



SAINT RITA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

22 ST RITA LANE, SANTA ROSA BEACH, FLORIDA

January 26 2025

850.267.2558

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

-Luke 1



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 Eplin

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)	\$38,353.14 (95.63%)
Building Fund (\$5,721.72)	\$4,621.07 (80.76%)
Burse Club (\$200.00)	\$40.32 (20.16%)

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WEEKLY INTENTIONS

Saturday 8:30am 5:00pm	January 25th Sarah & Colin Kincaid Don Rutland (+)
Sunday 8:00am 11:00am 5:00pm (Esp)	January 26th For the People Jim Hogen (+) Maryann Northcutt (+)
Monday 8:30am	January 27th Pearl Becht
Tuesday 8:30am	January 28th Joseph Tullos Sr.
Wednesday 8:30am	January 29th William Wilson (+)
Thursday 8:30am	January 30th Those affected by Winter Storm Enzo
Friday 8:30am	January 31st -
Saturday 8:30am 5:00pm	February 1st Dolores Anne Pennekamp (+) Arla Dangel (+)

PRAY WITH US FOR

Michelle Puckett, 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 Mihalczko, 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



JUBILEE YEAR 2025

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Bishop Wack
interview
about the
Jubilee Year

Vatican Website
with info
about the
Jubilee Year



INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE
ABOUT THE JUBILEE YEAR AND
HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE?



Scan code to
sign up!



All are invited to come and pray for an
end to abortion. Please consider signing
up to take a Holy Hour!
Begins March 5th

Organized by The Knights of Columbus



Tuesday Bible Study - Spring 2025

LUKE: THE STORY OF SALVATION FULFILLED

In this 8 week study, Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow will show you the beautiful Biblical roots for Mary, the Rosary, and the Mass that are found in Luke, strengthening your prayer life like never before. You will witness key moments in salvation history including the Annunciation, the Nativity, his public ministry, and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection. There are parables found only in Luke, including the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, and the rich man and Lazarus which will show you the mercy and compassion that Jesus has for each one of his children.

***PLEASE NOTE: Registration is now closed and we are unable to pre-order more books. However, you are more than welcome to still join the study and order your book separately! Scan QR code below to purchase a book for the study. For questions or for more info, contact: biblestudy@saintritarparish.org.

← scan code
to purchase
study book!



TUESDAYS @ 9:30AM OR 6PM
BEGINNING JANUARY 21ST
IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

All Men of the Parish are Invited to join: G.R.O.W. GROUP

(God Renews Our Walk)

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Thursday Nights

Family Life Center, room 3 - Dinner at 6:00PM

This Spring, our sessions will feature Peter Kreeft on the fundamental philosophical and theological arguments for the existence of God!

For questions or more info, contact John Bakane: chmncejohnb@gmail.com

GAMES, FUN & CASH PRIZES!

BINGO NIGHT

- FUNDRAISER -

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

**FRIDAY
FEB 14TH**

**6 PM
- TO -
8 PM**

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

\$10 DINNER | SERVED AT 5PM

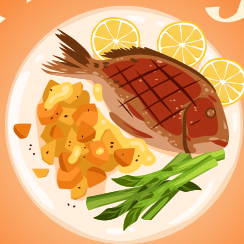
CASH, CREDIT, & APPLE PAY ACCEPTED

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



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKMAN COUNCIL

St Rita Fish Fry



Mark your calendars! The Fish Fry Season will begin on the Friday after Ash Wednesday. This year, we will have a Fish Fry every Friday during Lent. It will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners and continue to strengthen our St Rita Community.

We will be offering both traditional fish fry menu items along with healthier options. You can expect to enjoy a delicious dinner of fried or baked fish along with sides such as fries and green beans.

See you on Friday, March 7th!

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus



Kids Ministry & Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Update

We offer two levels of The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd method of Faith Formation for children. Level 1, which is located across from the gift shop in the church building, is for children ages 3-6. Level 2 is currently located in the FLC and is for children ages 7-9. The catechists who work with the children participate in over 100 hours of formation and prepare a special environment for the children, which is called the Atrium.

Why is it called an Atrium anyway? The word atrium actually means "portico, or porch entrance to a large house". The Atrium was a term given to this space by Maria Montessori. It was chosen because in the ancient church, the atrium was a gathering space between the Church Proper and the street. It was a place where the catechumens, those preparing for initiation to the Church, would receive introduction. The Atrium has a similar purpose for our children, as it is a place to help them enter into full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgical and communal life of the Church.

Recently in the level 1 Atrium, the children have celebrated Christmas and Epiphany: We have proclaimed from the Bible (Matthew 2:1-12) the Visitation of the Magi, referring to our maps to elevate the reality of this event, God places a sign of nature to announce Jesus' birth. The magi search for him and offer mysterious gifts as clues to his identity: Gold (for his kingship); Frankincense (because he is God); and Myrrh (because he is human, like us). This stirs wonder in the children as to the identity of Jesus through these gifts given to a small child. ("Are these good gifts for a baby?! What can these gifts tell us about the baby? I wonder what Mary will do with these gifts.") The magi offer a model for us in how to respond to Jesus, and we think about the slow, hidden way God brings great things through small beginnings. In the Level 2 Atrium with older children, we also have had a Christmas and Epiphany celebration and have presented a synthesis of the infancy narratives in which we take a closer look at the events, just before and after Jesus's birth, to discover in their recurrent themes a unity of the events which bind them together. Thus far, we have looked at synthesis themes of "prayer" and "names". In both atria, the children are provided with materials (dioramas of Mary's house; Elizabeth's house; figures of the magi, Mary, baby Jesus, the manger, etc.; scripture books, etc.) for them to return to and work with as they ponder the events that have taken place.

With children in other Faith Formation groups, we have covered many of the same historical infancy narratives and have discussed Jesus's public ministry, the apostles, the beatitudes and will begin to explore Jesus's parables." We appreciate catechists Karla Agurcia, Kim Derdock, Suzie and John Person, Trish Robertson, Patricia Smith, and Amanda Stratman who devote their time and talents; and who give love and care to the children of our parish.

To learn more about children's Faith Formation, the Atrium or to schedule a tour of the atria, please contact Ticia Gallo at ticia@saintritaparish.org.



CATECHESIS OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD

Youth Ministry Update

We've had an exciting start to the year with some great events and youth ministry programming! Our High School Lock-In Retreat was a huge success, giving our teens a chance to pray as a community, spend time with Our Lord in Eucharistic adoration, and hear witness talks from mentors in our community, all while having fun and not sleeping much! 😊

Our teens and core team members braved the cold weather for our semester Kick-off Beach Bonfires. High school and Middle School youth nights have been alive with the Holy Spirit, with fantastic catechesis, games, and plenty of time for small group discussions. We also had an awesome collaboration with Young Life for a trivia night, bringing together high school students from across the community in the St. Rita Gym for some friendly competition.

Looking ahead to February, outside of our regular programming, we will have a middle school morning hike on February 8th at a 30A hiking trail, as well as a high school Escapology night in Destin on February 20th.

A huge thank you to our amazing Kitchen Team! Their dedication to preparing delicious meals on Mondays and Wednesdays for youth nights has been such a blessing. We are so grateful for their hard work and heart for serving our teens each week.

Stay tuned for more updates, and we can't wait to see you all soon!

High School
Lock-in



Beach Bonfire
Kick-off



PASS, DRIBBLE, SHOOT CONTEST

BOYS & GIRLS

AGES 9-14

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

FEBRUARY 1
REGISTRATION 9 AM

2025

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ST RITA YOUTH MINISTRY

2025

SUMMER CAMPS

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CAMP HIDDEN LAKE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL: JULY 21-26

CAMP COVECREST FOR HIGH SCHOOL: JUNE 23-28

STUEBENVILLE CONFERENCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL: JULY 11-13

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