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MASS TIMES

Sundays:
7:30 a.m. (in person),
10:00 a.m. (in person and livestreamed)

Weekdays:
Tuesday at 8:30 a.m., during the school year

Holy Days:
Varies; to be announced

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
(Confession) Saturdays 4-5 p.m. or by appointment

Devotions:
Stations of the Cross, online during Lent

Adoration and Holy Hours:
Online, schedule varies; to be announced

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Baptisms
First Sunday of the month after the Noon Mass. Registration and Catechesis are prerequisites. Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriages
Contact the Parish Office upon engagement; at least six months is needed for preparation of this joyous sacrament!

Reconciliation & First Eucharist
Preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist for the first time usually begins in first grade. Children prepare either in a Catholic school or the parish Faith Formation program. The sacraments are administered through the Parish.

Confirmation
A two-year program for freshman & sophomore-age teens. Please apply through the Youth Ministry Program.

Communion for the Sick & Homebound
St. Rita Eucharistic Ministers provide Communion home visits. Contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick & Funeral Liturgies
Please notify us for the Anointing of the Sick, the sacrament intended for the seriously ill or dying which brings Our Lord's special presence and companionship in serious time of need. If someone should die without anointing, remember that the desire to receive is sufficient.

If your loved one has passed, we will assist in making arrangements with your chose funeral director; refer you to our Bereavement Ministry and Music Ministry; and offer you helpful guidelines that will aid in the selection of readings for a Mass or Memorial Service. We know this can be a tough time and we want you to know that your parish is here for you. Please understand we only have one resident priest; sometimes arrangements for another priest may be needed.

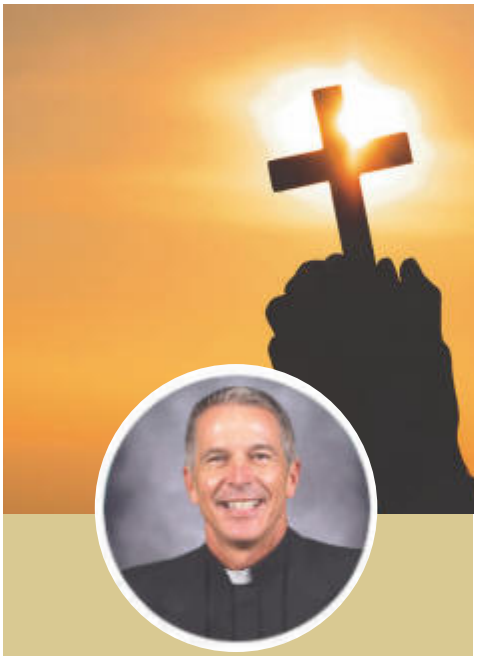
TRANSFIGURATION

In today's gospel we hear the story of the transfiguration. Some years ago I had the good fortune to travel to the Holy Land with a group of priests. We spent 10 days walking where Jesus walked and reflecting on the scriptures. It was a wonderful experience. I recall the journey up the mountain of transfiguration and the tremendous feeling I had being in the place where the disciples saw the glory of Jesus revealed. As wonderful as that experience was, I have come to realize that I don't have to travel all the way to Israel to experience the glory of God revealed. I see God's glory revealed during the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Marriage, Ordination and Anointing. I see God's glory in our young people who come here on Sunday's preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. I have seen His glory through many of you during these last years here at St. Rita Parish. And there are many other times and places I have experienced the glory of God revealed to me.

This week's Corporal Work of Mercy is to Cloth the Naked. We can bring transformation to others through our care and our companionship. Please participate in our new sock, underwear and diaper drive. These will be donated to the St. Francis Center and Covenant House and you can drop those items at Church this weekend.

Let us act with the faith of Abraham we saw in today's first reading and through our lives reveal the glory and goodness of God to others. Through each one of us may the world be transfigured into the glory of God. Peace.

—Fr. Tom



FR. TOM

You have been told what is good, and what the LORD requires of you:

Only to do justice,

and to love goodness,

and to walk humbly with your God.

—Micah 6:8

Make a prayer space (table) in your Domestic Church. Each Week of Lent we will add something to this Prayer Space. Each item will be a visual reminder of that week's Corporal Work of Mercy or Gospel reading.

1st Sunday of Lent - Place purple fabric or purple paper and a succulent or little cactus plant in your prayer space, along with the CRS Rice Bowl.

2nd Sunday of Lent - Add a candle to your Domestic Church prayer space. As Jesus became "dazzling white" in this Gospel of the transfiguration, may the candle remind us to "dazzle" and shine our baptismal light in those places of darkness in the world.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:30 a.m. William Fortner RIP

5:30 p.m. Virginia Uebbing RIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:30 a.m. For all parishioners

10:00 a.m. Roderick Barker, Jr. RIP

12 Noon Glory Gratten RIP

MONDAY, MARCH 1

8:30 a.m. Andres Marquez INT

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

8:30 a.m. Darin Gruber RIP

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

8:30 a.m. *(No Communion Service)*

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

8:30 a.m. *(No Communion Service)*

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

8:30 a.m. Frank Hall RIP

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

8:30 a.m. Lupe Valdez & Family INT

5:30 p.m. Rose Talbot RIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

7:30 a.m. Peter Vecchio INT

10:00 a.m. For all parishioners

12 Noon Bill Tokorcheck INT

PARISH UPDATES

7:30 & 10:00 A.M. OUTDOOR MASSES

Come celebrate Mass in person in the lower O'Malley parking lot, **Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.** Please bring your own chairs, and remember that social distancing is in effect. You will be asked to provide your contact information for tracing purposes. Although walk-ins are always welcome, **we request you RSVP through Eventbrite in order to streamline the check-in process. (See page 5.)** Please visit the St. Rita website for more information, and please be advised that outdoor masses may be subject to change based on weather conditions. Those who are registered will receive notice of weather cancellations by 6 p.m. on Saturday.

If you are more comfortable continuing to worship from home, you may still join us on the Facebook Livestream at 10:00 a.m. www.facebook.com/SaintRitaSM

DISTRIBUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Communion will still be distributed in the St. Rita lower parking lot after the live-streamed Mass, from **11:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.**

RECONCILIATION

Drive-Thru Confessions in the lower parking lot will continue, Saturday afternoons from **4:00-5:00 p.m.**

ONLINE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

This Friday at 12:00 Noon

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - God put Abraham to the test. (Genesis 22:1)

Psalm - I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Psalm 116)

Second Reading - If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31)

Gospel - "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mark 9:7)

Jim and Alice Cobbin have posted several episodes of Catholic Bible Study on YouTube. You can view their channel by searching YouTube for "Jim & Alice Bible Study".

Join St. Rita's ZOOM Bible Study
Wednesday, 7:00—8:30 p.m.
Email **biblestudy@st-rita.org**
and we will send you links to join us.

We are studying Paul's letters
to the Philippians & Romans.

Eventbrite Reminder

St. Rita Catholic Parish requests and encourages everyone to register for mass ahead of time using the Eventbrite website. This is important because it saves you time upon checking in and also streamlines the process for our monitors. In consideration for all staff and volunteers working together to ensure the continuity of worship in this unprecedented time, please do your part to help this process. We are here to assist you if you need; just call or email the parish office.

If, for some reason, you are still unable to complete the preregistration process online, please arrive at least 20 minutes early so that you can be fully checked in before mass begins. Thank you!

Join us for **Sips & Support: Parent Power Hour** to chill, connect, support, and grow in faith. We welcome all parents, so grab a beverage and hang out with us!

Thursday, March 18
6:45—7:45 p.m.

This month, we will talk about the importance of spiritual self-care.

If you would like to attend, please contact **Theresa Costanzo** at **dff@st-rita.org** to receive a Zoom link.

PRAYER LIST

FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Jodi Heath
Joe Hernandez
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Rocio Ribero
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Jacquie Marshall
Jim Martin
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Maria Blust
Daisy Walters
Pete Olson
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Luz Arriaga
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Trini Marti
Sandra Osborne
Evelyn Tres
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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

WE ARE CALLED TO GIVE

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit **crsricebowl.org** to learn more.

To participate:

1. Pick up a CRS Rice Bowl kit at an outdoor Mass, drive-through Communion line, or at the school office.

2. Put money in the bowl throughout Lent and follow the CRS calendar with daily prayers at meal time.

3. At the end of Lent, donate your total gift amount online by by selecting "CRS Rice Bowl" on the St. Rita Parish "Online Giving" page, or drop off a check (payable to St. Rita Parish, Note: CRS Rice Bowl) in the mail or collection basket. The last day to donate is Easter Sunday, April 4th. St. Rita Parish will send CRS Rice Bowl one donation check.

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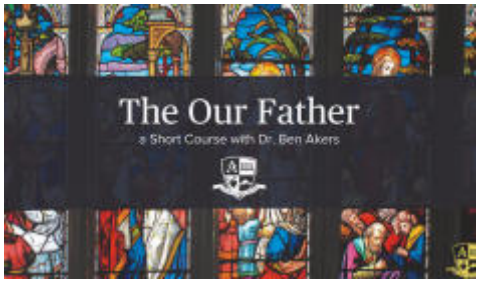
PICK OF THE WEEK

JESUS: The Model and Master of Prayer

In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of Prayer: Jesus himself.



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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join our parish ministries and virtual community to pray the Stations of the Cross on Lenten **Fridays, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

This week, **March 5**, the **Youth Ministry** teens lead a youth/young adult-friendly stations with images from the movie *The Passion of Christ*.

To receive a Zoom link, just sign up using this QR Code by noon on the Friday you want to attend. If you have questions or need help getting on Zoom, please send an email to:

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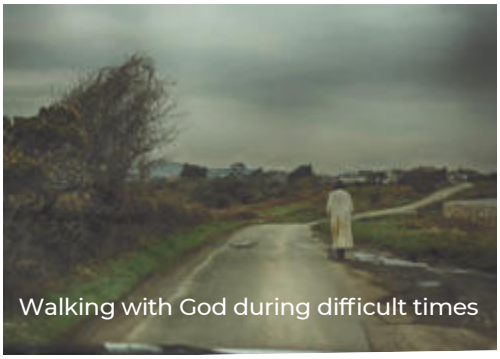
Walking with God during difficult times

St. Rita Men's Lenten Retreat at Mater Dolorosa March 19 - 21, 2021

The men of St. Rita Parish have attended retreats with the Passionist community at their beautiful hillside retreat center for nearly 100 years. You are invited to join with your fellow parishioners on retreat, either in-person at the retreat center, or online with a pre-recorded retreat program.

Join us tomorrow, Monday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. for a short parish retreat presentation Zoom meeting where we will answer any questions. Scan this QR Code to register for the meeting, or call the Parish Office and leave a message for Bill Cosso or Dave Muhs.

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