

ST. RITA IN THE DESERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily: (Mon-Fri): 8:00 am

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm (in Spanish)

June 20, 2021

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

WELCOME

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Friday 8:30am - 2:00pm



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SACRAMENTS

Confessions: Saturday at 3:30pm or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office or go to our website to register for the next Baptism class.

Confirmation: Contact Youth Minister or RCIA coordinator.

Marriage: Marriage arrangements must be made at least 4 months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office.

Ministry to the Sick/Bereavement: If you or someone you know is dealing with illness or death, please call the Parish Office.

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COVID 19

The Saturday 5:00pm Vigil Mass is the designated Mass where social distancing protocols will remain in effect. Masks will be worn at this Mass and social distancing will be adhered to. Holy Communion will be given in the hand only. If you wish to attend this Mass, please be respectful and charitable toward each other.

If you attend any other Mass, masks or social distancing will not be required.

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Blessing of Fathers

God and Father of all creation, we come before you today with humble hearts.

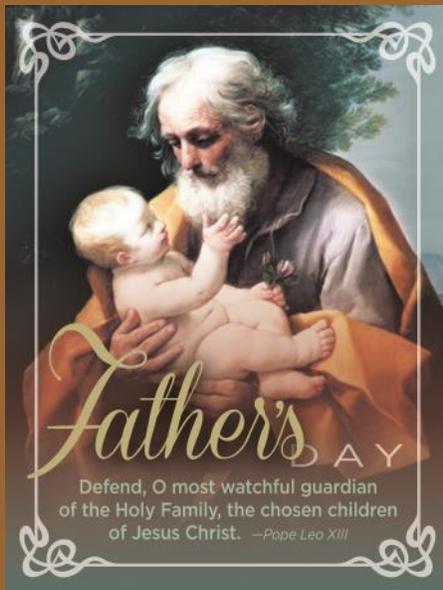
You are our model of a loving father.

When we fail and fall short of your expectations, you are always there at the end of the day with open arms, ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

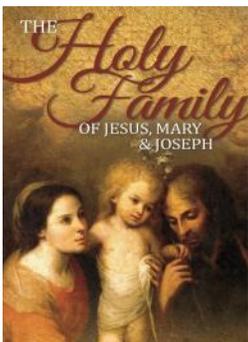
Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children. Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures. Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus. Amen.



FATHERS DAY NOVENA

Today, June 20, we begin our Fathers Day Novena. The intentions for our Masses for the next nine days will be for our Fathers enrolled in the Novena. There are envelopes in the narthex for you to enroll your father, grandfather, or father figure, living or deceased. Please place the envelope in the regular collection bin.



Your family is invited to engage in the Consecration to the Holy Family

Sunday, June 20

at all the Masses (including the Vigil Mass)

In this prayer, we ask for the intercession of the perfect Son, Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father.



We are looking for a few adults to lead our High School and/or Middle School Youth Groups.

Pre-requisite:

Love of God.

Love of Teens.

Guidance will be provided. If you are being called by the Holy Spirit, call Beth Greene at the Parish Office (520.762.9688) and she will give you more information about how your talents can be used to build the Church through our teens.

Listen....do you hear that?



Ring, ring....ring, ring!

It is God calling YOU.

Listen...you can hear him! Sometimes it is the wind in your face, other times it is the quiet feeling of empathy when you read about a need in the Church.

Our Religious Education Department need YOU to volunteer to pass the faith to our Elementary children. Please prayerfully consider using your talents in this fruitful ministry. There is no better way to understand

your faith, than to teach it. You will be given the tools needed.

Please contact Beth Greene, DRE, in the Parish Office for more information. (520) 762-9688

Answer the call...

PARISH NEWS



The Welcoming Team greets new parishioners to St. Rita's with the love Jesus give us each Sunday as we worship together. Would you like to share this, too? Please come join us in the Oscar Romero Room on Monday, June 21 at 4:00pm.



Come join the Sewing Angels! We meet Wednesdays from 9:30am - 12:00pm in the hall. Currently we are working on Baptismal Bibs for the our babies who are baptized here in our parish and will be starting on t-shirt dresses soon!

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Much of the book of Job addresses the mystery of suffering and God's role in human affairs. Today we hear part of God's response to Job's questioning with images of the sea and raging waters, representing God's power and omniscience. What helps remind you it is God who governs the universe with purpose and fidelity?

SUNDAYS IN JUNE
GIFT SHOP OPEN
8:00am - 2:30pm
Gift Shop sales will be appointment only during July

"Because the soul has such deep roots in personal and social life and its values run so contrary to modern concerns, caring for the soul may well turn out to be a radical act, a challenge to accept norms."

St. Thomas Moore (1478-1886)
Patron of Difficult Marralges
Feast Day June 23



NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED!

We have re-vamped, re-thought, re-created and updated our website. Check out our new look!

We are still working on some of the pages, so keep checking back.

www.stritainthedesert.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

In the Gospel today Jesus calms the sea and then asks the disciples "Why are you



lacking in faith?" In our life's journey, we also must learn to believe in God's presence and to trust in His care. Your continued support of our St. Vincent de Paul Society enables us to bring peace and hope to those in need. Many times we are the only way some learn of God's love for them. These are trying times for so many who are living right on the edge of hopelessness and despair.

UNDIE SUNDAY!

It is time again for our annual UNDIE SUNDAY! When you go shopping this week, please pick up a package of new underwear. Yep! I said underwear....

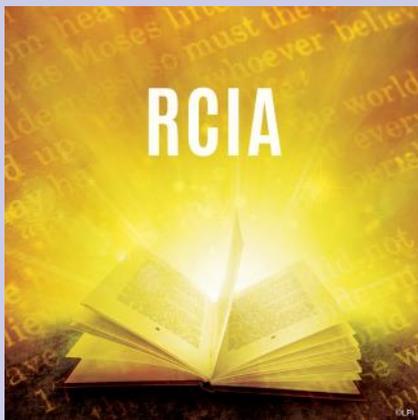


Bring them to Mass on June 27. There will be a collection site in the narthex.

Your donations of new "undies" will be distributed to the Health Offices in the Vail School District. Providing students of all ages with clean underwear preserves their dignity in times of accidents and other circumstances. You can imagine how important this service is to the children of our community. We thank you in advance for your donations.

Here are some of the requests needed:

- ♥ boys & girls sizes 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T
- ♥ boys & girls sizes 4-10
- ♥ boys & girls sizes 12-14
- ♥ boys sizes large & XL
- ♥ girls size medium & large
- ♥ men's and women's small, medium, and large



Interested in becoming Catholic?

How do I find out about Catholicism?

What if I think I want to become Catholic?

What does initiation into the Catholic Church entail?

I'm an adult who is baptized Catholic. How do I finish my Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and Confirmation)?

How long does it take?

What if I change my mind?

If you have any of these questions, call Sr. Noelle in the parish office.

If you have spoken to a friend or relative about any of these questions, have them call Sr. Noelle in the parish office.

We will begin formation of our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults in August.

Parish office phone: (520) 762-9688

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille helps married couples show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them. With His help and your efforts, your marriage can be healed and restored! Register Now for the Retrouvaille Weekend Program in Tucson beginning Friday evening, August 20 - Sunday, August 22, 2021.

Visit: www.retrouvaille.org or Call or Text (520) 222-9157.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

5:00 pm The Living & Deceased of St. Rita's Community

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

7:00 am † Dean Richins
Father's Day Novena

9:00 am † Daniel Edward Lee
Father's Day Novena

11:00 am † Carl & Ruth Walison
Father's Day Novena

1:00 pm † Lafranco Tirabosco

MONDAY, JUNE 21

8:00 am Father's Day Novena

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

8:00am Father's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

8:00 am † St. Rita
Father's Day Novena

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

8:00 am Father's Day Novena

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

8:00 am † St. Rita
Father's Day Novena

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

5:00 pm Father's Day Novena

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

7:00 am Father's Day Novena

9:00 am Father's Day Novena

11:00 am Father's Day Novena

1:00 pm Father's Day Novena

We are the body of Christ and we support one another. You are invited to share your prayer intentions. We will pray for intentions for one month, but, of course, we can continue our prayers for your intentions longer if requested. If you would like to have your prayer intentions on our prayer line, or if you would like to participate in prayer, please contact Leta Davis at 647-3572.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

RELIGIOUS

St. Aloysius Gonzaga is a 16th century Jesuit who carried the sick and dying to the hospital when a plague hit

the city of Rome. He was a precocious child who had a spiritual awakening at the age of 7. He entered the Jesuits where he had to learn to live and maneuver within community and give up some of his independent ways of doing things. In 1591, Aloysius, along with the superior general himself, rendered personal service to those afflicted with the disease. Aloysius eventually caught the plague and died at the age of 23.

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Uncertainty and unpredictability have affected the lives of millions. How can we carry on in spite of these fears?

We are afraid of the unknown, and the future is an unknown. We are impelled to manage this anxiety through insurance (retirement, fire, theft, health plans), to multiply the guarantees against all our fears under the pretext of realism. Nevertheless, the insecurities stay the same: all the precautions in the world will never be able to protect us 100% from danger.

The only antidote is to live in the present, focusing on what we have to do today. St. Aloysius of Gonzaga said, "If they told me I was to die soon, if it was time to play I would keep playing." In the Gospel, Christ tells us, "Do not worry."

He wants to free us from all our human fears, the most natural ones. Christ knows us intimately. And in the Gospel, calls for peace in our heart are frequent. The Apostles, in a boat during a storm, had good reason to be afraid. All these fears are legitimate. Jesus does not hold this against us; on the contrary, he wants to calm us down, like a mother who says to her child: "Don't be afraid, I'm here."

God's action, as revealed to us through Christ, is a calming action. The Lord, who invites man to not be afraid, reveals himself as master of the events that threaten us. He is more powerful than they are. He watches over us. It is not like a human invitation to overcome fear by sheer will; rather, he appeals to us to confide in Him. This is the battle of the believer.

The remedy for fear is to put ourselves in God's hands. St. John Paul II took up this mandate in another context, the fear in our societies: "Do not be afraid of others, do not be afraid of yourselves. Be free!"

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

MONDAY:

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

TUESDAY:

St. Paulinus of Nola
Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More

THURSDAY:

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

NEXT SUNDAY:

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAYER LINE

Jack Baker
Golembiewski Family
French Family
Maele Hicks
Bonnie & Ken Englett
Frank Molina
Vittoria Sprague
Barbara Nelson
Brunn Family
Marge Reichart

Chase Lock
Maxine Whiting
Cameron Coffey
Greg Prather
Sr. Rosalia Giba, OSF
Marianne Hurley
Woody & Kathy Tarr
John Hart
Gary Lang
Chris Lewis

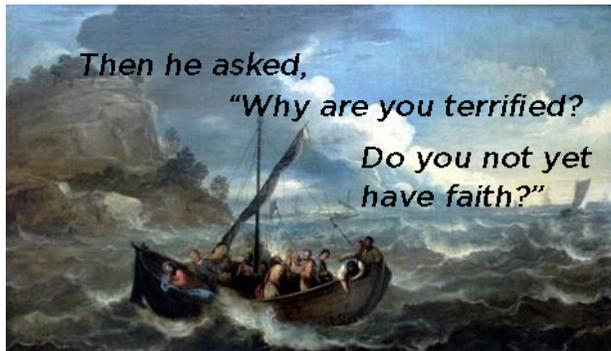
Barry Blackwell
Frances Weber
Romulo Barreno
Vincent Radzik
Alfred Remetch
Julieta Alvarez
Kathleen Buske
Francisco Rodriguez
Wesolowski Family
Richard & Karin Radzik

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.



That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are

choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

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2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

SAY YES TO PERSEVERING IN HOPE!

Text ACA to 41444
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St. Rita's Goal:

77 parishioners have donated to the ACA and we have met 50% of our monetary goal.

No matter how large or small, let's work towards EVERYONE making a donation!



Minister Schedule

June 26 & 27

SATURDAY, 5:00PM MASS

Greeter	Gloria Baker
Greeter	Tom Hogan
Lector	Mike Young
MofHC	Joie Murray
MofHC	Carol Wagner Williams

SUNDAY, 7:00AM MASS

Greeter	Tiedemann Family
Greeter	
Lector	James Rodgers
MofHC	Willard Adams
MofHC	Debbie Adams

SUNDAY, 9:00AM MASS

Greeter	Jan Grossi
Greeter	Claudia Andersen
Lector	Suzanne Roelike
MofHC	Joe Grossi
MofHC	Ken Gallagher

SUNDAY, 11:00AM MASS

Greeter	Donna Morgan
Greeter	Bob Foy
Lector	Sharon Englert
MofHC	Mike Emery
MofHC	Patricia Arteaga

SUNDAY OFFERING

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PASTOR'S LETTER



ST. RITA IN THE DESERT
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

...With God, all things are possible! (Matt 19:26)

June 20, 2021

“Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Quiet! Be still!” (Mark 4:39))

Dear Parish Family,

Sometimes in life, when we least expect it, we can encounter many kinds of storms. Some of the storms we endure in life can be health, financial, marital, emotional, and spiritual. When we encounter such storms, like Job and the Apostles, how do we respond? We sometimes engage with varying kinds of responses and likely very human ones.

Our human responses can cause us to get so overwhelmed that we see no solution in sight. We end up overthinking, over perceiving, and making bad decisions because our eyes are often centered on things other than Christ. We allow emotions of anger, hatred, violence, and revenge to be our go-to as our solutions. Unfortunately, these emotions do nothing to fix our issues or enable us to react with peace, joy, or love.

Despite the storms of our lives and our often self-imposed prisons, prayer to Christ, the Saints, and our Blessed Mother give us solace. It is in disciplining our noisy hearts, minds, and emotions, that will enable us to overcome any storm we encounter. It is up to us to trust unreservedly in the Lord and know that, no matter what, He is always there supporting us along our paths. It is focusing on Christ amid the storm we are set free from our fears, anxieties, and confusion.

We have some good news! During times of difficulty in life, it is always good to have something positive to report. Our parish received a PPP loan for \$29,000.00. This loan was sought so that we could continue to pay the salaries of our parish staff. Had we failed to do this, with parish closures due to the pandemic, most likely we would have had to surplus a few staff members. The good news is that we have sought to have our loan forgiven by the U.S. Government. We kindly ask that you pray that this be the will of God. Thank you for your kind prayers.

Speaking of loans, it has come to my attention that the bank forgave our loan of the St. John XXIII Center? Wouldn't that be a wonderful thing? I am sorry to report that is not the case as I believe the facts were confused with the PPP loan. That being said, we did raise \$40,000.00 towards our current loan on the St. John XXIII Center! Thank you to everyone who responded to our Easter initiative. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and may our gracious Lord bless you abundantly for your charity!

Last Saturday, we had training for our parish ushers. I know that in the past we called them greeters. However, to ensure we have the proper nomenclature, we will use the title “Ushers” going forward. Our meeting on Saturday was very productive. We spoke about the historical elements of ushers, the expectation, and their roles as servant leaders, setting the standard of professionalism, hospitality, and humility. We even discussed the importance of how we present ourselves before the Lord in our attire. What we wear can sometimes signal many things and it is important that we come to Mass, to the banquet feast of the Lamb in our proper baptism gown. The Ushers may look a little more upscale in their attire as they serve the Lord and us. May we take their example of proper dress and try to emulate that in the way we present ourselves before the Lord. God be blessed!

Lastly, our parish budget has been approved by our parish finance council and our Board of Directors. While there were many positive things to report regarding last year's budget, unfortunately, it was an outlier. However, we hope that this year, our parishioners can continue to support the mission and ministry of your parish home. We encourage each parish family to do what they can to ensure that our parish home continues to be sustainable spiritually, morally, and financially. When we all pull together in the same direction, there isn't anything we can not accomplish in Him who has done good work in us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Alonzo M. García, Pastor

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 20 Fathers Day 7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm (Spanish) Gift Shop Open 8am AA, 7:00pm	June 21 8:00am Mass Welcome Team 4:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Society, 6:00pm	June 22 8:00am Mass Jazzercise, 8:00am Legion of Mary 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm AA, 7:00pm	June 23 8:00am Mass Women's Scripture Study 9:00am online Sewing Angels 9:30am Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting 7:00pm	June 24 8:00am Mass Jazzercise 8:00am AA/Al-anon, 7:00pm	June 25 8:00am Mass Adoration	June 26 Men's Scripture Study 7:30am Confessions 3:30pm Vigil Mass 5:00pm
June 27 UNDISCOVERED SUNDAY 7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm (Spanish) Gift Shop Open 8am AA, 7:00pm	June 28 8:00am Mass St. Vincent de Paul Society, 6:00pm	June 29 8:00am Mass Jazzercise, 8:00am Legion of Mary 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm AA, 7:00pm	June 30 8:00am Mass Women's Scripture Study 9:00am online Sewing Angels 9:30am	July 1 8:00am Mass Jazzercise 8:00am Adult Faith Formation 6:00pm via Google Meet AA/Al-anon, 7:00pm	July 2 8:00am Mass Adoration	July 3 Men's Scripture Study 7:30am 1st Saturday Devotion 8:00am Confessions 3:30pm Vigil Mass 5:00pm

PRAYER FOR WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS

All powerful and loving God,

We thank you for the brave men & women who fight the rages of wildland fires.

On the ground, in the truck, in the air taker or chopper, on the radio or phone, we ask God's blessings for all you do.

For you who camp on the line and face the raging inferno, for you who fly close to the wall of flames and drop water, for you who inhale smoke for hours and sweat facing imaginable heat, you who decide which crews to deploy and direction to take, we pray for your safety that you may return home.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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- 1) Visit www.stritainthedesert.org and click on the **Offering** (WeShare Online Giving) button
- 2) Set up your account
- 3) Choose a payment option and customize your offering.



While traditionally celebrated on the first Sunday after Christmas in conjunction with the feast of the Holy Family, for the purposes of this program the Consecration may be offered at any time of the year as agreed upon by the parish priest and the Knights of Columbus council. It is our hope that this process may help strengthen our families and revitalize our parishes.



“Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to grow in faith.”

— Pope Francis
World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia, 2015

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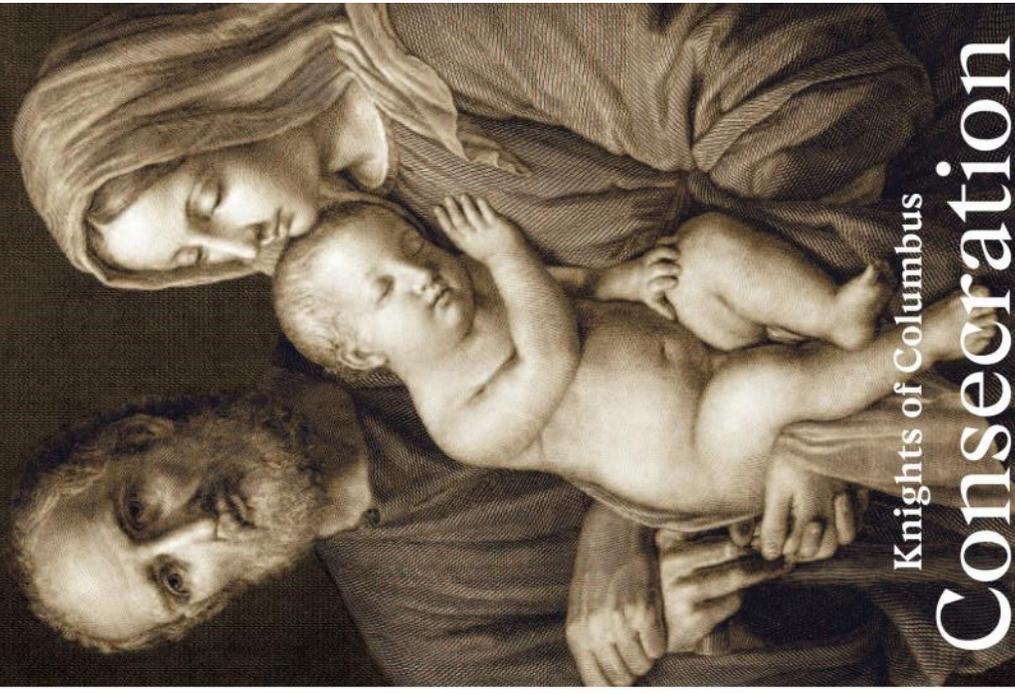
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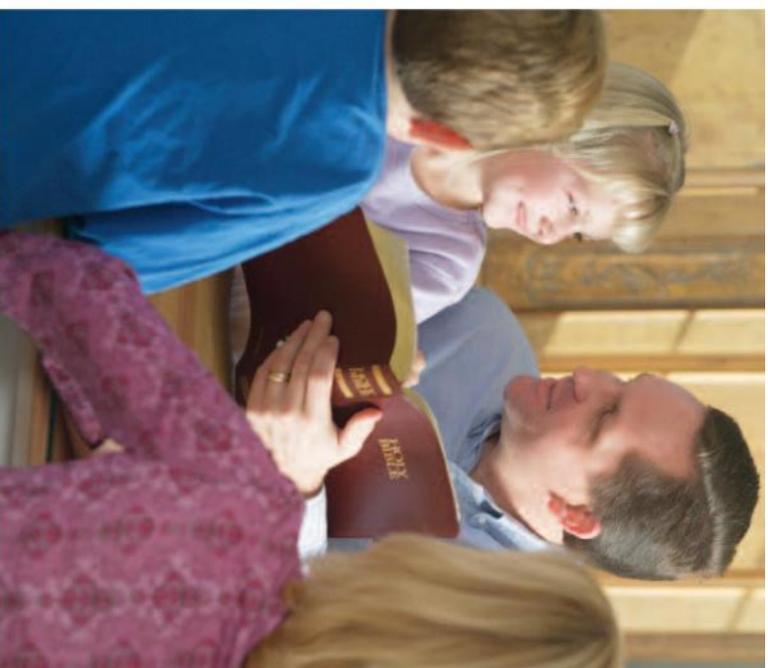
Family

Overview

Families today face many struggles, both through cultural pressure and through the personal struggles that accompany family life. Despite these struggles — and partly as a result of conquering them — families have great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Christ.

To assist families in living out this joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families may come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family.

We invite every family of our parish to engage in the Consecration to the Holy Family.



How to Prepare

The word consecration literally means “association with the sacred”, and as such it requires a much larger commitment than simply reciting a prayer off of a card. To receive the full benefit of intercession from the Holy Family, one must cleanse the body, mind and soul.

The decision to consecrate your family needs to be intentional and a process through which you completely surrender to God through the Holy Family. You are accepting the truth that salvation history was changed forever by a family, and that through your domestic church, you are called to live their example.



Four suggested steps *before* praying the Consecration to the Holy Family:

- 1** Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family and why you are doing it.
- 2** Each member of your family is strongly encouraged to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.
- 3** As a family, intentionally choose something to fast from. The fast can be for at least a week. As our physical bodies are drawn to things of the world, it is strongly encouraged that you fast from something that you would normally do or consume. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.
- 4** Prepare for the commitment you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through his Church.

