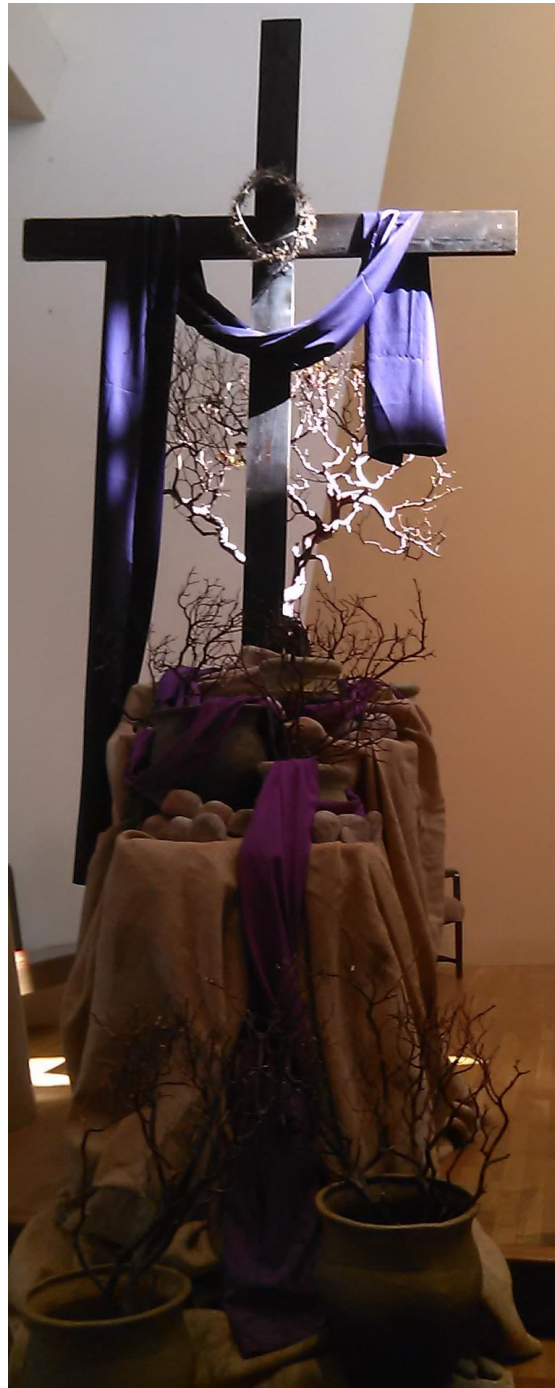


***Fifth***  
**Sunday**  
***of***  
**Lent**

**March 13, 2016**



**St. Rita**  
**of Cascia**

*A*  
*Catholic*  
*Faith*  
*Community*  
*Since*  
*1908*

**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**

318 North Baldwin Avenue, Sierra Madre

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Bill Sullivan: 355.3707

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## Parish Ministries and Organizations

### Liturgy & Worship

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Adult—Bill Cosso: 355.5656

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Kathy Ganino: 626.398.9302 • katganino@charter.net

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Susan Day: 355-3835

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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.

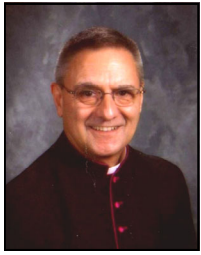
### ✘ For Information Regarding These Sacraments ✘

**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 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,

# *Reconciliation*

*Let the one among you who is without sin cast the first stone.*

Any takers? I thought not.

Well that is certainly one of the more immediate impacts of the Lenten season upon us all—the realization that, while we might not get to belong to every group that we would like to belong to in this life, we are guaranteed membership in this group—that of **those who sin and need forgiveness**. Like a sick person needs a doctor, instructs Jesus, the sinner needs a savior and a redeemer.

Today's gospel account is often referred to as "The Woman Caught in Sin," but the point of Jesus' writing in the sand is to declare that we have ALL been caught in our sins. This 5<sup>th</sup> week of Lent offers us a final week before Holy Week to encounter Jesus, our Redeemer and Savior, and to emerge stronger in our resolve to

walk in his footsteps and to experience Jesus' pardon and peace.

Why not give yourself the gift of this final full week of Lent? See if there is not a little time to take out of your day to "take a walk with the Lord" or to sit quietly in awareness of his presence. Even better yet, how about celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation? Motivation can come from the very gospel passage we have heard today: Jesus says to "the woman in sin," "Has no one condemned you? Then neither do I." When Jesus said that he was sent not to condemn the world but to save it, he really meant it. And do not be concerned about how long it has been since your last confession; the Lord is only interested in the present moment of your reconciliation and your return to grace.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a beautiful way to experience this

great part of sacramental life in our Church and a wonderful way to ready oneself for Holy Week. It is one thing to observe the Paschal Mystery of Jesus, Our Lord; it is quite another to become a real part of it right here, right now, by the celebration of the sacraments—especially Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. On Palm Sunday (heads up), I will be encouraging us "to keep Holy Week holy." Of course, you KNOW we need to "calendar it" now, or it will simply be upon us; and all the distractions of Easter as a holiday will upstage all the days of Holy Week as the holy days that they should be for all Christians.

*Looking forward to observing,  
participating in, and keeping the  
High Holy Days with you,  
—Msgr. Richard*

# *Forgiveness*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 AM Paula Kozsinski INT  
5:30 PM Nancy Peterson RIP

### SUNDAY, MARCH 13

7:30 AM Ruby Sanchez RIP  
10:00 AM For All Parishioners  
12 NOON Jay Baldwin RIP

### MONDAY, MARCH 14

8:00 AM Howard “Koko” Stone RIP

### TUESDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 AM Bill McKernan RIP

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

8:00 AM Communion Service

### THURSDAY, MARCH 17

8:00 AM Communion Service

### FRIDAY, MARCH 18

8:00 AM Msgr. Robert Gara RIP

### SATURDAY, MARCH 19

8:00 AM Mary Lou Harrison RIP

5:30 PM Ong Kim Lok RIP

### SUNDAY, MARCH 20

7:30 AM Arthur Velling INT  
10:00 AM Ignacio Aliman, Jr. RIP  
12 NOON For All Parishioners

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

## FEAST DAYS

Thursday—St. Patrick

Friday—St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Saturday—St. Joseph

## TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading**—The LORD does something new for the chosen people (*Isaiah 43:16-21*).

**Psalm**—The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (*Psalms 126*).

**Second Reading**—The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (*Philippians 3:8-14*).

**Gospel**—A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (*John 8:1-11*).



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO REQUEST OUR PRAYERS —



Myrna Esther, Aubrey Randolph, Joseph Baiunco, Toni Baiunco, Andy Pulley, Isabel Rosas Curci, Gwen Franklin, Arthur Contreras, Jr., José Zuniga, Lancelot Loera, Infant Evelyn Jane Ybarra, Joseph J. Gruppie, Brian Butler, Patricia Greer, Ron Jones, John Collins, Doug Peterson, Sandra Osborne, Linda Theriault, Guia Canizales, Margie Schubert, Evelyn Tres, Gerald Drean, Montserrat Marti, Maria Carmen Marti, Toni Navarro, Clare Marquardt, Tonya Blakeslee, Addie Marshall, Jackie Bagnuolo, Mary Ellen Isoard, Edith Olah, Fred Mycroft, Joseph Moore.

**Note: Names are kept on the list for one full month after submission.** If you want to add a name to our Sick List, or keep a name on for longer than one month, call the Office (355-1292) or send an email to [bulletin@st-rita.org](mailto:bulletin@st-rita.org)



**Kevin Walsh**  
brother of Brian Wilkman

† † †

## GRIEF SUPPORT



A 6 - week Bereavement Support Group for those who have lost a loved one. Begins **Wednesday, April 6 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm** at St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church, John XXIII Room, 215 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada 91011.

The series includes information on the grieving process and an opportunity to share with others.

To pre-register or for information:

Gloria Lee • 818/679-1841  
Parish Center • 818/949-4300

## LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

This year, St. Rita and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will **NOT** be having a Lenten Penance Service because of the recent opportunities for Confession during the “24 Hours with The Lord.”

Parishes in our area offering Lenten Penance Services are—

**Monday, March 14 at 7 pm**

St. Luke, Temple City

St. Philip, Pasadena

**Wednesday, March 16 at 7 pm**

St. Andrew, Pasadena

**Friday, March 18 at 7 pm**

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Altadena

## PREPARING FOR CONFESSION

Pope Francis said in a 2015 homily “The evil one...always tries to deceive, to lead us and make us choose the wrong path. The Pope goes on “Discernment is necessary. A Christian cannot rest easy, assuming that everything is fine. He must discern things and really look at where they come from.”

This is why the Church counsels us to always make an Examination of Conscience before Confession.

## Special Collections in March

**March 13—Maintenance & Repairs**, to help pay our ordinary and extraordinary monthly facility expenses.

**March 24—Holy Thursday**, to benefit those in need.

**March 25—Good Friday**, for the Holy Land.

**March 27—Easter Sunday.**

**Note:** If you don’t receive monthly envelopes, check the Vestibule or pews for Holy Week envelopes.

## Youth Ministry

### EDGE Middle School

Monday, March 14, 4 pm, Gara

### High School Youth Nite

Wed., March 23, 7:00-8:30 pm, O'Malley

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

## Religious Education

### Religious Ed

Monday, March 15, 4 pm, 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

Monday, March 14 is the deadline for the *Easter Bulletin (Sunday, March 27)*.

Regular deadlines—10 days before desired publication—resume on March 25 (for the April 3 Bulletin).

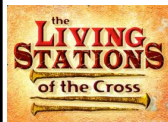
Tell us what's happening in your Ministry/Organization and send us some pictures too (jpeg format).

Questions? Contact Rosemary—

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



## St. Rita School



**Friday, March 18**—Join us for the “Living” Stations of the Cross, presented by our 7th and 8th grade students. In the Church at 6:15 pm.

Then cross the driveway to Gara Hall for the **Soup Kitchen**, also hosted by the School, featuring homemade soup, salad, and mac’n’cheese. Freewill donations for the meal are used to help the homeless.



### SCHOOL EVENTS

**This Sunday** some of our students are participating in the Academic Decathlon at Cal State Long Beach.

**Friday, April 15**—Hoop It Up! Watch for details in the coming weeks.

St. Rita School Office • 355-6114

## Can You Help?



We need a driver to deliver our food donations to St. Anthony Parish on Sunday, March 20 after our Noon Mass. All that is needed is a small truck or SUV to accommodate the bagged donations. Also needed and appreciated are helpers after the Noon Mass to load the vehicle(s). Practice a Lenten Act of Kindness and a Corporal Work of Mercy!

Parish Office 355-1292 • Rosemary 355-1292 x226 • [rc@st-rita.org](mailto:rc@st-rita.org)



## Food Drive for St. Anthony Parish Next Weekend, March 19 & 20

Bring your donations when you come to Mass. Please leave them on the tables outside of the Church. Cash and checks (payable to St. Anthony) are also welcomed.

Thank you for helping us by not bringing perishable food items or out-of-date items. And please **no donations after 1 pm on Sunday**—we have no place to store them.

*Thank you for your generosity and your support of St. Anthony Parish.*

## St. Rita Men's Retreat—April 1-3 At Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center.

### Last Call for the Retreat!

#### Info or to register:

Bill Cosso 355-5656 • Dave Muhs 355-9810 • Rich McCoppin 355-2871  
Duncan MacGillivray 355-0762 • Dave Banis 355-2012  
Pat Wickhem 416-8824 • Andy Cullen 310/560-0201



## This Week at St. Rita

**This Sunday, March 13—  
Daylight Saving Time Begins**

**This Sunday, March 13—  
Annual St. Patrick/St. Joseph Spaghetti Dinner**  
*Sponsored by the Men's Club • O'Malley Hall • 4:30-7 pm*

**Tuesday, March 15—RCIA**  
7:30 pm • Parish Office Meeting Room

**Thursday, March 17—Liturgy of the Hours**  
Contemplative Music 5-5:30 pm • Evening Prayer 5:30-6 pm  
*In the Parish Office Oratory Chapel*

► **Friday, March 18—A day of Abstinence**  
All those 14 years of age and older  
**must abstain from eating meat.**

**Friday, March 18—"Living" Stations of the Cross**  
In the Church • 6:15 pm • *presented by St. Rita School*  
**Followed by Soup Kitchen in Gara Hall**  
*Hosted by: St. Rita School*  
*See page 5 for more information.*

## Save the Date

**Weekend of March 19-20—Canned Food Drive**  
*See page 5 for more information.*

**Sunday, March 20—  
Driver(s) needed to deliver food to St. Anthony**  
*After the Noon Mass • See page 5 to see how you can volunteer.*

**Holy Saturday—March 26**  
► **No Confessions.**

**Monday, March 28—Baptism Preparation Class**  
7-8 pm • Parish Office Meeting Room  
*For Baptisms on Sunday, April 3*

► Please call the Parish Office for registration forms before the Class meeting.

**Weekend of April 1-3—St. Rita Men's Annual Retreat**  
*See page 5 for information.*



## Capital Campaign

**Q:** Is the Capital Campaign hurting our regular weekend collections or our Year End Giving?

**A:** No, there is a growing increase in collections over the previous years and the response to the Year End Giving Appeal was also higher this year. St. Rita Parish is truly becoming a stewardship parish with our parishioners, hearts filled with gratitude to God, fulfilling their responsibilities to God, Church and one another.

**Note: There is still time to pledge/give.** Next weekend, we will publish the names of all those who have contributed to the Campaign. Make your donation now to have your name included.

Have questions about the Capital Campaign?

Submit your questions to the Parish Office or email Mary Lou Butler. We will continue to publish questions and answers in this column in our weekly Bulletin. Enclose your name and contact information for a more detailed answer or personal response.

Mary Lou Butler • 626/355-1292 x222  
mlbutler@st-rita.org

## Newsnotes

Catholic  
Community

**Saturday, March 19—"Taste of La Salle."** A food and beverage tasting event on campus, featuring over 25 food, beer, and wine vendors. Tickets: \$45/advance; \$60 at door. Proceeds benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Reservations/Information: 626/696-4362 • lancernetwork.com/Taste2016

**Saturday, April 16—Cantwell-Sacred Heart High School 2nd Annual Retrounion Dance.** 7 pm - Midnight. All classes welcome. CSHM Cafeteria, 329 N. Garfield, Montebello 90640. \$40/person pre-sale; \$45/at the door. Proceeds help fund tuition scholarships.  
*Wwww.cshm.org (323) 887-2066 x 516*

**Open Now—Vatican Splendors: A Journey Through Faith and Art.** One of the rarest collections of Vatican art and objects to ever visit North America. Open through August 28. At the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, 40 Presidential Drive, Simi Valley 93065.

*Information: 805/577-2704  
www.ReaganFoundation.org/VaticanSplendors*

## Senior Ministry Joins with School Ministry Joins with Youth Ministry

Last year, our Senior Ministry began to decorate lunch bags for the daily lunch program at St. Francis Center. Then, Ellen Hoffman, the First Grade teacher at St. Rita School, wanted to have her class involved. So they decorate special holiday lunch sacks—so colorful and so heartfelt. Later, our Youth Ministry Leader, Theresa Costanzo, delivers them to St. Francis Center on the Youth Ministry monthly visit to help with food distribution.

*Thank you to all of these Ministries for their Outreach and great Spirit of Cooperation!*

