



St. Rita

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Welcome to St. Rita

We are happy that you decided to worship with us. If you are visiting just for today, we pray that God will be with you on your journey. If you are seeking a church home, we would be happy to welcome you into our parish community.

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Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
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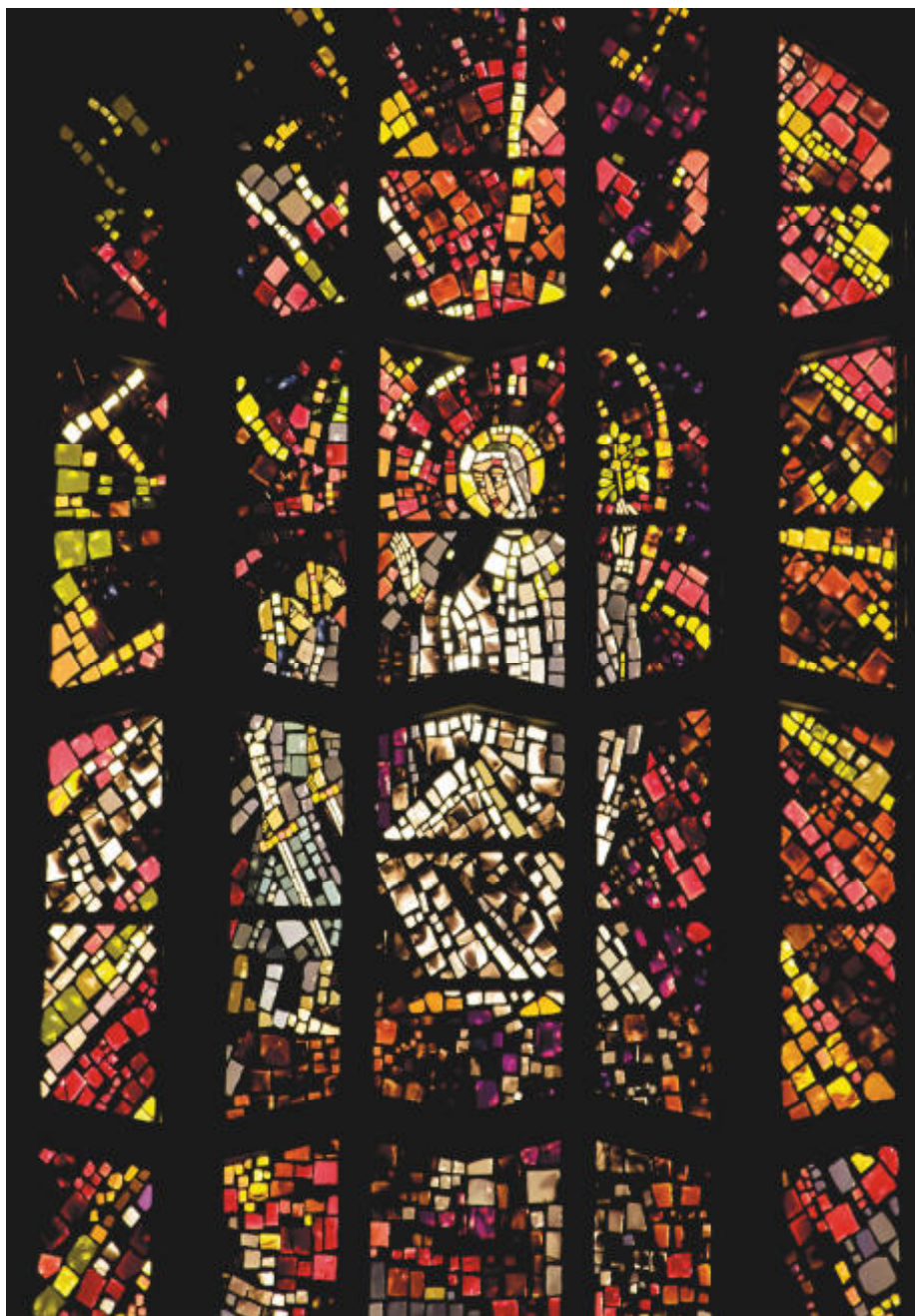
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From the Desk of Fr. Charlie...



Here I am, Send Me

In last week's Old Testament text we heard God's call to Jeremiah. This week we hear the call of the Prophet Isaiah. These two men are the most dynamic prophets of the Jewish people. Their prophetic words and actions continue to speak to us today in dynamic fashion. You cannot prayerfully meditate on the lives and witness of such men and not see their appointment by God; the cost of the service they perform to change the hearts of believers.

Jeremiah was young, one who attended the growth of a very precious commodity, sycamore trees. Yet God saw in him a potential to touch the hearts and souls of those longing for meaning and purpose in life. He firmly trusted the God who called him as the God who made covenants with the chosen ones; for this conviction he offered his life.

Isaiah was a man of many moods. These moods are used by God to first bring judgment against an unfaithful people. Secondly to offer hope to the people based on the promises revealed through the prophets. Finally to rebuild the people into the image of God's design. Initially Isaiah refused to accept his calling as a man of unclean lips. The texts offer a dramatic image of an angel carrying an ember from the altar of incense to cleanse and purify Isaiah's lips. Isaiah then chastises the people in strong and, at times, vulgar imagery for their infidelity. Finally, Isaiah falls deeply in love with those whom he was called to reform and thus celebrates a new community in faith.

We are called to witness the presence of God. We can all identify with our weaknesses and failings, but once we have accepted our redemption in Christ we have no appeal to this for avoidance of our call to service. We, like the Prophets, have a voice given us to speak out in the face of sinfulness, injustice and abuse. We must raise our voices and do what we can to celebrate the Love we have for one another. May the love given to us so freely be freely given to all who are in need. Let us never forget the source of love is Christ.

Fr. Charlie



Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for the February 23rd / 24th bulletin is Thursday, February 14th no later than 10:00 a.m.

From the desk of
the Pastoral Associate...

THANK YOU . . .

On behalf of my daughter, son-in-law, Bill and myself, we would like to extend a very heart felt THANK YOU to all for your good thoughts, kind words and prayers.

My newest grandchild, Robin William, made his entrance into this world on January 29th, at 32 weeks and 3 days, (yes, they do count by days!) weighing 4 lbs. 4 oz. We are happy to report that he is off oxygen, his IV has been removed, they are reducing the heat in his incubator and we are hopeful that the feeding tube will be out by the end of this week.

So, thank you again, and if I could ask, would you please keep your prayers coming?

Bible Study

Since Bible study was cancelled due to the weather, there is still time to join us. We meet Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and / or Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Both sessions are held in the daily chapel.

High School Religious Education

Several of our high school students will be helping out at the Center for Deaf Blind Persons today (February 9th.) They help with their clients by playing games, reading, helping with any projects they are working on and assist with lunch preparations.

This is our newest service / outreach project for our high school youth, and the Center could not be more pleased. The Center is not only impressed with our teens, but with St. Rita Parish's generosity with the Gifts at the Stable. Two months after, I am still getting "thank you's." So, to all of you THANK YOU for your generosity and continued support!

On Sunday evening, February 17th; our teens in the Confirmation process will participate in their Candidate / Sponsor Session. This is a great opportunity for some great faith sharing, getting to know each other a little better, and for the Sponsors to hear why they were "chosen" and for the Candidate to hear why the Sponsor "accepted."

Our high school Candidates are: Alondra Arteaga, Deven Michalak and Colin Skotzke. Please keep them in your prayers.

Blessings,

Barbara

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, February 9

4:30 p.m. † Rosemarie Huber

Sunday, February 10

8:00 a.m. † Jerry Banaszynski
For the People of St. Rita Parish

10:30 a.m. † Delores Potochick

Tuesday, February 12

8:00 a.m. For all First Responders

Saturday, February 16

4:30 p.m. † Ceranowski Family

Sunday, February 17

8:00 a.m. For the People of St. Rita Parish

10:30 a.m. † Victor Mikecz

The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 10

9:00 a.m. Grade School Religious Education
Classes Day School

9:00 a.m. High School Religious Education
Classes Parish Office Complex

Monday, February 11

6:30 p.m. Bible Study Chapel

Tuesday, February 12

10:30 a.m. Bible Study Chapel

Wednesday, February 13

6:30 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal Church

Thursday, February 14

6:30 p.m. RCIA Parish Office Complex

6:30 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal Church

Sunday, February 17 *Hospitality Weekend*

9:00 a.m. Grade School Religious Education
Classes Day School

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Candidate / Sponsor
Meeting Church

February Tabernacle Light

In Loving Remembrance

Week 1:

Week 2:

Week 3:

Week 4: Charles Wolf



Readings for the Week of February 10th

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8/
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24
and 35c/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28,
29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/
Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/
Lk 6:17, 20-26

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Please welcome into
our faith community
the following new members:



Timothy and Nicole Hosni,
Corbin and Grant
William Kellen and Karen Hensel Kellen
Joseph and Denise Opansky
Dylan Tuttle and Madison Zuverink,
Sigge Tuttle
Cheryl White



Mass Intentions and Tabernacle Lights

Do you have loved ones you would like to remember in a special way? We have many dates available this year for Mass Intentions and a few weeks available for Tabernacle Lights. Please call or stop by the Parish Office to schedule the dates. The stipend for a Mass Intention is \$10 and a one-week period for the Tabernacle Light is \$25.



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