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MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30 p.m.
SUNDAY MASSES: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Spanish Mass: 5:00 p.m. (Summer: **changes** 9:30 a.m.
June through August)

DAILY MASSES:
Monday through Saturday: 8:30 a.m.
Spanish: Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. and by appointment
In Spanish: Every Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
CLASSES: English - Sundays from 9:30 a.m.
until 10:45 a.m.
Español: Domingos de
6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

MUSIC MINISTRY:
Director: Jim McKinney

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December 4, 2011

SAINT RITA
Pray for us



WELCOME TO ST. RITA

We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our Church. We hope that you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. We also hope that you will share your special gifts within the community. Your prayers, your presence, and your talents are most welcome. May God bless all of us!

Today, in this time of Advent, the Word of God puts us in the area of hope, with the announcement of a future project of dignified life, of salvation and liberation.

In the first reading, from the reality of exile and exclusion, the prophet Isaiah announces the happy return to their own land. For the captivated people, the possibility of being free was like a dream and only God could make come true. The prophet announces that soon freedom and liberty and the return home will be a reality and that is God's plan for his children, that have suffered a great deal due to their many sins.

In the prophecy of Isaiah we find the adaptation of a military ceremony, according to which, when the King triumphed, upon his return the streets were filled with flowers. Now the one who triumphs is God, who is the Lord of liberty. To make the ways straight is to bring hope. The people have been purified, overcoming all obstacles; now they see clearly what their future may be if they put their hope only in the God of Life and Liberty.

In the second reading the Apostle Peter alerts the Christian community about the hope in the second coming of the Lord Jesus. Many Christians in the early years, were waiting for a glorious return of the Lord in which the good and the bad would be judged. This is understandable given the many complicated difficulties that they were faced with in the same community. The letter sends forth a profound call on the way the Christian community waits for the day of judgment and asks the believers to live in a permanent state of conversion.

The gospel of Mark centers its attention on the ministry of John the Baptist as the messenger that announces and prepares the arrival of the Son of God. A voice that shouts in the desert, inviting all of those caught up in power, legalism and riches to conversion. John like many other popular prophets will live in poverty, persecution, and martyrdom, asked for by the powerful who were uncomfortable with their prophecies.

John's call to conversion through baptism with water is the announcement of what humanity will need in order to receive Jesus, the true Messiah. The people awaited the Messiah in many different ways, some as a military, religious leader, others as a king. This image needed to be purified. In this sense, to be converted,

Hoy, en este tiempo de Adviento, la Palabra de Dios nos pone en el terreno de la esperanza, con el anuncio de un proyecto futuro de vida digna, de salvación, de liberación.

En la primera lectura, desde la realidad del exilio y del destierro, el profeta Isaías anuncia el feliz retorno a la tierra propia. Para el pueblo cautivo, la posibilidad de ser libres constituía un sueño, que solo Dios podía empezar a realizar. El profeta anuncia entonces que pronto la libertad y el retorno a la tierra será una realidad y que ese es el plan de Dios para sus hijos e hijas, quienes ya han sufrido mucho a causa de sus muchas faltas.

En la profecía de Isaías encontramos la adaptación de una ceremonia militar, según la cual, cuando un rey triunfaba, a su regreso se allanaba un camino adornado con flores. Ahora quien triunfa es Dios, el es el Señor de la libertad. Allanar el camino es limpiar la esperanza. El pueblo se ha purificado, superando obstáculos de todo tipo; ahora ve con claridad cual puede ser su futuro si pone la esperanza solo en el Dios de la Vida y de la Liberación.

En la segunda lectura el Apóstol Pedro alerta a la comunidad cristiana sobre la esperanza en la segunda venida del Señor Jesús. Muchos cristianos de aquellos primeros días, esperaban afanosamente una venida maravillosa del Señor en la que buenos y malos serían juzgados. Esto es entendible dadas las múltiples y complejas dificultades que se presentaban entre los hermanos y hermanas de una misma comunidad. La carta hace un profundo llamado de atención sobre la manera como la comunidad espera el día del juicio, y pide a los creyentes vivir en un permanente estado de conversión.

El evangelio de San Marcos, centra su atención en el ministerio de Juan el Bautista, como mensajero que anuncia y prepara la llegada del Hijo de Dios. Una voz que clama en el desierto, invitando a la conversión de una sociedad sumida en los afanes del poder, el legalismo y las riquezas. Juan, como muchos otros profetas populares, experimentara la pobreza, la persecución y el martirio, ordenados por los poderosos a quienes les incomodaba la profecía.

El llamado de Juan a la conversión a través del bautismo con agua, es a la vez anuncio de lo que la humanidad necesita para recibir a Jesús, el verdadero Mesías: Para entonces el pueblo esperaba al Mesías, de muy diversas maneras; algunos, como líder militar o líder religioso; otros, como rey; también esta esperanza necesitaba ser purificada. En ese sentido, convertirse

meant to return to God and to his project of equality and just, to straighten the paths, to liberate those tied to the old structures of power that did not allow the heart to be open to God’s plan.

Yesterday as today, the Word of God asks us to strengthen our hope, that is to say, To hope while we continue to present the Kingdom of God, for there will be no spectacular and marvelous arrivals of our God. Today, we believers are confronted with tremendous challenges like generalized poverty, hunger, exclusion, environmental deterioration and the injustice of the powerful with respect to the poor. It is in the midst of all of these real difficulties, in the midst of so much darkness that we are called to be signs of life and hope, to be constructors and transformers of our world. So may it be with us all the days of our lives.

Fr. Bill Persia, csc

implicaba volverse a Dios y a su proyecto de igualdad y de justicia, allanar el camino liberándose de toda atadura a las viejas estructuras de poder, que no permitían abrir el corazón al plan de Dios.

Ayer, como hoy, la Palabra de Dios nos pide fortalecer una esperanza activa, es decir, esperar mientras hacemos presente el Reino de Dios, pues no habrá venidas maravillosas y espectaculares de Dios. Hoy los creyentes estamos ante desafíos enormes como el empobrecimiento generalizado, el hambre, la exclusión, el deterioro ambiental y la injusticia de los poderosos hacia los sectores mas empobrecidos. Es ahí, en medio de todas esas dificultades reales, en medio de tantas oscuridades donde se nos exige ser signos de vida y esperanza, ser constructores y transformadores de nuestro mundo. Ojala sea siempre así con cada uno de nosotros, todos los días de nuestra vida.

Padre Bill Persia, csc

AND

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THE WORD

EL VERBO

WAS MADE

SE HIZO

FLESH!!!

CARNE!!!

SUNDAY’S READINGS - LECTURAS DOMINICALES

December/DDiciembre 4

1st Reading (1ª Lectura): Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm (Salmo): Psalm 85

2nd Reading (2ª Lectura): 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel (Evangelio): Mark 1:1-8

DAILY READINGS -LECTURAS DIARIAS

December/Diciembre 5-10

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Mass Intentions For The Week



MONDAY/LUNES, DECEMBER 5
8:30 am +Miriam E. Hindinger
By Mrs. Ann Sanker

TUESDAY/MARTES, DECEMBER 6
8:30 am +Nicholas Burns, Jr.
By Nancy Counihan

WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES, DECEMBER 7
8:30 am +Barbara Nowaczyk
By Husband

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Vigil - Immaculate Conception

(Sp.) 7:30 pm Available

THURSDAY/JUEVES, DECEMBER 8

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

8:30 am Parishioners
(Eng.) 7:00 pm +John Schaeufele

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FRIDAY/VIERNES, DECEMBER 9
8:30 am +Albert Matala
By Joe & Mary Clifford

SATURDAY/SABADO, DECEMBER 10
8:30 am Jason Hamilton - Special Intentions (Birthday)
By Daszkiewicz Family
4:30 pm +Lina Chiang
By the John Family

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, DECEMBER 11
8:00 am +Patricia Kowalczyk and +Chester Kowalczyk
By Jane Kowalczyk
11:00 am Parishioners
(Sp.) 5:00 pm +Angel Luis Alexander
By the Alexander Family



MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday/Domingo, December 4

Special Collection for Catholic Education

9:30 am Faith Formation and R.C.I.A.
6:15 pm Formación de la Fe y R.C.I.A.

Monday/Lunes, December 5

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 4:30 pm followed by Evening Prayer and Benediction



7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting
7:00 pm Grupo de Juan XXIII

Tuesday/Martes, December 6

No Spanish Classes This Evening!
6:00 pm Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe In English

Wednesday/Miércoles, December 7

8:00 pm Encuentro de Matrimonios

Thursday/Jueves, December 8

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Patronal Day of the U.S.A.

6:00 pm Misión en los campos

Friday/Viernes, December 9

6:00 pm **BINGO (Doors open at 5:00 pm)**
6:00 pm Encuentro de Jovenes Adultos

Saturday/Sabado, December 10

7:00 pm Grupo de Jovenes Adolescentes

Sunday/Domingo, December 11

Please bring two cans of food for our needy



Misa de Ofrendas

Comparte con los mas necesitados

9:30 am Faith Formation and R.C.I.A.

DECEMBER 8 - A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday - 7:30 pm (Sp.)

Thursday - 8:30 am and 7:00 pm (Eng.)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we joyfully welcome into the fullness of our parish community and congratulate the parents of **Arianna Santis Arellano** and **Noemi Santis Arellano**.



CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES to Thurman Anthony Sands IV and Lindsey Jeanne Webster, who were married on November 24. We wish Mr. & Mrs. Sands the blessings of a long and happy life together.

ST. RITA ANNUAL PASTORAL APPEAL 2011

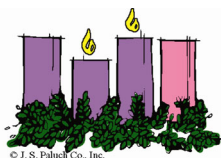
Goal \$32,654.00 Pledged \$32,970.00 Paid \$31,401.95
If you have not yet made a gift, please reflect on what you can do to also make a difference.

LORD, GRANT ETERNAL REST TO THE SOULS OF ALL OUR DEAR DEPARTED, especially Albert Matala and Jose Ramon Ramos, Sr. We offer our sympathy and prayers to their families and friends. "May the angels lead them to paradise and may the martyrs welcome them on their way and lead them into the holy city, Jerusalem!"

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WANTED: Car/van for our sisters. If you have or know of someone who has a car/van that they are not using, please consider donating it to the parish. You can take this off of your taxes too. The car/van needs to be in good condition.



GIVING TREE - Please return your wrapped gifts and ornament attached by Sunday, December 18. Thank you for your participation.

Faith Formation

Christmas Season 2011

Sunday, December 18, we are going to have a Christmas Party with our CCD children at 9:30 AM, in the Parish Hall.

Christmas Vacations:

Sunday, December 25th , NO CCD CLASS

Sunday, January 1st , NO CCD CLASS

RESUME CLASS ON SUNDAY,
JANUARY 8, 2012.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena & Festival

Tuesday, December 6

- 6:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (English) at Church

Sunday, December 11

- 5:00 PM Mass (Vespri of Our Lady of Guadalupe).
- 6:00 PM Holy Rosary
- 7:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Play
- 8:30 PM Serenata (Songs) to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Monday (morning), December 12

- 4:00 am Mañanitas (songs) to our Lady of Guadalupe
- 5:00 a.m. Mass (Confessions)
- 6:00 a.m. breakfast (Tamale & hot chocolate)

Monday (evening), December 12

- 5:30 PM Aztec dancers & procession with Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 6:30PM Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Festival: Food, Music, Folklore dances

Formación de la fe

NOVENARIO DE VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

- Todos los días El horario de la Novena será a las 7:00 p.m. excepto el miércoles y domingo será a las 7:45 p.m. (Después de misa)
- **Miércoles, 8 de Dic. Misa de 7:30pm** En honor a la Virgen de la Inmaculada Concepción,

PROGRAMA DEL DIA 11

La Novena de este día es en la Iglesia

- 5:00 p.m. Santa Misa, Vísperas de la fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe.
- 6:00p.m. Santo Rosario (Ultimo dia de la Novena)
- En este rosario participaran los alumnos de la catequesis.
- 7:00p.m. Las Apariciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe, representadas por el 7o. Grado de la Catequesis.
- 8:-30p.m. Serenata a la Virgen de Guadalupe

PROGRAMA DEL DIA 12

- 4:00 am Mañanitas a la Virgen de Guadalupe
- 5:00 a.m. Misa de Aurora
(se estará dando confesiones)
- 6:00 a.m. Desayuno

DIC. 12 POR LA TARDE

- 5:30 p.m. Procesión alrededor de la Iglesia (La imagen será acompañada por la danza Azteca)
- 6:30pm Misa en Honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe.
- Festival y Venta de comida después de la misa.
- Les invitamos a todos a venir con trajes típicos así como a sus niños vestidos de Juan Dieguito y Virgen de Guadalupe.

Rose for Our Lady



Celebrate with prayer the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother this week!
Requested by No Name Submitted

Pray For Sara Ross
Requested by Sara Ross

Pray For James Ross
Requested by Sara Ross

Please call Phyllis Grossi @352-567-6105 for information.



PRAYER LIST - Sara Ross, James Ross and Courtney Dabney. Please notify the office if you wish to have a family member's name on the Prayer List. Names will remain on the list for two weeks.



HOSPITALIZATION Please notify the office if a family member is hospitalized, and make sure that the patient is listed in hospital records as a Catholic. The hospital will not release your name. We can only visit if you notify the parish.

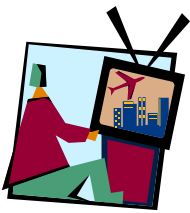
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HOSPITALIZADOS: Por favor informe en la Oficina si tiene algún familiar o amigo enfermo y desa que sea visitado.

COFFEE AND DONUTS Every Sunday after the 8:00 am Mass. Please join us in the hall.



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St. Rita Catholic Church-100th Anniversary Celebration Benefit Prize: 42" Vizio LED-LCD 1.8" ultra slim HDTV Donation \$5.00--5 tickets for \$20.00 Drawing to be held December 17, 2011 at St. Rita Choir Christmas Concert.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Marissa Warren** who celebrated her Quinceañera on November 19.

FIRST TIME EVER: CATHOLIC ADS AIRING NATIONALLY ON PRIME-TIME NETWORK TV

Starting December 16, CatholicsComeHome.org will begin airing Catholic TV ads nationwide, inviting relatives, friends, and others to return home to the Catholic Church.

Help now to usher in the largest family reunion in Church history! Pray and spread the word by sharing this link with all Catholics you know: www.CatholicsComeHome.org/Advent

Also see on St. Rita website at www.stritaparish.org

The Salvation Army East Pasco Service Center office is committed to help provide relief to families in need of food, clothing, shelter, financial assistance. Open Monday - Friday. Community Service Hours: 9 AM to 1 PM; Office Hours 8 AM to 4 PM. Downtown Dade City at 14445 7th Street. Info: 352-521-3126.

READER EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, 4:30 p.m., December 10

Gary Berman	Raymond Gravel
Mary Eversmann	K.T. John
	Edward Laezza

Sunday, 8:00 a.m., December 11

Foncy Flores	Charlie Basile
Jean Matala	Sara Ross
	Micheline LeBlanc

Sunday, 11:00 a.m., December 11

Eric Phaller	Margherita Hoffmann
Bonnie DeNapoli	Volunteer, at Mass
	Mary Barrett



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Christmas Music Make your plans now to attend the Annual St. Rita Choir Christmas Concert and sing-along. Details: Saturday, December 17 @ 5:45PM (following the 4:30PM Mass). We will present a program of Advent and Christmas songs, as well as some special solo pieces. By popular demand, we will have a sing along time with some of your favorite Christmas carols. Admission is free, but we will take up a free-will offering to help offset our sheet-music expenses for the year.

Immediately following the concert, there will be a chili tasting in the hall provided by some of the best chili chefs in our parish. See the separate announcement for more details.

Do you have a favorite chili recipe? Are you willing to share a batch with your church friends? If so, then this is your opportunity to give of your talent. As part of our Christmas Concert December 17, we will hold a chili tasting immediately following the concert. We are asking all interested people to please sign up by the entrances to the church. You can bring in your chili in a crock pot (or other container) and place it in the hall before the concert starts. We will have tables set up along the walls for you to plug in your crock pots and keep the chili warm. The church will provide bowls, spoons, napkins, and some bread and butter to go with your chili. Please help us make this evening one of both good food and good friendship.



SAINT ANDRE FREE CLINIC

FREE medical services for people **NOT** covered by other programs/ insurance and with limited income. Any ID is OK.

WHERE: 37733 Meridian Ave., Dade City, 813-285-0726

WHEN: 8:30-11:30 AM on **December 10**

Weekly Offering



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Offertory /Colecta

For/Para: 11/19-11/20 \$ 5,723.55

For/Para: 11-26-11/27 \$ 5,153.47

Campaign for Human Dev. \$1,348.98

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY!

GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD Y QUE EL SEÑOR LES BENDIGA ABUNDANTEMENTE!

OFFICE

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PRAYER LINE

For prayer requests please call Ethel at (352) 521-9851

MASS SCHEDULE:

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Spanish: 5:00 p.m. (Summer **changes** to 9:30 am June through August)

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. and by appointment

Sunday: 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED**SACRAMENT FOR VOCATIONS:**

Every Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Evening Prayer at 4:30 p.m. followed by Benediction

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Monday after the morning Mass

ROSARY BEFORE SUNDAY MASSES**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Parents please contact the Parish Office.

Spanish: A month of preparation classes.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY**COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:**

Two years preparation required.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the proposed date.

VISITATION

Hospital: The hospital will not release your name.

We can only visit if you notify the parish.

Shut-ins: Weekly by request.

Sick: please notify the Parish Office of any homebound.

QUINCEAÑERAS:

Please contact the office at least 6 months in advance.

Elisa Chavez—Practice (352) 567-9531

R.C.I.A. (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Contact the Parish Office for information.

CURSILLO:

English: Call Buddy Boyd at (352) 458-3322 or (352) 428-9680.

Español: Call Moises y Ecden Guadarrama at (352) 437-4905.

TALKS FOR HISPANIC MARRIED COUPLES:

Call the office.

SPANISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL:

Call the office.

ENGLISH CHOIR REHEARSAL:

Every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. (except summer)

SPANISH CHOIR REHEARSAL:

Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call Nestor Ponce at (352) 523-2429