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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

ST. ANTHONY INTERPAROCHIAL SCHOOL:
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June 26, 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!

Those of us who come to mass every Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist in community, perhaps we can feel somewhat surprised that today we celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ insofar as we celebrate it every Sunday. However, following the old traditions, today we will try to center our attention and our heart on the Eucharistic mystery, taking on all of its richness and witnessing to our faith and our communal life.

Our reflections will center around this central element of the Eucharist: we celebrate our alliance with God by means of a ritual meal. Let us meditate on what this means as a religious way of living.

When the Hebrew tribes fled from Egypt and gathered in the desert, they were aware that they needed to get together as a people and establish certain common law that would govern their conduct and their relationships among the diverse groups.

Thus came to be the celebration of the alliance that was made according to the customs of the time. In the first place we observe, that the alliance was the agreement between all of the members of the people to accept a common code and to take on together the challenge of their liberty.

That celebration was affirmation of the sense of their community and they took it on as a people united under the direction of God. That day they manifested their faith, their obedience to the Lord and the unity among them by means of blood pact. And this could be the first sense of this feast of Corpus: with its traditional procession in which everyone participates, the people and the authorities and institutions to show that they are a people who wish to strengthen the bonds of their unity and of belonging.

For sure in every Eucharist this aspect stands out, but today we do it with a greater emotional charge. Today we discover that we are more than a small group of Sunday worshipers and that beyond all of our differences, we are united by a common faith and share in this community that accepts the sovereignty of God and the law of the Gospel.

Luke's gospel points out this aspect of the Eucharist: It is an itinerant people that is in the desert looking for life and for liberty; a people that is hungry because they are not satisfied with their way of life...And therefore the new Moses appears in their life, the definitive freedom worker, Jesus, through whom God realizes the definitive alliance, also by means of a meal, a huge meal in which no one can remain outside with hunger.

And this feast of the people who celebrate their alliance, was accomplished through a sacrifice to God.

Quienes concurrimos todos los domingos a celebrar en comunidad la Eucaristía, quizá podamos sentirnos sorprendidos de que hoy celebremos la fiesta del Cuerpo y de la Sangre de Cristo ya que lo hacemos cada domingo. Sin embargo, siguiendo antiguas tradiciones, hoy procuraremos centrar con más intensidad nuestra mente y nuestro corazón en el misterio eucarístico, asumiendo toda su rica vivencia religiosa y testimoniando, al mismo tiempo, nuestra fe y nuestra vida comunitaria.

Nuestras reflexiones girarán sobre este eje central: en la Eucaristía celebramos nuestra Alianza con Dios por medio de una comida ritual. Meditemos lo que esto significa como vivencia religiosa.

Cuando las tribus hebreas que huían de Egipto se reunieron en el desierto, fueron tomando conciencia de que necesitaban unirse como pueblo y establecer cierta ley común que rigiera su conducta y las relaciones entre los diversos grupos.

Así surge la celebración de la alianza que se hizo según las costumbres de la época. Observemos, en primer lugar, que la alianza era el compromiso entre todos los miembros del pueblo de aceptar un código común y de asumir en común la empresa de conquistar su libertad.

Aquella celebración fue, entonces, la afirmación en el sentido de su comunidad y el asumirse como pueblo unido bajo la dirección de Dios. Aquel día manifestaron su fe, su obediencia al Señor y la unidad existente entre todos ellos por un pacto de sangre. Y este puede ser el primer sentido de esta festividad del Corpus: con su tradicional procesión en la que participa todo el pueblo con sus autoridades y demás instituciones, afirmamos que somos un pueblo y que queremos reforzar los lazos de unidad y pertenencia.

Es cierto que en toda Eucaristía se pone de relieve este aspecto, pero hoy lo hacemos con una carga emocional mayor. Hoy descubrimos que somos algo más que un pequeño grupito dominical y que, más allá de muchas diferencias, hay una fe común que nos une y que, de una u otra forma, compartimos la misma comunidad que acepta la soberanía de Dios y el código del Evangelio.

El texto del Evangelio de Lucas pone de relieve este aspecto de la Eucaristía: es todo un pueblo itinerante que está en el desierto buscando la vida y la libertad; un pueblo que tiene hambre porque la forma de vivir ya no lo satisface...Y entonces aparece en su camino el nuevo Moisés, el definitivo liberador: Jesús, por medio de quien Dios realiza la definitiva alianza, también mediante una comida, una gran comida en la que nadie puede quedar afuera con hambre.

Y esta fiesta del pueblo que celebra su alianza se realizó mediante un sacrificio a Dios.

Today's first reading, for example, we see Melchizedek, priest and king of Salem, offering bread and wine to God, the almighty, as a sign of communion with Abraham, his partner in the fight against the neighboring kings.

Afterwards, Jesus, once and for all became the offering for all of humanity through the generous offering of his life.

As we celebrate the Eucharist we renounce our own lives and our possessions, and we realize they are for the good of the entire community.

The Eucharist is an act of responsibility and for the people who have courage and great generosity. The Eucharist challenges us to not consider our lives as something private...our life like that of Jesus belongs to God, and through God to all of our brothers and sisters.

And there is a third element to this feast. It was custom in the rites of antiquity that after the sacrifice, as a sign of communion with God and with our brothers and sisters, the meal was shared.

The Eucharist is a meal. Thus as we manifest our friendship by sharing a meal with our friends and no one refuses without a serious reason, so we express our friendship with God and with our brothers and sisters in the faith, sharing together the bread and the wine, symbols of the totality of our offering.

As we eat together in the Eucharist we say to our brothers and sisters that we receive them as part of our lives. To partake of the meal is to share oneself with others, and it is also receiving from the others as well. To know how to accept the stranger within our group, means to eat with them in the Eucharist. Paul tells us: "The chalice of our Eucharist, does it not unite to everyone in Christ's blood? And the bread that we share, does it not unite us to everyone in Christ's body? The bread is one, and thus we too, even though we are many, form one body, because we all eat the same bread".

Fr. Bill Persia, csc

La primera lectura de hoy nos muestra, por ejemplo, como Melquisedec, sacerdote y rey de Salem, ofrece pan y vino al Dios Altísimo como signo de comunión con Abraham, su aliado en la lucha contra los reyes vecinos.

Después Jesús, de una vez y para siempre, hizo a Dios la ofrenda de toda la humanidad mediante la ofrenda generosa de su propia vida.

Al celebrar la Eucaristía renunciamos a la pertenencia exclusiva de nuestra propia vida y de nuestros bienes, y reconocemos que son un bien de toda la comunidad.

La Eucaristía es un acto de responsabilidad y para gente que tiene un gran coraje y una gran generosidad. La Eucaristía nos desafía a que no retengamos nuestra vida como una propiedad privada...Nuestra vida como la de Cristo...pertenece a Dios, y por Dios, a todos los hermanos y hermanas.

Y hay un tercer elemento en esta fiesta. Era costumbre en los ritos de la antigüedad que, después del sacrificio, todos los presentes comieran la carne sacrificada como signo de comunión con Dios y con los hermanos y hermanas.

La Eucaristía es una comida...Así como manifestamos la amistad comiendo con los amigos y nadie rehúsa sin motivo serio una invitación de amigo, así expresamos nuestra amistad con Dios y con los hermanos en la fe: comiendo juntos el pan y el vino, símbolos de la totalidad de nuestra ofrenda.

Al comer juntos en la Eucaristía les decimos a los hermanos: Esta es mi vida entregada por ustedes. Y, por otro lado, recibimos a los hermanos como vida nuestra. Comulgar es darse a los demás, y es también recibir a los demás. Saber aceptar al extraño en nuestro grupo, en nuestra mesa, en nuestro estrecho círculo..., todo eso significa, comulgar juntos en la Eucaristía. Bien lo recuerda Pablo: "El cáliz de nuestra Eucaristía, no nos une a todos en la sangre de Cristo? Y el pan que partimos, no nos une a todos en el cuerpo de Cristo? El pan es uno, y así nosotros, aunque somos muchos, formamos un solo cuerpo, porque comemos todos del mismo pan"

Padre Bill Persia, csc

SUNDAY'S READINGS LECTURAS DOMINICALES

June/Junio 26

1st Reading (1ª Lectura): Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Responsorial Psalm (Salmo): Psalm 147

2nd Reading (2ª Lectura): 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel (Evangelio): John 6:51-58

DAILY READINGS-LECTURAS DIARIAS

June/Junio 27 - July/Julio 2

Mon/Lun Gn 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22

Tues/Mar Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27

Wed/Mie Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;

Mt 16:13-19

Thurs/Jue Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8

Fri/Vie Dt 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Sat/Sab Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Lk 2:41-51



MONDAY/LUNES, JUNE 27
 8:30 am +Kathleen F. Lilly
 By Matt & Cathy Hillen

TUESDAY/MARTES, JUNE 28
 8:30 am +June Pomeville
 By Dick & Mary McCall

WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES, JUNE 29
 8:30 am Vocations to the Priesthood and
 Religious Life

(Sp.) 7:30 pm +Benjamin Barajas
 By Family

THURSDAY/JUEVES, JUNE 30
 8:30 am Charlie Basile
 Thank You From SMFP

FRIDAY/VIERNES, JULY 1
 8:30 am Deceased of Parish including Tonita
 Garcia, Jimena Lyneth Montelongo
 and Florencio Aboytes

SATURDAY/SABADO, JULY 2
 8:30 am Dave Richardson
 Thank You From SMFP

4:30 pm +Rita Gagnon
 By Bill Gagnon

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, JULY 3
 8:00 am For Our Priests
 By Marcelle and Gerry

(Sp.) 9:30 am +Benjamin Barajas
 By Family

11:00 am Parishioners



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters and others in need of emergency assistance. Pope Benedict XVI has said, "It is necessary above all that every person be motivated by the authentic spirit of peace." (Homily, January 1, 2011) Cast the peace of Christ upon the world - please be generous in today's Collection.

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Hoy apoyamos al Santo Padre en sus labors caritativas. La Colecta Peter's Pence se realizara hoy en todo el mundo para ayudar a las personas mas necesitados: a las victimas de Guerra, de oppression y de desastres naturales y a otras que necesitan ayuda de emergencia. El Papa Benedicto XVI nos ha dicho que "es necesario que todas las personas actuen animadas por el autentico espiritu de paz" (Homilia, 1* de enero de 2011). Asi estaremos esparciendo la paz de Cristo por el mundo - por favor, sean generosos en la Colecta de hoy.



MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday/Domingo, June 26
Peter's Pence Collection

Monday/Lunes, June 27
 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration till
 4:30 pm followed by
 Evening Prayer and
 Benediction

7:00 pm Grupo de Juan XXIII

Tuesday/Martes, June 28
Wednesday/Miércoles, June 29
 8:00 pm Encuentro de Matrimonios

Thursday/Jueves, June 30
 6:00 pm Misión en los campos

Friday/Viernes, July 1
OFFICE CLOSED
 6:00 pm Encuentro de Jovenes Adolescentes

Saturday/Sabado, July 2
 7:00 pm Grupo de Jovenes Adultos

Sunday/Domingo, July 3
Special Collection for Catholic Education



VOCATION VIEW:

Those who feed on the Bread of Life shall live forever. How is your spirit nourished by the body and blood of Christ? Eucharist is at the heart of our Christian faith. Come to the table! (John 6:51-58)

PANORAMA VOCACIONAL:

Los que comen del pan de vida viviran para siempre. Como te nutre el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo? La Eucaristia esta al centro de nuestra fe Catolica. Vengan a comer! (Juan 6: 51-58).



CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES to Joaquin Medina Espinoza and Irene Meza Virgen, who were married on June 18. We wish Mr. & Mrs. Espinoza the blessings of a long and happy life together.

POPE BENEDICT XVI

Will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination on June 29, the Solemnity of St. Peter and Paul. Please keep him in your prayers.



**THE MOST HOLY BODY
 BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**
 "Not by bread alone does one live,
 but by every word that comes
 forth from the mouth of the
 Lord."

- Deuteronomy 8:3b

Faith Formation

Formación de la fe

VBS 2011



July 11-15, 2011, from 9AM to 1PM

Rose for Our Lady



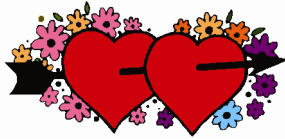
Pray for **A Safe Summer Season**
Requested by **No Name Submitted**

Pray for **Memory of Bartley Flannery,
Mathias Brixius, Wm. Tibbels Sr.
& Henry Branning**

Requested by **Dr. Michael & Terri Flannery**

Please call Phyllis Grossi @352-567-6105 for information. Openings are available. Please submit intention at least 2 to 3 weeks in advance, using the envelopes stamped with "Rose for Our Lady" that can be found at the entrances of the church. When completed, please put them in the collection basket at the weekend Masses.

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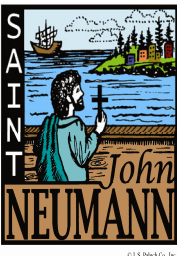
Worldwide Marriage Encounter

- By offering married couples the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in

your chosen vocation—Marriage. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together. **The next weekend is July 8-10.** For information, call 813-270-7832 or go online at www.wwme-tampabay.org.

RETREAT AT ST. JOHN NEUMANN RENEWAL CENTER OFFERS SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT JULY 12-20 - TALLAHASSEE

Individually Directed Retreat with Father Joe Currie, SJ. Eight day retreat at St. John Neumann Renewal Center, 685 Miccosukkee Road, Tallahassee. Contact Sister Christine Kelly, SSJ at ssjchris731@aol.com or 850-224-2971. In an individually directed retreat, the director and the retreatant meet daily to discern God's call and what faith response can be made to that call.



FAILURE TO DELIVER

Knowing the truth and not doing it is as writing a love letter and not mailing it. -Anonymous

READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST	SERVER
Volunteer, at Mass Mary Eversmann	Saturday, 4:30 p.m., July 2 Edward Laezza K.T. John Volunteer, at Mass	
Jean Matala Charlie Basile	Sunday, 8:00 a.m., July 3 J. Brownsberger Sara Ross Maria Gonzalez	
Angela Terry Carol Johnson	Sunday, 11:00 a.m., July 3 Margherita Hoffmann Eric Phaller Mary Barrett	



PRAYER LIST - 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.



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

Cursillo News: Ultreya is a gathering of Cursillistas. For more information or if you are interested in joining a Friendship Group at St. Rita please call Buddy Boyd at 352-458-3322 or 352-428-9680.

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



Would you consider serving as Eucharistic minister at the local HPH Hospice on Clinton Avenue? The person or group of people would only need to check each Sunday to see if there are Catholics at the Hospice. If there are, then what are the spiritual and sacramental needs of the individual and perhaps family would be the next step. Finally, simply call the parish to coordinate the care of the patient(s). Thank you for considering this wonderful and essential ministry!

Pickup truck or Van donation!



If you are thinking about selling your pickup truck or mini-van please consider donating it to the church. You can claim the donation on your taxes. The vehicle must be in good to very good condition.

Thanks for thinking of St. Rita's Catholic community!

ST. RITA ANNUAL PASTORAL APPEAL 2011

As the 2011 APA continues in our parish, we are grateful to the 165 families that have made a difference with a generous gift. Our parish has pledged \$33,270.20 toward our goal of \$32,654.00. (\$26,433.95 has been paid toward pledges.) Many thanks for your participation in this Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift, please reflect on what you can do to also make a difference.

Weekly Offering For/ Para: June/Junio 19
Offertory /Colecta : \$4,269.96

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

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

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PRAYER LINE

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

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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. - 5:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer at 5:00 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