



*St. Rita of Cascia Catholic Church*  
*A Faith Community Since 1908*  
*January 24, 2016*

**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

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Kathy Ganino: 626.398.9302 • katganino@charter.net

Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group:

Susan Day: 355-3835

Sacristans:

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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Bereavement Ministry: 355.1292 • bereave@st-rita.org

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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.

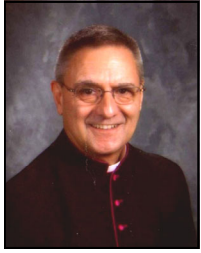
#### ✘ For Information Regarding These Sacraments ✘

**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.



REV. MSGR. RICHARD KREKELBERG

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

***Rejoicing in the Lord Must Be Your Strength!***

The Old Testament reading today takes us back to the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, “The priests of the restoration.” The people are portrayed in tears as they hear, for the first time since their exile, a reading of the Law of Moses. But Ezra instructs the people, “Do not be sad and do not weep”...“Do not be saddened this date, for **rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength!**” These might be the words said to our Church in times of uncertainty—that we might turn our attention as the people of God to the restoration of the Church. Or, more personally, Ezra’s words might be an encouragement to people who have undergone tragic loss or trauma. In the midst of darkness and despair, we may perceive the light of an opportunity to restore, rebuild, and redeem.

Of course there is only one Redeemer for us—Jesus Christ the Lord. And his declaration in the Gospel today could not be more timely or more poignant:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
liberty to captives, and  
freedom for the oppressed.*

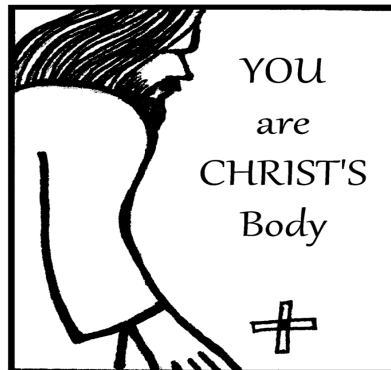
Would that it would be so! But is not the outpouring of the world today a sign that “our Redeemer lives,” as always, using our ears to hear the cries of the poor, our eyes to behold and to assess the needs of the oppressed, and our hands to liberate the captives of abuse, starvation, homelessness, and other human indignity?

So where do we find our rejoicing in the Lord that becomes our strength? We need go no further than St. Paul’s declaration to the Corinthians that in Jesus we have all been given “to drink of the one Spirit” and that we are “Christ’s body, and individually parts of it”—the empowering and strength-giving **MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST**. Last Sunday he spoke of all of our spiritual gifts and talents coming

from the Father, in and through his Son, and in the same Holy Spirit. Practically understood, it may be perceived in a remark made to me recently by one of our parishioners: “Father, this ministry brought me back from the depressed state I was in after the loss of my dad.” That’s the formula: Live the Mystical Body of Christ and sadness will give way to rejoicing.

The time of Ezra and Nehemiah and of the Restoration take us back to at least 500 years before the coming of the Messiah. But then in another respect, God’s call to restoration is never too far from any generation, is it? The added blessing for any of us who would help to restore others is that we ourselves are redeemed and restored to the Lord in the process. It is within the mystery of Christ Himself that a sad time may become a time to rejoice, just as His death became a door to the Resurrection.

*Amen to that!—Msgr. Richard*





## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 AM Fr. Joseph M. Gago INT  
5:30 PM Bud Brennan RIP

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

7:30 AM Lynn Snetsinger INT  
10:00 AM Amanda Koster RIP  
12 NOON For All Parishioners

### MONDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00 AM Uchechi J. Ikeocha RIP

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00 AM Paul Koster RIP

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

8:00 AM Communion Service

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 AM Communion Service

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00 AM Dean Johnson RIP

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 AM Rev. Msgr. Gabriel Gonzalez RIP  
5:30 PM For All Parishioners

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

7:30 AM Tom Johnson RIP  
10:00 AM Harry Coppi RIP  
12 NOON Thalia Harlond RIP

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

## FEAST DAYS

**Monday**—Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

**Tuesday**—Ss. Timothy and Titus

**Wednesday**—St. Angela Merici

**Thursday**—St. Thomas Aquinas

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading**—Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (*Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10*).

**Psalm**—Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (*Psalm 19*).

**Second Reading**—As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (*1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]*).

**Gospel**—While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (*Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21*).

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO REQUEST OUR PRAYERS —



José Zuniga, Phyllis Meadway, Eloisa Mendoza Arriaga, Lancelot Loera, *Infant* Evelyn Jane Ybarra, Joseph J. Gruppie, Brian Butler, Patricia Greer, Ron Jones, John Collins, Kohko Uyemura, Brook-Lynn Easter, Doug Peterson, Sandra Osborne, Stephanie Olah Packard, Richard Bevan, John Delgatto, 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, 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.

## Names on the Sick List

Names were added to the Sick List in the order in which they were submitted. Many of the currently listed names have been on the List for over one year and we are no longer sure if the names should still be included.

► On February 1 we will remove all names submitted prior to December 2015. In the future, names will be removed after one month.

**If you want to keep a name listed** or add a new name to our Sick List, please call the Office (355-1292) or send an email to

[bulletin@st-rita.org](mailto:bulletin@st-rita.org)

## Together in Mission 2016



This Annual Archdiocesan Appeal distributes all donated funds to parishes and schools that simply could not remain open without help from others.

We can make a tremendous impact in the lives of parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Every gift, whether large or small, matters.

In 2015 over eighty parishes and sixty-three schools received funding from Together in Mission.

**Will you help?** Either return the donation form you received in the mail or pick one up from the Vestibule. **Please make your check payable to "Together in Mission,"** then simply drop your form in the Offertory Basket or bring it to the Parish Office.

**No amount is too small—  
it is not what you give,  
but that you give.**

**It all begins with you!**

## Women's Retreat

**February 26-28**

*Begins 5 pm Friday, Ends 12:30 on Sunday*

Join women from other San Gabriel Valley parishes at the Sacred Heart Retreat House  
920 E. Albambra Road, Albambra 91801

**Take Time During Lent for  
Prayer, Silence, Reflection**

Flyers available in the Vestibule or for more information contact:

Cheryl Harlow • 626/794-7813  
[cherylharlow@mac.com](mailto:cherylharlow@mac.com)

## Youth Ministry

### High School Youth Nites

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

January 27, 7:00-8:30 pm

### EDGE Middle School

Monday, January 25, 4-5:30, Gara

### Y2 Confirmation Retreat, Feb. 5-7

Please pray for our candidates and the Retreat Team.

### Y1 Session & Youth Mass

February 13, 4-6:30 pm

Theresa Costanzo • [ym@st-rita.org](mailto:ym@st-rita.org)

## Religious Education

### Religious Ed Class

Monday, January 25, 4-5:30, Gara

### Sunday School

During the 10 am Mass, Gara Hall upstairs. No registration is required—just show up!

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday during the 10 am Mass. For more information, please contact:

Cristina Cullen • [dre@st-rita.org](mailto:dre@st-rita.org)

## Young Adult Ministry

Please contact us for more information on this new Ministry for adults between 18 and 35, single or married.

Priya Tharayil • [trosep84@yahoo.com](mailto:trosep84@yahoo.com)

## Bulletin Submissions

Please submit your information 10 days in advance of the desired publication date.

Tell us what's happening in your Ministry/Organization and send us some pictures too (jpeg format).

Questions? Contact Rosemary—

[Bulletin@st-rita.org](mailto:Bulletin@st-rita.org) • 355-1292 x226



### St. Rita School

► Applications now being accepted for the 2016-2017 School Year for Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten. Tours available. Please call to make an appointment.

► **Open House—January 31**  
following the 10 am Mass, from 11 am until 1 pm.

For more information, please call the

School Office • Mrs. Sara Landis 355-6114 x102



### Altar Service Training

ALTAR SERVERS  
Anyone from 5th Grade to Adult may sign up for training. Pick up a registration form at the Parish Office (355-1292) or contact

Kathy Ganino  
626/398-9302 or 626/394-4260  
[katganino@charter.net](mailto:katganino@charter.net)

## St. Rita Guild

### Save the date!

Our Annual Game and Card Party  
Saturday, February 6  
Begins at 10 am in O'Malley Hall  
Men are most welcome too!

Joan Crow, Guild President  
355.3621 • [rbcrow64@yahoo.com](mailto:rbcrow64@yahoo.com)



### St. Rita Men's Club

Our next meeting will be on *Tuesday, February 9* in O'Malley Hall at 6:30 pm with a Pizza Social, followed by the 7 pm Meeting. All men of the parish are invited to attend. Come to find out what we're all about!

Ed Driscoll • [driscomic.com](http://driscomic.com)

### St. Rita Men's Retreat—April 1-3

Set aside this time for our Annual Men's Retreat at Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center. Make sure you don't miss this spiritually rewarding time of peace and renewal.

Information: Bill Cosso 355-5656 • [bill@cosso.net](mailto:bill@cosso.net)



### A Video Thank-you from St. Francis Center

Check out this very heartwarming video—featuring your Giving Tree & Christmas Eve Mass gift donations—from pick-up at St. Rita through Christmas Eve home delivery by “Santa” José Ramirez, Executive Director of St. Francis Center.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7x\\_18D-54ZQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7x_18D-54ZQ)

# This Week at St. Rita



## This Sunday—After All the Masses

*Hosted by: the Music Ministry & the Bereavement Ministry*

## Monday, January 25—Baptism Preparation Class

*For February 7 Baptisms*

7-8 pm • Parish Office Meeting Room

► *Registration required; please contact the Office (355-1292) in advance.*

**Please Note:** There will be no Baptisms in March because of Lent. The next Preparation Class will be on March 28 for April Baptisms.

## Tuesday, January 26—RCIA

7:30 pm • Parish Office Meeting Room

## Thursday, January 28—Liturgy of the Hours

Contemplative Music 5-5:30 pm • Evening Prayer 5:30-6 pm  
*In the Parish Office Oratory Chapel*

# Save the Date

## Sunday, January 31—St. Rita School Open House

*See page 5 for more information.*

## Saturday, February 6— St. Rita Guild Game and Card Party

*See page 5 for more information.*

## Sunday, February 7—Baptisms

In the Church • 1:30 pm • Deacon Manuel

# Respect Life



## Capital Campaign

- Q:** We don't have a lot of money so can only make a small donation. Is it worthwhile for the parish if we make a relatively small pledge or should we just donate when we can?
- A:** Pledges are the heartbeat of any Campaign. They provide the information needed for good planning and a realistic assessment of what can be done so we encourage everyone to pledge what they are able. And of course, small pledges really do add up. We have almost 1,000 families who haven't yet pledged or donated to the campaign. If those families each pledged even \$500 over 5 years, which equals less than \$2 a week, we would have an additional half million dollars. If each family pledged \$1,000 over 5 years, which equals \$3.85 a week, we would have an additional MILLION DOLLARS! So please help us achieve 100% support by making your pledge to the Campaign.

Whatever you can give, it truly will be important to the future of St. Rita Parish and School.

Mary Lou Butler • 355-1292 x222 • [mlbutler@st-rita.org](mailto:mlbutler@st-rita.org)

# Newsnotes

Catholic  
Community

**Wednesday, February 10—St. Lucy's Benedictine Guild invites all women to attend an Ash Wednesday Retreat.** 9 am - 1:30 pm. No reservations required. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee and tea provided. Donations requested to help meet expenses of the day. St. Lucy Priory, 19045 E. Sierra Madre Ave., Glendora 91741

*Information: Ellen Carlson • 909/624-2058.*

**Thursday, February 11—Bosco Tech Open House.** 5:30-8 pm. Prospective students and their families are invited to tour labs & participate in workshops. Offered to boys in grades 6-8. Athletic team information and the marching band will perform. For information or to reserve workshop spots:

*Boscotechopenhouse.eventbrite.com  
admissions@boscotech.edu • 636/940-2009.*

**Saturday, February 20—The Healing Journey into God's Merciful Love.** 10 am - 5 pm. Call for program or registration information. Registration: before Feb. 8, \$30; at the door, \$40. Santa Teresita, Madonna Hall, 819 Buena Vista St., Duarte 91010.

*Scr.org or spirit@scr.org • 818/771-1361*



## Hospitality Sunday—January 17



Thank you to the Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Greeters for hosting last Sunday—yummy treats and hot drinks!

We appreciate the work and dedication of all of our host Ministries to provide an opportunity for us to socialize after the Sunday Masses.

## 2015 Donations

We are currently sending acknowledgement letters of your donations to St. Rita Church in 2015. Letters will be automatically sent to all those who gave a total of \$100 or more cumulatively, i.e., Weekly, Holy Days, Year End, Capital Campaign, and Archdiocesan Appeals (except for Together in Mission).

No donation reports will be given via phone. Please let us know if you do not receive your letter by the end of January, or if you have any questions or concerns, *please contact the*

Parish Office • 355-1292 x226  
rc@st-rita.org

