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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.

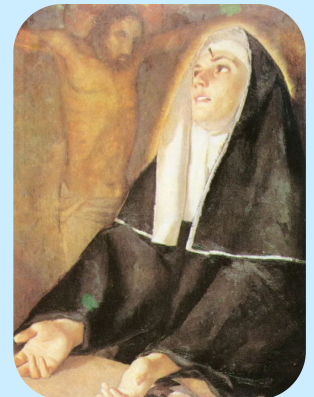
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
CLASSES: English - Sundays from 9:30 a.m.
until 10:45 a.m.
Español: Domingos de
6:15 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

MUSIC MINISTRY:
Director: Jim McKinney

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January 1, 2012

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!

There is no doubt that the person of Mary has been the object of many different interpretations throughout the history of the Church.

It is well known that the New Testament has very little concerning Mary, and the most important are related to the birth of Jesus. They appear in two of the evangelists and do not seem to belong to the most primitive texts of the gospels.

However, and without taking away the importance of what was said, there are other reasons closer to us in history that questioned and brought into consideration Marian devotion.

We are referring to the awakening of the feminine conscience in a world in which women were seen in a secondary light, truly forming an underdeveloped part of humanity.

From the first centuries Mary was considered as a model and example of the Christian woman, and even though throughout the years her image suffered a process of mystification to such a degree, that she seemed more an object of admiration rather than imitation. What is for certain is that Christian women were called to express their femininity according the Marian mold.

Thanks be to God, the present Christian mentality has changed in such a way that at least to revalue matrimony and the sexual character of men and women. But many women ask if matrimony and the full maternity of Mary will also be seen in a different light.

Today the liturgy celebrates the maternity of Mary, The authentic basis of all theology, cult and Marian devotion. It would be interesting if Christian women were to dedicate time to helping the rest of the Christians—particularly the members of the Hierarchy and the priests—what motherhood means: that it implies a physiological and psychological level, that it brings to the mother and what it represents for her children and her husband etc. If Mary was totally mother, and there is no reason to doubt that, it is time to free ourselves of all myth and prejudice in order to return to the reality of this woman who conceived, gave birth, nursed and educated Jesus, the Savior.

The song Magnificat has nothing that reeks of childlike or conservative. It is a cry of triumph of the alienated and the oppressed that see the rich oppressors falling from their pedestals...

We can ask ourselves another question: Was the Church, throughout time, faithful to the spirit that the

No hay duda de que la figura de María ha sido objeto de muy distinta consideración a lo largo de la historia de la Iglesia.

Sabido es que en el Nuevo Testamento encontramos muy escasos datos sobre María, y los mas importantes—los relativos al nacimiento de Jesus—son exclusivos de dos evangelistas y no parecen pertenecer al núcleo mas primitivo de los evangelios.

Sin embargo, y sin restarles importancia a las anteriores consideraciones, hay otros motivos mucho mas cercanos a nosotros que pusieron en cuestión y sobre el tapete todo el sentido de la devoción a María.

Nos referimos al despertar dela conciencia femenina en un mundo en el que la mujer estaba relegada a un papel harto secundario, formando una verdadera porción subdesarrollada de la humanidad.

Desde los primeros siglos María Fue considerada como un modelo o prototipo de la mujer cristiana, y, a pesar de que con el tiempo su figura sufrió u n proceso de mitificación tal, que mas pareció objeto de admiración que de imitación, lo cierto es que a las mujeres cristianas se las convoca para expresar su femineidad conforme a lo molde mariano.

Felizmente la mentalidad cristiana actual ha cambiado lo suficiente como para, al menos, revalorizar el matrimonio y el carácter sexual del hombre y de la mujer. Pero, preguntan muchas mujeres, Se revalorizara También la vida matrimonial y la maternidad plena de María?

Hoy la liturgia celebra la maternidad de María, autentico fundamento de toda la teología, culto y devoción marianos. Seria interesante que, particularmente las mujeres cristianas, dedicaran un tiempo a hacernos descubrir la resto de los cristianos—particularmente a los miembros de la jerarquía y sacerdotes—que significa ser madre, que implica a nivel fisiológico y psicológico, que supone, que aporta a la misma madre, que representa para el hijo y el esposo, etc. Si María fue totalmente madre, y no hay por que dudar, es hora de que nos libremos de mitificaciones y prejuicios para volver a la realidad a esta mujer que engendro, dio a luz, amamanto y educo a Jesús, el salvador.

El cántico del Magnificat no tiene nada de burgués, ni de infantil ni de conservador. Es el grito de triunfo a los alienados y oprimidos que ven caer de sus pedestales a los ricos opresores...

Podemos pues, hacernos un nuevo cuestionamiento: Fue la Iglesia, a lo largo del tiempo, fiel al espíritu que transmiten los textos evangélicos relativos a María?

Gospel texts communicate with respect to Mary?

It is certain that at the time of Jesus one could not even imagine feminine liberation that we have today. The social circumstances of his time were quite different...and nevertheless, what an important place the evangelists not only give to Mary, but to the women who accompany Jesus to the foot of the cross and are the first to recognize him as risen from the dead!

What is certain is that women have not been able to attain the same rights in the Church that they have been able to gain in society. They have never been listened to with respect to the problems that are particular to them and the door has been closed with respect to a more dignified and full participation with respect to the common responsibilities of all Christians. And finally that the lifting up of Mary has not corresponded to the meaning of women in society today.

We are in a cultural transition and therefore a step towards the elaboration of new human project. What should be this Christian project concerning women? What should be the place given to them in the midst of the Christian community. Will their maternity be relegated only to the domestic, as though the creative capacity of women comes to an end with the procreation of their child?

As we begin a new year, it is not the ideal time to exam in it's fullness this delicate problem..., but, at least, let it simmer within each Christian the preoccupation of giving to women in the reconstruction of our society and in the life of the Church, the role that is truly theirs.

As long as this continues, whatever we say about Mary, the mother of Jesus, will sound like simple hypocrisy.

Fr. Bill Persia, csc

TODAY'S READINGS - LECTURAS DE HOY

January/Enero 1

1st Reading (1ª Lectura): Numbers 6:22-27

Responsorial Psalm (Salmo): Psalm 67

2nd Reading (2ª Lectura): Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel (Evangelio): Luke 2:16-21

Es cierto que en tiempos de Jesús no se podía visionar con la liberación femenina tal como hoy la postulamos; otras eran las circunstancias sociales...Y, sin embargo, que importante lugar le asignan los evangelistas, no solamente a María, sino a las mujeres que acompañan a Jesús hasta el pie de la cruz y que son las primeras en reconocerlo como resucitado!

Lo cierto es que la mujer no ha conseguido en la iglesia el mismo lugar y los mismos derechos que esta consiguiendo en la sociedad; que nunca fue escuchada par la solución de los problemas que le atañen; que se le cierra la puerta para una participación mas digna y plena en las responsabilidades comunes a todos los cristianos...En fin, que el ensalzamiento de María no ha Sido correspondido con la significación de la mujer.

Estamos en una etapa de transición cultural: por lo tanto, etapa de elaboración de un nuevo proyecto humano. Cual es el proyecto cristiano sobre la mujer? Que lugar se piensa asignarle en la comunidad cristiana? Seguirá siendo la "maternidad" la excusa para relegarla a un foro exclusivamente domestico, como si la capacidad creadora de la mujer se agotara en la procreación del hijo?

Un día como este de ano nuevo no es el día mas indicado para lanzarnos a una profundización de este tema tan candente..., pero, al menos, que quede en nosotros la inquietud y preocupación de asignarle a la mujer el papel y la función que le conciernen en la reconstrucción de nuestra sociedad y en la vida de la iglesia.

Mientras esto no suceda, todo lo que digamos de Maria, la madre de Jesús, puede sonar a simple hipocresía.

Padre Bill Persia, csc

DAILY READINGS - LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

January/Enero 2-7

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38
[23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11



MONDAY/LUNES, JANUARY 2
 8:30 am +Mary McCall
 By Dick & Mary McCall

TUESDAY/MARTES, JANUARY 3
 8:30 am Leonard & Noreen Daszkiewicz -
 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES, JANUARY 4
 8:30 am Vocations to the Priesthood and
 Religious Life

(Sp.) 7:30 pm **AVAILABLE**

THURSDAY/JUEVES, JANUARY 5
 8:30 am +Bob Hormuth

FRIDAY/VIERNES, JANUARY 6
 8:30 am Deceased of Parish, including
 Jose Ramon Ramos, Sr., Albert Matala,
 Humberto Alvarez, Marcelo Gonzalez,
 John Enright

SATURDAY/SABADO, JANUARY 7
 8:30 am +Tom Francisco
 By Bill & Linda Melis

4:30 pm +Lina Chiang
 By John Family

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, JANUARY 8
 8:00 am +Loretta Piskura
 By Ed & Katie Bellnier

11:00 am Parishioners
 (Sp.) 5:00 pm Peterson Family -
 Special Intentions

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES to
Antonio Beltran and Laura Garcia, who
 were married on December 23. We wish
 Mr. & Mrs. Beltran the blessings of a long
 and happy life together.



Words cannot express our thanks to
 everyone for your outpouring of love and
 support on the death of **Albert Matala**,
 for the Masses, prayers and luncheon.
 May God bless you for being there!
Jean Matala and Family

**LORD, GRANT ETERNAL REST TO THE SOULS OF ALL OUR
 DEAR DEPARTED**, especially **John Enright**. We offer our
 sympathy and prayers to his family and friends. "May the
 angels lead him to paradise and may the martyrs welcome him
 on his way and lead him into the holy city, Jerusalem!"



Meetings



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ACTIVITIES

Sunday/Domingo, January 1
Special Collection for Catholic Education
No Religious Education Classes
Monday/Lunes, January 2
 *** **OFFICE CLOSED *****
 9:00 am **NO Eucharistic Adoration Today -**
CANCELLED

Tuesday/Martes, January 3
 6:00 pm English/Spanish Language Class - Beg.
 7:00 pm English/Spanish Language Class - Adv.

Wednesday/Miércoles, January 4
 8:00 pm Encuentro de Matrimonios

Thursday/Jueves, January 5
 6:00 pm Misión en los campos

Friday/Viernes, January 6
 6:00 pm Encuentro de Jovenes Adultos
6:00 pm BINGO (Doors open at 5:00 pm)

Saturday/Sabado, January 7
 7:00 pm Grupo de Jovenes Adolescentes

Sunday/Domingo, January 8
**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.
 6:15 pm Formación de la Fe y R.C.I.A.



JUBILEE MASS OF THANKSGIVING



with Bishop Robert Lynch honoring couples
 throughout the diocese who will celebrate 25,
 50 or more years of marriage during 2012 will
 take place at St. Jude Cathedral on **Sunday,**
February 12th at 3:00 pm. A
 reception with light hors d'oeuvres will follow.
 You must pre-register by contacting the parish
 office no later than **Friday, January 20th.**



100th Anniversary Celebration
 Congratulations to **Daniel Kwarta** who was
 the winner of the 42" Vizio LED-LCD HDTV in
 the drawing held December 17. Thank you to
 everyone who volunteered to sell tickets for
 this fundraiser. The amount raised was
 \$2,105.00.



LOVE ONE ANOTHER - 12/18/11

It is just wonderful to see so much of God's
 love shine through people this time of year!
 Thanks for the participation of everyone in
 serving this Christmas "LOA" dinner, there
 were lots of laughs, lots of food, a lot of people, and just
 the right amount of Love (God's Christmas Love). We
 served 100 people, gave out 27 go plates, and passed
 out Christmas cards with \$10.00 gift cards in them. The
 next serving will be 1/15/12. To volunteer, contact Bonnie
 (813-843-0135) or Mike (813-843-9184).

Faith Formation

Happy New year 2012

Time, beginning with creation, reaches its fullness when it is "visited" by God in the Person of the Only-Begotten Son. At the moment when *Jesus is born in Bethlehem*, an event of incalculable importance in the history of salvation, God's goodness acquires a visible, tangible "face" (cf. Ti 3,4).

Before the Child whom Mary wraps in swaddling clothes and lays in a manger *everything seems to stand still*. The One who is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, cries in the arms of a woman: the Creator is born among us!

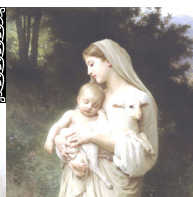
In Jesus the heavenly Father wanted to redeem us from sin and to adopt us as sons (cf. Gal 4,5). With Mary let us pause in worshipful silence before so great a mystery!

These are the sentiments that pervade us as we celebrate the First Vespers of the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. The liturgy makes this important Marian feast coincide with the end of the year and the beginning of the new year. This evening, to the contemplation of the mystery of the Virgin's divine motherhood let us join our hymn of gratitude for the ending of 2011, while on the horizon of history 2012 appears. Let us thank God from the depths of our hearts for all the benefits he has bestowed upon us during the past 12 months.

Your mercy, Lord! In this liturgy at the end of the year, praise and thanksgiving should be joined to a sincere *examination of conscience*, made individually and as a community. *Let us ask* the Lord's *pardon* for the shortcomings of which we are guilty, certain that God, who is rich in mercy, is infinitely greater than our sins.

"In you we have hoped". "In you Lord" we repeat this evening, "is our hope". At Christmas you brought joy to the world, making shine on the paths of persons and peoples your light. Anxieties and worries cannot put it out; the brightness of your presence is a constant comfort. *May every man and woman of good will* approach and experience the power of your love and your peace! May all humanity welcome you as their only Savior. These are our best wishes for all of you; these wishes we place them in the hands of Mary, Mother of God. Our best wishes for all of you in this New Year 2012 and many blessings.

Missionaries Daughters of our Blessed Mother of the Light



Formación de la fe

Feliz Año Nuevo 2012

El tiempo, iniciado con la creación, alcanza su plenitud cuando es "visitado" por Dios en la Persona del Hijo unigénito. En el momento en que Jesús nace en Belén, acontecimiento de alcance incalculable en la historia de la salvación, la bondad de Dios adquiere un "rostro" visible y tangible (cf. Tt 3, 4).

Ante el Niño, al que María envuelve en pañales y acuesta en el pesebre, todo parece detenerse. Aquel que es el Alfa y la Omega, el principio y el fin, gime en los brazos de una mujer: ¡el Creador ha nacido entre nosotros!

En Jesús, el Padre celestial ha querido rescatarnos del pecado y adoptarnos como hijos (cf. Ga 4, 5). Junto con María, adoremos en silencio un misterio tan grande.

Este es el sentimiento que nos embarga, mientras celebramos las primeras Vísperas de la solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios. La liturgia hace coincidir esta significativa fiesta mariana con el fin y el inicio del año nuevo. Por eso, al contemplar el misterio de la maternidad divina de la Virgen, elevamos el cántico de nuestra gratitud por a punto de concluir el año 2011, a la vez que se perfila en el horizonte de la historia el 2012. Demos gracias a Dios desde lo más hondo de nuestro corazón por todos los beneficios que nos ha concedido durante los doce meses pasados. *Tu misericordia*, Señor! En esta liturgia de fin de año, además de la alabanza y la acción de gracias, realizamos un sincero *examen de conciencia* personal y comunitario. *Pedimos perdón* al Señor por las faltas que hemos cometido, conscientes de que Dios, rico en misericordia, es infinitamente más grande que nuestros pecados.

"En ti esperamos". En ti, Señor, -reafirmamos esta tarde- reside nuestra esperanza. Tú, en la Navidad, has traído la alegría al mundo, irradiando tu luz sobre el camino de los hombres y de los pueblos. Las ansias y las angustias no pueden apagarla; el esplendor de tu presencia nos consuela constantemente.

Que *todo hombre y toda mujer de buena voluntad* encuentren y experimenten la fuerza de tu amor y de tu paz. Que toda la humanidad entera te acojan como su único Salvador. Estos son nuestros mejores deseos para todos; un deseo que ponemos en las manos de María, Madre de Dios. Nuestros mejores deseos para ustedes y abundantes bendiciones en este nuevo Año 2012.

Misioneras Hijas de la Madre Santísima de la Luz

Rose for Our Lady

Pray for **A Peaceful Year**
Requested by **No Name Submitted**



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

**NO COFFEE AND DONUTS
THIS SUNDAY**



PRAYER LIST-Please pray for Florence Jones - 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 desa 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.

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 **January 7 and January 21**

CATHOLIC DAYS AT THE CAPITOL

Join Catholics from across Florida as they gather in Tallahassee for **Catholic Days at the Capitol from February 7-8, 2012**. This annual event gives Catholics a voice in shaping our state laws. The program includes a legislative briefing, prescheduled meetings with elected officials, a luncheon with Florida's bishops and legislators, and the Red Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated by the bishops of Florida. Bus transportation is available on a first-come-first-served basis. Registration form is available at life.dosp.org or by contacting Sabrina at 727-344-1611, ext. 325; sab@dosp.org. **Preregistration is required.**

ST. RITA ANNUAL PASTORAL APPEAL 2011
Goal \$32,654.00 Pledged \$32,970.00 Paid \$31,685.80
If you have not yet made a gift, please reflect on what you can do to also make a difference.

2011 Tithe Reports - This year, we will only be mailing out tithe reports upon request. If you need a tithe report for tax purposes, please call the parish office by **January 20, 2012**.

CONGRATULATIONS: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we joyfully welcome into the fullness of our parish community and congratulate the parents of **Rikardo Robledo and Yoselin Jaimes Morales**.

Here's one of Santa's helpers sorting Angel Tree gifts into family bags.



**"CONSCIENCE PROTECTION IN HEALTHCARE"
WITH MICHAEL SHEEDY**

The local Catholic Medical Association (CMA) guild is hosting a speaker event on Saturday, January 7, at 10:30 am with Michael Sheedy, Associate Director for Health of the Florida Catholic Conference in Tallahassee. The lecture will be held at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa at the Medical Arts building in conference rooms 3 & 4. Special invitation is extended to the Tampa Bay Catholic Lawyers guild and is open to physicians/lawyers/healthcare workers/clergy and anyone else interested in this important topic. RSVP appreciated but not required. Call Dr. Diane Gowski at 727-480-7574 or Dr. Lizette Hernandez at 813-765-6625 for any questions.

READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST
	Saturday, 4:30 p.m., January 7
Gary Berman	Marie Bednar
Elizabeth Bodine	K.T. John
	Joseph Bednar
	Sunday, 8:00 a.m., January 8
Sara Ross	Alice Hormuth
Charlie Basile	Edward Laezza
	Micheline LeBlanc
	Sunday, 11:00 a.m., January 8
Mark Hoffmann	Mary Barrett
Joan Hoffmann	Eric Phaller
	Margherita Hoffmann

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	Retirement Fund for Religious	\$1,714.32
	100th Anniversary Drawing	\$2,105.00
	For/Para: 12/24 & 12/25	\$9,646.55
<p>THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY!</p> <p>GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD Y QUE EL SEÑOR LES BENDIGA ABUNDANTEMENTE!</p>		

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PRAYER LINE

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

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Spanish: 5:00 p.m. (Summer **changes** to 9:30 am 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

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