growing lack of civility. So what can we do? We can consciously commit ourselves to being doers of the word and putting our faith into practice.

Eugene Hensell, OSB, a Benedictine of St. John University, Collegenille, Minnesota

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

8:00 AM Annie Murphy RIP
5:30 PM Jesse Halling RIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

7:30 AM Vicki Betebenner RIP
10:00 AM For All Parishioners
12 NOON Shelby Huddleston RIP

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00 AM Dr. Richard Vanis RIP

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:00 AM Helen Nelson RIP

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:00 AM Communion Service

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00 AM Communion Service

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00 AM Louie Cortez RIP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00 AM Jim Utegg RIP
5:30 PM Gonzalo Alarcon, Jr. INT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:30 AM Libby Payne RIP
10:00 AM Brian Eck RIP
12 NOON For all Parishioners

FEAST DAYS

Thursday—St. Gregory the Great

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8*).

Psalm — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (*Psalms 15*).

Second Reading — Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (*James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27*).

Gospel — You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition (*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*).



BANNS OF MARRIAGE
are announced between

Madison Hagan & Raffaele Patrizi

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THOSE WHO REQUEST
OUR PRAYERS —**



Griffin O'Brien, Irene Krol, Fran Crawford, Robert Wilson, Harold Leahy, William Leahy, Kathleen Flanagan, Fred Jochheim, Julie Dean, Bill Kozak, Steve Soto, Celia Merritt, Garvin Stanislawski, Gary Inocente, Ethan Sandoval, Adam Throop, Janet Watson-Contreras, Barbara Jean Wood, Arthur Little, Ernest Kopka, Vera Delgatto, JF Mahoney, Kelly Solomon, Linda Theriault, Heather Hagan, Mike Wolf, Jean Wood, José Colayco, Mario de la Torre, Barbara Vanni, Anna Schube, Joseph Malvin, Randy Graff, Toni Navarro, Susan Watson, Juanito & Marilou Pe, Margaret Duran, Guia Canizales, Anne Frealy, Eva Shammon, Margie Schubert, Mary Zuckerburg, Emily Young, JoAnn Douglass, Evelyn Tres, Barbara Hester, Gerald Drean, Charlotte Bollman Fuchs, Raymond Payne, Peter Delgatto, Jr., Montserrat Marti, Jordan Alabart, Brooke Manning, Arthur Contreras, Jr., Robert Quinonez, Jean Mansour, Jacob Bigley, Maria Carmen Marti, Clare Marquardt, Kathleen Ramsey, Tonyja Blakeslee, Addie Marshall, Jackie Bagnuolo, Mary Ellen Isoard, Rose Mary Taquino, Paul Viger, Hal Finney, Eva Bernejo, Edith Olah, Fred Mycroft, Joseph Moore.



In Memoriam

Joseph Kiss
*Husband of Mary;
father of Barbara Inocente*



**SAINT OF THE WEEK
GREGORY THE GREAT**

Gregory was born about A.D. 540 in Rome, the son of a wealthy senator. Like most of the nobility of his time, he was well educated. But unlike many, he was generous and concerned about those who were poor.

In his early thirties, Gregory was attracted to the religious life. He converted the family estate in Rome into the Abbey of Saint Andrew, became a monk there, and founded six Benedictine monasteries on his estates in Sicily. In about 578, he was ordained a deacon of Rome and sent as the papal ambassador to Constantinople, where he served until 585. When he arrived back in Rome, he was made the abbot of Saint Andrew's.

In 590, Gregory was acclaimed pope by the clergy and the people of Rome. Unwillingly, Gregory accepted the role, calling himself the "servant of the servants of God." In 596, he sent Augustine of Canterbury and 40 other monks to England to teach the Angles the faith. Gregory is called the "Apostle of England." He died March 12, 604.

**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Every 1st 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.

*Do you have your reservations yet?
Don't be left out of a morning filled with prayer, sharing our faith,
music, and inspiration...*

11TH ANNUAL LOS ANGELES CATHOLIC PRAYER BREAKFAST

Tuesday, September 15th
6:30 AM—9:00 AM

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels
Rosary, Mass, Breakfast and Guest Speaker Lou Holtz

To reserve your ticket for the event, and your seat on the bus (which will leave St. Rita promptly at 5:30 AM), please contact Paula in the Parish Office, 355-1292 x223.

Youth Ministry

High School Youth Nites

2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, throughout the year. Next Youth Nite:

September 9, 7:00–8:30 pm

EDGE Middle School Registration

The Registration Packet for 2015-16 school year is available in the Parish Office. To receive registration forms by email, please contact Theresa Costanzo.

Confirmation Program

All high school youth who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are required to complete a two-year preparation program in their home parish. Registration packets for new candidates are available in the Parish Office. Questions or info? Please contact Theresa.

Theresa Costanzo • ym@st-rita.org



Many children around the world would love to have a warm sweater, and for some, that might be their only outer clothing during cold weather. Would you like to help? If so, the “Knit for Kids” sweater project is for you!



At a recent mass, Fr. Chris Thiel blessed the sweaters and some of the knitters. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, we would love to teach you.

For more information, please contact:
Ana Ptasinski • (626) 355-3146

Ladies, did you know?
If you are a registered member of the parish, then you are automatically a member of the

St. Rita Guild

The first Guild Meeting of the season will be Friday, September 11 at 9:00 AM in the Parish Office meeting room. Please join us!



The **St. Rita Men's Club** will be holding its next meeting in O'Malley Hall on Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 PM. A social with beverages and snacks will precede the meeting at 6:30 PM. New members are welcome!

Religious Education

Registration for Classes

All children in grades 1-5 are welcome to join our Program at St. Rita. Registration materials are available in the Parish Office or via email. **The fee for the class is \$65/per child.** Be sure to include a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. Classes begin on September 14 and meet every Monday from 4-5:15 pm.

For more information:

Cristina Cullen • dre@st-rita.org

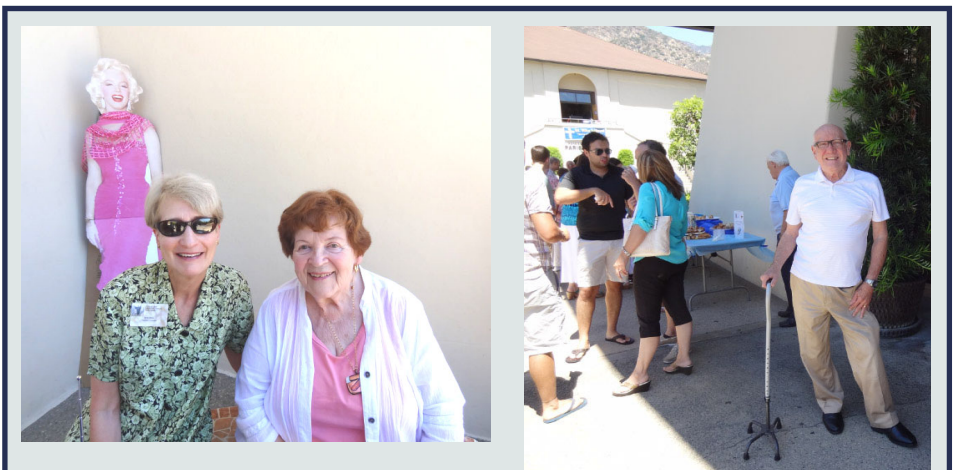
Young Adult Ministry

A new Ministry for adults between 18 and 35, single or married. For more information about meetings and upcoming events, please contact:

Priya Tharayil • trosep84@yahoo.com

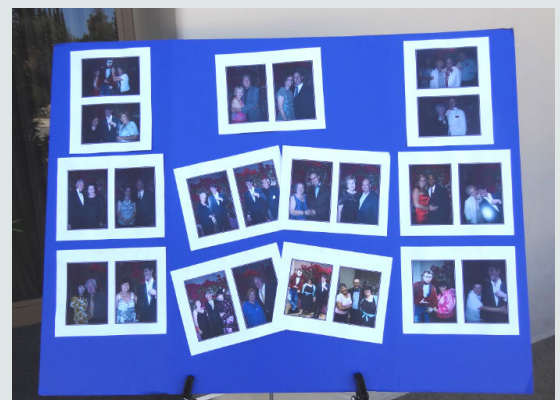
Bulletin Deadlines

Ten days before desired publication date.
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Thanks to Senior Ministry...

for last Sunday's lovely hospitality!



This Week at St. Rita

Hospitality—This Sunday

After all the Masses

Sponsored by: Religious Education & Youth Ministry

This Weekend August 29 & 30— Missionary Co-op Annual Appeal

Sr. Teslin Joseph will speak at all the Masses

Monday, August 31—Baptism Preparation Class

In the Parish Office • 7-8 pm • For September 6 Baptisms

► *Please contact the Parish Office for a form in advance.*

Friday, September 4—First Friday

Eucharistic Adoration in the Parish Office Chapel

See page 4 for further information.

Save the Date

Monday, September 7—Labor Day

Parish Offices are closed.

Tuesday, September 8—Men's Club Meeting

See page 5 for further information.

Friday, September 11—St. Rita Guild Meeting

See page 5 for further information.

Monday, September 14—

Religious Education Classes Begin

*Please see page 5, Religious Education and EDGE,
to see how/when to register.*

Tuesday, September 15—Catholic Prayer Breakfast

See page 4 for more information.

Tuesday, September 15—RCIA Begins

Watch for more information in a future Bulletin.

Tuesdays, September 15 & 22—VIRTUS Certification

Watch for more information in a future Bulletin.

Saturday, September 19—Dancing Under the Stars

3rd Annual "Senior" Prom; for ages 21 and older.

► *Pick up a flyer from the Vestibule.*

Sunday, September 20—Catechetical Sunday

Watch for more information in a future Bulletin.



Capital Campaign

Q: *We hear that work will start soon on the church here at St. Rita. Will Masses and other services be disrupted or have to be relocated?*

A: We are happy and pleased to share that work will soon begin on the interior of our church. We hope to be able to do this in stages so that there will be no or little interruption to our Masses and services that are the very core of our parish life.

A big priority will be our Sunday liturgies. While no one can guarantee what the future will bring, please know that we will do everything possible to assure that our Sunday Masses will continue without interruption. Using the bulletin, e-blasts, and Sunday announcements, parishioners will be kept informed of dates and times of renovations.

Have questions about the Capital Campaign? Please submit them to the parish office or email them to mlbutler@st-rita.org. We'll be happy to answer in the bulletin or with a personal response if you so desire.

Newsnotes

Catholic
Community

Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of St. John's Seminary—Saturday, September 12. At the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. 6 PM, dining on the Plaza.
Information: 213/637-7636

Grief Support Groups:

St. Luke Parish, Thursdays beginning Sept. 10

5605 Cloverly Ave., Temple City, 91780

Information: Parish Resource Center: 626/291-5900
or Sherrie: 626/287-8504

St. Bede the Venerable, Wednesdays beginning Sept. 16

215 Foothill Blvd., La Canada, 91011

Information: Gloria Lee, LMFT: 818/679-1841
Parish Center: 818/949-4300

Celebration of our Archdiocesan Cultures—Saturday, September 19. At the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 9:30 AM.

Information: Vivian Batrez: 213/637-7356

Maryknoll Guild presents

Sisters' Day and Luncheon

Join us for a morning of
"SHARING STORIES FROM THEIR MISSIONS"

Tuesday, September 8, 2015
10:00 AM—12:15PM presentation
Luncheon served at 12:30 PM

\$15.00 per person

All proceeds benefit the Retired Maryknoll Sisters

Maryknoll Guild, Annex Building
300 Norumbega Drive
Monrovia, CA 91016

Please RSVP by September 1
(626) 358-1825