

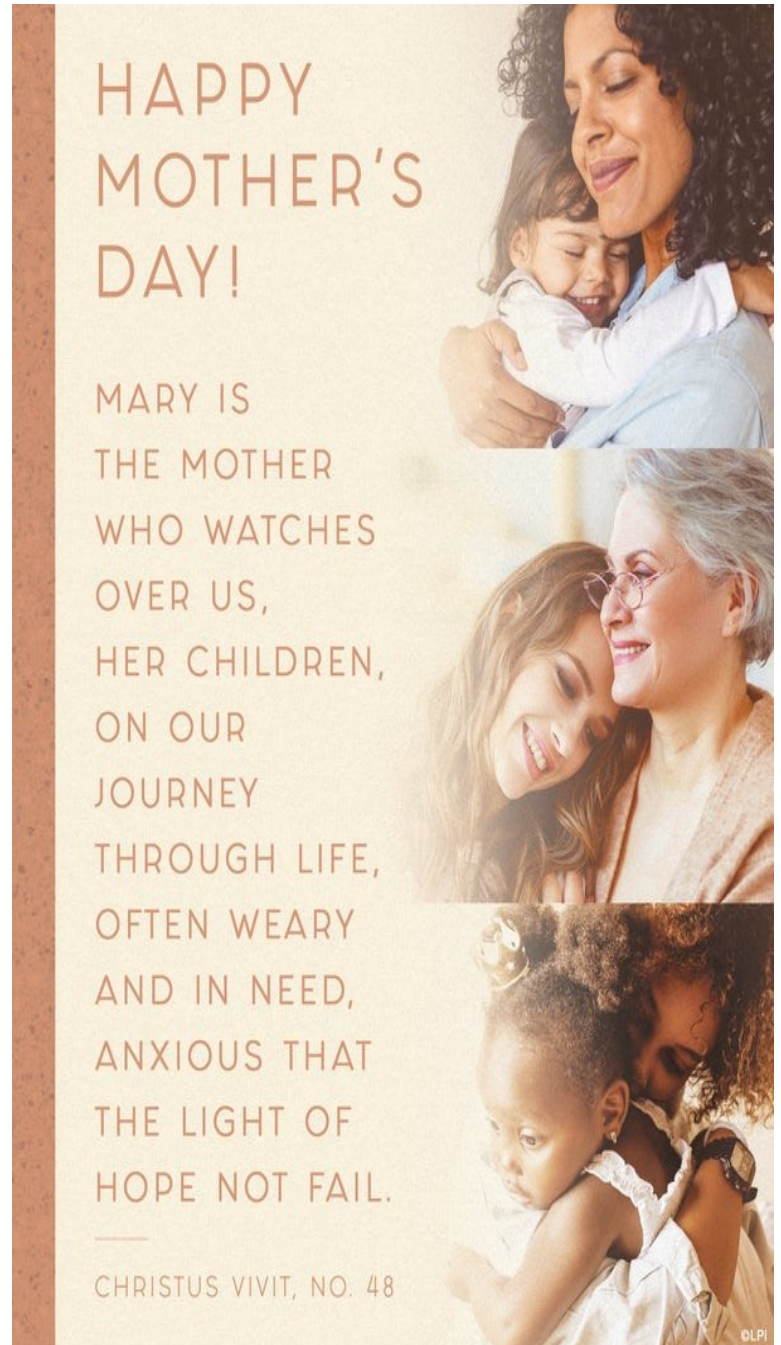
*St. Rita Catholic Church*  
*1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Avenue*  
*Indianapolis, IN 46202*  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 10, 2026**

**St. Rita Catholic Church Mission Statement** the parish of St. Rita, a Catholic Community of Faith are called by the risen Lord to love God the Father. We believe that Ministry is the Power of the Holy Spirit, therefore, we encourage, support and provide opportunities, so that everyone may participate in and be recipients of the Church's Mission Ministry. We aspire to deepen our understanding of Christ's Good News and to Serve our neighbor of the Gospel. We realize the necessity and accept the responsibility to work for justice and human dignity. We realize the necessity and accept the responsibility of supporting ourselves as a parish. We invite everyone to join in celebrating and witnessing the presence of the risen Lord among us.

Parish Office Hours	Mon-Thru 9:00 am—4:30 pm
Rectory Telephone Number	317-632-9349
Administrator pro tempore	Rev. Benjamin Syberg
Deacon	Deacon Oliver Jackson
DRE/ Youth Director	Anita Bardo
Administrative Assistant	Denise Gavia-Currin
Bookkeepers	Johnette Grant
Finance Council Chair	Sharon Edwards
Activity Coordinator	Vivian Hill
Parish Council Chair	Greg Smith
Buildings & Grounds Operation	Marty Ray
Music Director	Gayle Jones

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm	Sunday 11:00 am
Weekday Mass Schedule: Thursday	
Holy Day Masses will be announced	
Baptism by Appointment	
St. Rita Church Website	<a href="http://www.stritaindy.org">www.stritaindy.org</a>
St. Rita Secretary Email	<a href="mailto:stritasecretary71@yahoo.com">stritasecretary71@yahoo.com</a>



**We are the Hands of Christ through our Outreach Ministries**  
**Keep Indiana Beautiful (KIB) Tree planting in the neighborhood**  
**St. Vincent de Paul Society Utility, furniture and food assistance**  
**Special collection-Every 5th Sunday**  
**Changing Lives Forever Breaking the Cycle of Poverty Next session TBA**

## ST. RITA CHURCH INFORMATION

### Weddings

Engaged couples must contact our Parish Office, 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.

### Funerals

Please call the Rectory 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 (2) weeks prior to publication.

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

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, any many paralyzed or crippled people were cured.

### Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)

### Second Reading:

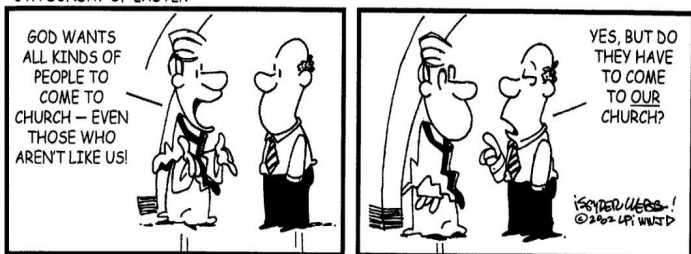
For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18)

### Gospel:

Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me.

And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him. " (Jn 14:21)

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## MASS INTENTIONS

11:00 am	Sunday	May 10
<b>In Loving Memory of All Our Deceased Mothers</b>		
No Mass	Monday	May 11
No Mass	Tuesday	May 12
No Mass	Wednesday	May 13
11:00 am	Thursday	May 14
No Mass	Friday	May 15
6:00 pm	Saturday	May 16
<b>In Loving Memory of Betty Hughes/Hughes Family</b>		

## BLESSING FOR MOTHER'S DAY

**Dear Lord,**

**Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way.**

**For mothers: fill them with joy and blessings.**

**For those who have lost children: surround them with Your love.**

**For those who have hoped for children: surround them with Your love.**

**For those who have lost a mother: may they know Your comfort.**

**For those carrying difficulty on this day:**

## READING FOR THE WEEK OF , 2026

Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8,14-17/Ps 66:1-3,4-5,6-7,16 & 20
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2,3-4,5-6a & 9b
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab,2cde-3,7c-8
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7
Thursday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3,4-5,6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3,8-9,10/Jn 16:23b-28

## MAY'S 2026 BIRTHDAY'S

1- Irene Patton	24-Mafriッサ Scott
2-Shawnte Parrott	26-Sister Gail Trippett
5-Benjamin Hidalgo	26-Caleb Legg
8-David Rivera	27-Ashlee Wyatt
10-Dollie Smith	29-Tina Barber
12-Jacqueline Rivera	31-Iesha Vitalis
18-Nannette Blair	31-Hazel Beard
18-Michael Joseph	
19-Elmetra Scheck	
20-Olivia Phillips	
22-Diane Johnson	
24-Marissa Scott	
24-Mystica Akimana	

## FIRST FRUITS AND PARISH SUSTAINABILITY

SATURDAY APRIL 25TH & SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2026

### Donations:

1st Collection	1,185.00
2nd Collection	137.00
Donations	1,193.00
Building & Maintenance	53.00
FBSFLC	110.00
St. Vincent de Paul	25.00
Criterion Subscriptions	44.00

### Missions:

Black & Native Amer Mission	30.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	53.00

### Online giving WeShare:

Sunday Collections	695.00
Donations	5.00
Holy Day of Obligation	150.00
FBSFLC	125.00
Capital Campaign	150.00
Catholic Home Missions	10.00
Undesignated	100.00



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Young Adult Ministry:** In honor of St. Rita's Feast Day, the Young Adult Ministry will be hosting a reception immediately following Mass on Sunday, May 17th in the cafeteria. Please join us for delicious food and refreshments and a great opportunity to fellowship with the members of the church and community!

**Tuesday May 12,** Bible Study 4:30 pm Holy Angels Church

**Friday May 15,** 9 Day Novena to the Holy Spirit

**Sunday May 17,** The Crowning of the Feast of St. Rita

**Sunday May 24,** Pentecost Sunday

**Sunday May 31,** Most Holy Trinity

**Sunday June 7,** Corpus Christi-Benediction/Processional

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

May 10, 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

John 14:15-21

In my family, we can hardly speak about orphans without tears. My father was adopted as a baby. He frequently told us stories of how his parents welcomed him not just into their home but into their hearts. It was never merely a relocation or a legal transaction. It was the joy of being chosen, of receiving a family, a name, and a place where he belonged forever. Even in his later years, recalling that gift still moves him to tears of tender gratitude.

That is the kind of tenderness behind Jesus' words in today's Gospel: **"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."** (John 14:18) He is going away, but not abandoning us. Instead, he sends us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit — his own Spirit, shared with the Father — who dwells in us. Through the Spirit, Christ is present in us, and we are present in him. His Spirit gives us a home and a family.

We deepen this knowledge in the sacraments, in prayer, and in the daily life of the Church. The Spirit is the bond of belonging, the power that makes us God's sons and daughters, not spiritual orphans. And this is not a one-time event. There is always a deeper outpouring of the Spirit available to us, a fresh appropriation of the promise that we are never abandoned.

If only we could be as grateful as my dad is for his adoption, realizing that we have been adopted by God Himself. In Christ, we are never left as orphans.

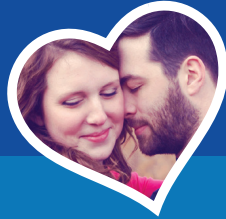
— *Father John Muir*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Dr. Lora Vann, Patricia Wills, Joyce Broussard, Lucyna Law, Paul Keough, Wayne Edwards, Daniel Scheck, Rita Hogan, Shirley Hamler, Sandra Hayes, Eddie Carr, Shirley Vann, Ann Ray, Mildred Cartagena, Lisa Murphy, Anthony Barber, Tina Barber, Rose Mary Lee, Claudette Young, Barbara Hinton, Phebe Kemer, Mary White, Gary Franklin, Hazel Beard, Felicia Sockwell, D.J. Matthews, JoAnn Combs, Glodene Carter, Agnes Teeters, Glorianne Messer, Benjamin & Erma Hidalgo, Rosemary Wade, Carol & Carmen Dearman

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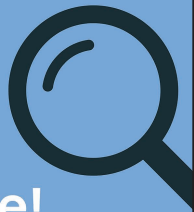


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