



# SAINT RITA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

22 ST RITA LANE, SANTA ROSA BEACH, FLORIDA

February 23 2025

850.267.2558

*The Lord is Kind and Merciful.*



## SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

### MASS

Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil

Sunday 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM Misa en Español

Daily Mass - Monday - Saturday 8:30 AM

Thursdays @ Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital -  
11:30am

### SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays after Mass, 9 AM - 10 AM in church

First Friday of the Month, 9 AM - 6 PM in chapel

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 9 AM (or by appointment)

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs, 9 AM - 4 PM

## PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Fr. Michael Hartley

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Raja Karumelnathan

Parish Administrator: Stew Danos

Director of Parish Mission: Jenna Danos

Director of Liturgies: Nancy Wesson

Director of Liturgical Music: Gabby Schrack

Preschool Director: Heather Carson

CGS Director: Ticia Gallo

Youth Minister: Alex Molzer

Faith Formation Assistant: Gail Epplin

Office Manager: Laurie Mandrekar

Event Coordinator: Kristy Seeliger

Media Manager: McKay Moews

Administrative Assistant: Alyssa Miles

Facilities Manager: Travis Shields

Maintenance Assistant: PJ Dubicki

# ENCOUNTER • SHARE • BECOME

We exist to provide opportunities for you to encounter Christ, share His love, and become more like Him.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Perpetual

- 1st & 3rd Sun - Brunch following morning Masses
- Mon @ 5:30PM - Middle School Youth Night
- Tues @ 6:00PM - Catholicism 101
- Tues @ 7:00PM - Basketball (pickup)
- Wed @ 9:00AM - Loving Hands Ministry
- Wed @ 5:30PM - High School Youth Night
- 1st & 3rd Thurs @ 9:30AM - SVdP Meeting
- Thurs @ 6:00PM - Men's G.R.O.W. Group

### Announcements

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## TREASURE

Giving Account (Weekly Goal)	Last Week (% of Weekly Goal)
Offertory (\$40,105.65)	\$27,437.21 (68.41%)
Building Fund (\$5,721.72)	\$4,264.29 (74.53%)
Burse Club (\$200.00)	\$240.32 (120.16%)

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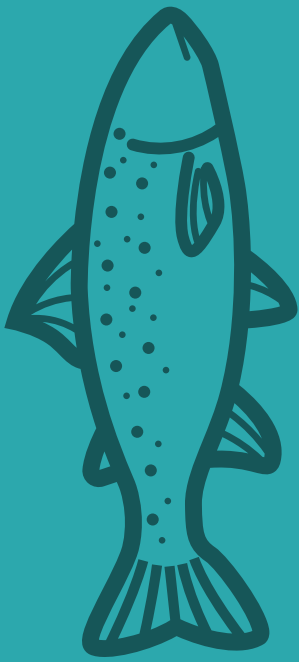
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## WEEKLY INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b> 8:30am 5:00pm	<b>February 22nd</b> Edda D'Amico (+) & Barbara Driscoll (+) Joe Colello, Jr (+)
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am 11:00am 5:00pm (Esp)	<b>February 23rd</b> For the People - -
<b>Monday</b> 8:30am	<b>February 24th</b> Nora George Buttross (+)
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30am	<b>February 25th</b> Nino Stella
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30am	<b>February 26th</b> Edda D'Amico (+)
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30am	<b>February 27th</b> Elizabeth L. Trahan
<b>Friday</b> 8:30am	<b>February 28st</b> Amanda Sieler
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30am 5:00pm	<b>March 1st</b> Don Rutland(+) Tom O'Hare(+)

## PRAY WITH US FOR

Jed Withers, Joe Tullos, Renee Watson, Pavlin Family, Nancy Lord, Micheline Riggio, Beth Turnbach, Christine H., Joseph Albert, Stella Leverton, Gregorio Alvarez, Gail Eplin, Jim Kelly, Helen Lee & Family, Julie Duncan, Tunello Family, Wendy, Kathy Farrell, Banks Wilson, Asiah Walsh, Adam Urena, Gianni Piraino, Tracy Finke, Dale Koblenzer, Mike Mcintosh, Kevin Vandervort, Saylor Kloepling, The Piraino Family, Jason Worthington, Greg Shields, Evelyn Handon, Lorraine RJJ, Lisa Trumps, Briggs Bruni, Margaret & John Mihalcz, Paris, Monica Hughes, Gianluca Piraino, William Higgins, John Bauer, Matt Beckett, Korrie Lali, Meg Copher, Anne Brazeal, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Gustavo Bardana, Timothy C., Michael K., Beth Coppedge, Joan Buchewicz, David Crocker Nicole Perez, Lisa Laurence, Jay Alberio, Dawn Mixon, Brian Vaughn, Elizabeth Zdanis, Dorothy Brockmeier, Jeff Benzer, Sonja Vogel, Socorro Ramirez, Frank Liberatori, Luke Hood, Rob Benzer, Douglas Krumel, Robert Darley, Hanie Nasri, Landen Prestwood, Terry Benzer, Nancy Smith Herring, Dee Jordan, Dora Sannadsardo, Sara McNut, Laura Jean Glahn, Kristy Unton, Lindsay Walsh



# SAINT RITA FISH FRY FRIDAYS

This Lenten Season, we are kicking it up a notch! Join us before or after Stations of the Cross for our St Rita Fish Fry Fridays. We have 3 different plates to choose from and have some great options for the kids too! Come dine in for some fellowship in the gym or grab take-out to have an awesome dinner at home! Our first Fish Fry of the season is March 7th. See you there!

Dine In or Take Out Available

## THE FISHERMAN'S PLATTERS - \$15

**Fried Fish Platter** - Crispy fried fish, hushpuppies, seasoned fries, coleslaw

**Baked Fish Plate** - Baked fish, haricots verts, rosemary garlic mashed potatoes, salad

**Shrimp Basket** - Fried shrimp, hushpuppies, seasoned fries, coleslaw

## TINY TOT'S PLATE - \$8

Choice of Fried Fish, shrimp or hot dog with fries and hush puppies (ages 12 and under)

*\*All Meals include drinks: Coffee, Tea, Lemonade & Dessert*

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT  
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*Ash Wednesday*  
March 5th

St Rita  
Mass Times

9:00 am

12PM Noon

6:00 pm



# Preschool Update

As we came back from the Holidays and welcomed the New Year 2025, we had an unexpected surprise. We actually took snow days, not hurricane days! We all had fun in the snow and enjoyed more memorable times with our families.

We will celebrate Fathers on Thursday, February 27 for Donuts with Dads. Since we miss this Special day during the summer we still like to honor Father's Day in February.

Thank you to our wonderful families as we continue to love and care for our children at St. Rita's Preschool.



## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD UPDATE

Since entering into Ordinary Time after Christmas, our theme in the Level 1 and Level 2 atria has been The Mystery of the Kingdom of God: Parables of the Kingdom. The children learn that Jesus told stories called parables to help people understand what the Kingdom of God is and where it is. We proclaim from scripture several of Christ's parables, one of which is the Parable of the Mustard Seed. The mystery of life in the kingdom of God is a mystery of growth and transformation caused by God's great strength of life, given as a gift. God's kingdom starts small and grows (less to more). God's kingdom is all around us, even inside of us.



If you would like to learn more about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St Rita, please contact  
Ticia Gallo at  
850.585.2482



# Youth Ministry Update

We've had an incredibly fruitful month in youth ministry at St. Rita! Both our middle and high school programs are thriving, even in the midst of busy sports schedules and the demands of the school semester. It has been a true joy to witness the teens deepen their relationships with Christ. Our time together in Adoration, as seen in the picture below, remains the most transformative part of our journey as disciples. These teens are so dedicated to their community here and continue to show up, ready to grow spiritually and intellectually.

As we look ahead, we're in full swing preparing for three life changing summer trips to Camp Hidden Lake, Steubenville Atlanta, and Camp Covecrest. Spots are filling up quickly—praise God! If you're interested in sponsoring a teen to attend the Steubenville Conference in Atlanta, please scan the QR code below for more information.

We are deeply grateful for your continued prayers and support for our teens!

Blessings,  
Alex and the Core Team



Register for  
Steubenville, ATL  
here!



## -ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS -

Applications are now being accepted for The Knights of Columbus Council 17689 2nd Annual Edward Underwood Scholarship Award. It is open to high school seniors graduating in May 2025 who are St. Rita parishioners. **A selected student who has been accepted for admission as a full-time student and will attend an accredited junior college, college, or university in the fall of 2025 will be awarded \$2500.** The selection criteria for the scholarship is based on an equal weighted evaluation of academic performance and potential for future academic success, extra-curricular school

activities, work experience, overall citizenship and service to your church and community, and the ability to communicate all these factors by answering the application questions and completing a 450-500 word essay. **Postmarked deadline for all applications is April 25th, 2025.** Winners will be notified in late May.



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Application



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# BINGO NIGHT

- FUNDRAISER -

**\$1,000  
IN CASH  
PRIZES!**

**FRIDAY  
FEB 28TH**

**6 PM  
- TO -  
8 PM**

**\$10 GAME BOOK**  
3 CARDS FOR 10 GAMES  
EXTRA SINGLE GAME CARD \$1

**\$10 DINNER | SERVED AT 5PM**

CASH, CREDIT, & APPLE PAY ACCEPTED

PROCEEDS SUPPORT: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, YOUTH ACTIVITIES, & OTHER KNIGHTS' CHARITIES  
QUESTIONS? Contact: Ray Hanks: rhanks46@bellsouth.net



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**Knights of Columbus  
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Scholarship Fund**

The Knights of Columbus Council 17689 is pleased to announce its 2nd Annual Edward Underwood Scholarship Award, in honor of our late Brother Ed Underwood, a believer in lifelong learning. Your contribution to this award will recognize deserving local students and assist them financially in their academic pursuits. It is open to high school seniors graduating in May 2025 who are St. Rita parishioners.

**Checks made payable to  
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Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459



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February 5, 2025

Brothers and Sisters in the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee:

Greetings in the Lord Jesus and abundant blessings be with you! I would like to share with you some joyful news for our diocese during this Jubilee Year.

As new sacramental guidelines are being developed for our diocese, a change in the age for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation was considered. After study, consultation, and prayer, I have decided that the age for the Sacrament of Confirmation for children in the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee will be moved to an earlier age. Beginning in 2025, we will be moving gradually and methodically toward a “restored order” of the Sacraments of Initiation that will be completed in 2028. Practically speaking, this means that children, around the age of discretion (7), will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist (First Communion) at the same Mass when properly catechized and disposed.

This transition is part of a larger initiative in our diocese to renew faith in the family by encouraging, empowering, and equipping *parents* to assume their role as primary educators of their children, handing the Catholic Faith on to their children. Our Diocesan Ministries Office, in particular the Office of Faith Formation, will work closely with parishes and Catholic schools to develop throughout our diocese a strong emphasis on “family catechesis,” with parents taking a more active role in the faith formation of their child(ren) – especially in preparation for the celebration of the Sacraments.

I will be sharing more details on the “why” and “how” of this process in the near future, as I am presently completing a Pastoral Letter. More information will also become available in the months ahead from your parish and from our diocesan offices. This is an exciting time for the Catholic Church in Northwest Florida, a time of renewed emphasis on the power of the Sacraments in the lives of our children and on the role of parents in raising their children to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ in our Catholic tradition.

While no new policy is being promulgated with this letter, I will soon be issuing a decree that specifies what the particular policies and law will be required going forward in our diocese. Please direct any initial questions or concerns you might have to Sr. Margaret Kuntz, ASCJ at [kuntzm@ptdiocese.org](mailto:kuntzm@ptdiocese.org)

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Bishop William A. Wack, CSC  
Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee



# PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT

A Faith-Filled Weekend Retreat for  
Single Men 18+ Discerning the Diocesan Priesthood

*Rooms and meals will be provided.  
ptvocations.org*

## ST. JOHN NEUMANN RETREAT CENTER

685 MICCOSUKEE RD., TALLAHASSEE, FL 32308

**MARCH 21 - 23, 2025**

*Retreat begins Friday, March 21, 2025 at 5 p.m.  
Concludes on Sunday, March 23, 2025 at 12 p.m.*

## NANCY BECERRA OFFICE OF VOCATIONS AND SEMINARIANS

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Your response is commitment,  
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gift of our own life." - St. John Paul II



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