

# St. Rita Catholic Church

1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Avenue

Indianapolis, IN 46202

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

I will establish my covenant with you,  
that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed  
by the waters of a flood;  
there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.  
(Gn 9:11)

### PSALM:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those  
who keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

### SECOND READING:

Christ suffered for sins once,  
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,  
that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18)

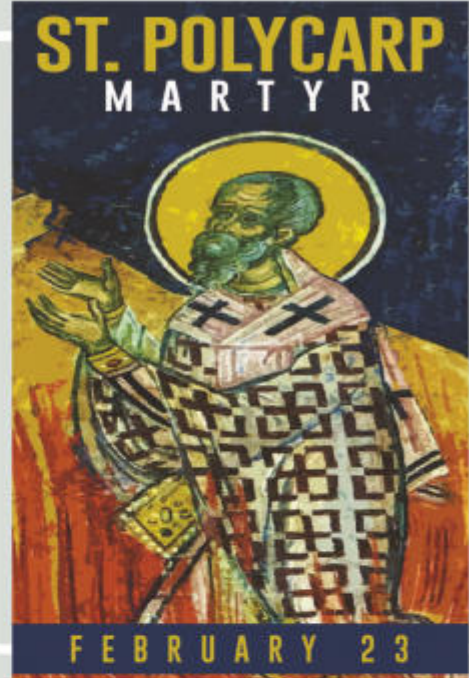
### GOSPEL:

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,  
and he remained in the desert for 40 days,  
tempted by Satan. (Mk 1:12-13)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent  
Monday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle  
Tuesday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr  
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

God promises Noah to use a "bow in the clouds" (a rainbow) as a sign and symbol of His divine pledge to never again allow a world-wide flood to devastate the earth. This is the Bible's first recorded covenant between God and humanity. What do you think of when you see a rainbow?

### SECOND READING

Peter teaches that Jesus preached to both the living and the dead — those dead dating back to the days of Noah — and connecting us through baptism. What do you find intriguing about this idea?

### GOSPEL READING

We hear about Jesus' temptation in the desert and his inaugural gospel message to those living in Galilee. Jesus saw repentance as necessary to believe his good news. As we begin the Lenten journey, what aspects of your life require repentance?

## ST. RITA CHURCH INFORMATION

### Weddings

Engaged couples must contact the Parish Life Coordinator no later than six months prior to the actual wedding day: This Archdiocesan regulation is to allow sufficient time for the couple to make adequate preparation to receive the sacrament.

### Sick Calls

Anytime - notify the priest. In case of hospital emergency, ask a nurse to call the chaplain or St. Rita Parish at 317-632-9349.

### Death Funerals

Please contact the Parish Life Coordinator, Sister Gail Trippett CSJ, immediately to arrange services.

### Religious Education

Please call the Rectory or Anita Bardo

### New Parishioners

Kindly register at the Rectory upon arrival.

### Bulletin Deadline

Monday 9:00 a.m (1) week prior to publication.

Send email to: [stritasecretary71@yahoo.com](mailto:stritasecretary71@yahoo.com)

## NEWS

**Pope Francis Quote:** "Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone."

**Fasting During Lent:** Think about the days of fasting during Lent; Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and think about all Fridays during Lent. Even if you don't fast each Friday consider light meals. The rules do not apply, however, to young children, the elderly, or anyone whose health may be jeopardized by a change in diet. Each day you fast, think about donating food to a shelter, a food pantry, or for a cause on line that feeds people.

**Why Abstain on Friday?** Friday is the day of Christ saving death on the cross; we abstain to share in his work of saving the world.

- **What foods can be eaten during a fast?**
- Fish
- Eggs
- Milk products like milk, butter, yogurt or cottage cheese
- Any fruits you like, Any vegetables you like
- Any grains you like (such as noodles, breads, donuts, etc.)

## MASS INTENTIONS

11:00 am	Sunday	February	21	Father Andy
No Mass	Monday	February	22	
11:00 am	Tuesday	February	23	Father Andy
No Mass	Wednesday	February	24	Father Andy
11:00 am	Thursday	February	25	Father Justin
No Mass	Friday	February	26	
6:00 pm	Saturday	February	27	Father Andy

For the People of St. Rita Church

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Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5,6-7,8-9, Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a,4-5,6, Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34: 4-5, 6-7,16-17,18-19
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19, Lk 11:29
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4,5-7a, 7bc-8
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5,7-8
Next Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10,

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



## FEBRUARY 2021/ BIRTHDAYS

3-Wayne Edwards	28-Rose Covington
6-Melba Kirk	28-Margaret Bush
6-Domoni Rouse	28-Taylor Patterson
8-Sharon White	
11-Deven Smith	
13-Trinity Phillips	
14-Denise Morrow	
17-Gregorio Oliveira	
20-Greg Smith	
23-Shirley Hamler	
27-Wanda Heslep	
27-Barbara Wiggins	

If your name was omitted, please contact the church secretary. Thank you


## OFFERING

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 & 14, 2021**

**INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING**

Your weekly sacrifice or sharing of your first fruits helps our parish continue its mission, funds our ministries, maintain our church responsibilities and provides resources to our parish. Your contributions can be received:

- Via Bill Pay through you local bank
- Via our online portal:
- **St. Rita:** <https://stritaindy.wesharonline.org> Mail in payments  
-Mail is picked up daily



**DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**  
In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.

### Online giving

**January 22, 2021 through January 29, 2021-**Bell Tower:\$78.00, Donations: \$105.00,Sunday Collections:\$682.61,

**January 29, 2021 through February 5, 2021-** Bell Tower:\$78.00, Donations: \$105.00, Sunday Collections: \$563.00, 2nd Collection: \$100.00, Heat Pump Donations: \$25.00,Catholic University of American: \$100.00,

**February 5, 2021 through February 12, 2021-** Sunday Collections: \$1,623.00, Donations: \$5.00, Bell Tower: \$78.00

## Reflection from Sister Gail

“..And at once the Spirit drove him into the desert, and he was there for 40 days, and was put to the test by Satan.” Why would the Holy Spirit lead Jesus in to a desert? Why would he be deprived of food, comfort, security, support, and protection? Jesus was seemingly alone and yet he was never alone. God and the Holy Spirit were enough. His forty days devoid of any of the creature comforts that humans believe they need to survive, shows in full display that a human can survive everything human with the only security needed; God.

Jesus' time in the desert also shows that a heart and mind disciplined on God and remaining faithful to godly discernment, godly actions, and placing God first; strengthens us against any onslaught of Satan. As we begin Lent this year, let's create our own 40 days in the desert with Jesus. As we let go of something that has great meaning to us during Lent, let us also create a daily routine that is different than our normal pattern of life. How will you increase time with God? How will you change your routine in such a way that helps you look at life differently, because life is different?

What will you put in place that will keep God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit at the center of each moment of your life? What will you need to stop doing to make room for the new?

### REMINDERS:

**Virtual Prayer Breakfast**, February 20, 2021, at 10:00 AM, Link-  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86937306452>

**Annual Black History Month Youth Led Revival**, February 21, 2021, 2:00 PM, link to come

## ST. RITA PARISHIONER PRAYER LIST

### Please remember to pray for the sick and shut in:

Vaughn Moore, Samson Olarewaju, Dewayne Keeylen, Adrian Johnson, Kerry Conwell, Mya Davis, Baby Makayla Owens, Baby D.J. Matthews, Emily Williams, Serena Harris, Angela Jones, Rosie Herbert, Sallie Fields, Hazel Beard, Jhana Hayes, Clois Jenkins, Frank Ray, Goldene Carter, Maria Amos, Ann Ray, Carol & Carman Dearman, Niikita Liggins, Mel & Minnie Blaylock, Fr. Andy Syberg, Msgr.Tony Volz, Fr. Justin DuVall, Fr. Joe Moriarty & family, Martha Riley, Tina Barber & family, Joann Combs, Bruce Ray, Eddie Carr, Rosemary Lee, Glorianne Messer, Cecilia Wisdom, Benjamin & Erma Hidalgo, Ann Ray, Rosemary Wade, Debra Hardin, David Boone, Linda Johnson, Gary Franklin, Gwen White, Rita Williams, Mary Agnes Brown

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