



## *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**August 2, 2020**

Thus says the Lord:  
All you who are thirsty,  
come to the water!  
You who have no money,  
come, receive grain and eat;  
Come, without paying  
and without cost,  
drink wine and milk!

Isaiah 55:1

# St. Rita Catholic Parish

*A Faith Community Since 1908*

**AUGUST 2, 2020**

**18TH 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**

*St. Rita is here for you in this uncertain time of COVID-19. Please call the Parish Office for Sacrament Information.*

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## *God's Loving Call*

Dear Parishioners and Visitors:

In the first reading today Isaiah says: “All you who are thirsty, come to the water. You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat. Come without paying and without cost.” Wow! Those are incredible words from the prophet, speaking on behalf of God. God calls us to come. “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28).

Each week we have an opportunity to “come” and receive Jesus in the “breaking of the bread” or Eucharistic meal. Although the way this is done right now with COVID-19 is different than usual, this nourishment is essential to our well-being. Our spiritual side thirsts for the eternal God and hungers for the nourishment He brings. Our God invites us to come as we are, with or without money, clean or unclean, simply come and partake in His nourishment. It is love that calls – and as St. Paul says in the second reading today, “nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.”

The Gospel miracle of the multiplication of the loaves is a further reminder that God wants to feed and sustain us. Our sustenance is God's very self, as we come to the table of plenty and receive the Body and Blood of Christ. What a gift, what a God! Peace and blessings to you all.

—Fr. Tom

P.S. I want to thank all those who assisted with the reopening of our Church. Although we are shut-down again, we are ready when able to reopen. I also want to thank those who are assisting with the drive-through confessions and drive-through communions. Although different, that safety is assured and that sacraments are available is a great blessing. It was wonderful to see so many drive through on Sunday to receive Holy Communion.

### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

Please remember to pray for more vocations to religious life and the priesthood during this holy season. This can be our special gift to the Church. You may also go to the parish office and check out the “Vocation Chalice” for a week as a reminder and tool to pray for vocations.

*Keep these intentions in your heart  
as you make your spiritual communion  
while public Mass restrictions are in place.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00 AM Claire Jones INT  
5:30 PM For all parishioners

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

7:30 AM Shawn Blakeslee INT  
10:00 AM Brian Tasker RIP  
12 NOON Helen Hamington RIP

### MONDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00 AM Francis Ashford RIP

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

8:00 AM Gala Family INT

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00 AM (No Communion Services)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00 AM (No Communion Services)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00 AM Brandon MacAller RIP

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

8:00 AM Susan Blakeslee INT  
5:30 PM Michaelyn Fidone RIP

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

7:30 AM For all parishioners  
10:00 AM Antonio Cortes RIP  
12 NOON Patrick Nolan RIP

## FEAST DAYS & OBSERVANCES

**Tuesday:** St. John Vianney  
**Wednesday:** Dedication of the Basilica  
of St. Mary Major  
**Thursday:** Transfiguration of the  
Lord  
**Friday:** St. Sixtus II &  
Companions; St. Cajetan  
**Saturday:** St. Dominic

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — All you who thirst,  
come to the water! You without money,  
come to the feast! (*Isaiah 55:1-3*).

**Psalms** — The hand of the Lord feeds  
us; he answers all our needs (*Psalms 145*).

**Second Reading** — Nothing can  
separate us from the love of God in  
Christ (*Romans 8:35, 37-39*).

**Gospel** — All ate until satisfied; they  
collected twelve baskets of what was left  
over (*Matthew 14:13-21*).

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO REQUEST OUR PRAYERS:



Sam Rowland, Rocio Ribero, Gene Leming, Carmen Ruiz, Joe Moody, Chris Gala, Sheri & Eva Bermejo, Phil Scalzo, Joe Hernandez, Michael Joseph Parada, Joan Juenemann, Charles Humphrey, Mark Stone, Joseph & Josephine Gruppie, Eleanor Raleigh, Margaux Viera, Kellie Loera, Charles Baker, Gilbert Gonzalez, Genise Tully, Mary Kiss, Lisa Bowman, Susan Devin, John Sawtelle, Inez Ybarra, Richard Forcione, Jacquie Marshall, Jim Martin, Teresa D'Agostaro, Maria Blust, Daisy Walters, Pete & Daisy Olson, Lalo & Luz Arriaga, Jim Crilly, Trini Marti, Doug Peterson, Sandra Osborne, Evelyn Tres, Gerald Dreaan, Toni Navarro, Tonyja Blakeslee, Fred Mycroft.



## ONLINE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT This Friday at 12:00 Noon



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## THE BUILDING MAY BE CLOSED, BUT OUR CHURCH IS ALIVE!

### 10:00 a.m. Live-stream Mass

Join together in prayer with your Parish Family for Mass every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., live-streamed on Facebook from the Parish Chapel.  
[www.facebook.com/SaintRitaSM](http://www.facebook.com/SaintRitaSM)

### Distribution of the Eucharist

Holy Communion will be distributed in the St. Rita lower parking lot after the live-streamed Mass, from 11:15 a.m. until noon.

### Reconciliation

Drive-Thru Confessions in the lower parking lot will continue, Saturday afternoons from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

*Please see Page 5 of the bulletin  
for more information.*

## Online Bible Study

Jim and Alice Cobbin have posted several episodes of Catholic Bible Study on YouTube. Join with them in examining the New Testament Letters. You can view their channel by visiting this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-k5eZwGvFi9ctNr1fv9FYg> or by searching YouTube for "Jim & Alice Bible Study".

### NEW!

Join St. Rita's ZOOM Bible Study  
Wednesday, 7:00—8:30 p.m.  
Email [biblestudy@st-rita.org](mailto:biblestudy@st-rita.org)  
and we will send you links to join us.

## *Come to Me and Eat: Receiving the Sacrament at St. Rita*

We are so excited to offer the Sacrament of the Eucharist at St. Rita after the live-stream Mass on Sundays. The Eucharist will be distributed from 11:15 a.m. until noon in the lower parking lot.

Please drive west on Grandview Avenue to enter the parking lot. (This will prevent lines of cars from forming on Baldwin.) Once you reach the lot, monitor volunteers will instruct you on how to proceed. Please wear masks as you approach Fr. Tom and the Eucharistic Minister. They will distribute Communion simultaneously to each side of the car.

Some things to remember:

- Turn off your radio and listen to the peaceful music outside.
- Pull up and put your car in park.
- Center yourself: you are in the presence of the Living God.
- Stretch out your arms and allow the minister to place the Eucharist in your hands.
- After the minister steps away, remove your mask, consume the Eucharist, and sign yourself, *before* driving on. It is perfectly fine to take a moment of prayer; God's time is the best time!

**NOTE:** *We are making this Communion opportunity available, but it is by no means a requirement. Catholics in the Los Angeles Archdiocese are still dispensed from attending Sunday Mass. Each individual's health and safety should be the primary consideration in making the decision to attend any church-sponsored services.*