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# St. Rita Catholic Church

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**SECOND  
SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**  
(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)  
APRIL 28, 2019

**JESUS SAID TO THOMAS,  
"HAVE YOU COME TO BELIEVE BECAUSE YOU HAVE SEEN ME?  
BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND HAVE BELIEVED."**

JOHN 20:29

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**Pastor: Rev. Dayan Machado, Ext. 223**

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**Deacon: Rev. Mr. Irv Lau**

**Religious Sisters: Sr. Norma Cime, MHML, Sr. Bety Poot, MHML ext. 226**

**OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday  
7:30am to 4:00pm**

**Please contact the Parish Office for information and Preparation for: / Por favor comunicarse con la oficina para preparacion e informacion sobre recepcion de los sacramentos**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE R.C.I.A.**

**- Prayer line: Call Jean @ (352) 523-2001  
- St. Vincent de Paul assistance (813) 713-8323**

**Sunday Mass Schedule/Horario de Misas Dominicales** Rosary before Sunday Masses  
**English: Saturday Vigil Mass** 4:30 p.m.  
**Sunday Masses** 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
**Misa en Español:** Domingo a las 5:00 p.m.

**Weekday / Entre Semana:**  
English: Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m.  
Español: Miercoles a las 7:30 p.m.

**Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliación:**  
English: Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment  
Español: Domingos a las 4:30p o Por Cita

**Music Ministry / Musica** Director: Jim McKinney

- English choir rehearsal: Thursdays at 7:00 pm. - Ensayo de Coro en Español Martes a las 7:30 pm.

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Principal: Sr. Alice



### El Efecto de los Padres en la Fe de los Hijos

Por: Maritza Haydee Méndez

Los padres somos los primeros educadores de la fe. Es una labor de amor y misión importante de servicio a nuestro Dios. Cuando nacen nuestros hijos los amamantamos con amor y dedicación, así también alimentamos su fe en nuestro Señor al arrullarlos con cantos de nuestra tradición Católica y oraciones como el Padre Nuestro, Ave María y el Ángel de la Guarda. Tenemos que cuidar de esa fe tierna y frágil naciendo en nuestros hijos, velando por su salud y estando atentos a las malas influencias que puedan sofocarla y no dejarla crecer para un día producir frutos.



Igual que llevamos a nuestros hijos a ejercitarse en el parque para que crezcan fuertes y ágiles, también debemos ofrecerles oportunidades para que vivan activamente su fe. Por ejemplo, rezar antes de comer, ayudando a recoger sillas después de misa, visitando a familiares ancianos, llevarlos y compartir con ellos en las actividades de la parroquia, y reforzando sus acciones cuando hacen algo de su propia iniciativa que refleje los valores cristianos que queremos que desarrollen; todos estos son ejemplos de actividades que los padres podemos proporcionar para que nuestros hijos ejerciten activamente la fe que profesan.



Durante los años de la adolescencia, es cuando la educación, en materias de nuestra fe, es sumamente importante. Los padres debemos de estar preparados para aclarar dudas y contestar correctamente las preguntas que nuestros hijos nos traigan. Para poder lograr el éxito en esta etapa, los padres debemos prepararnos edificando y formando nuestra propia fe. Tenemos que poder guiar con certeza a nuestros hijos cuando las dudas surgen con respecto a los conflictos entre la conducta moral de los no creyentes y la conducta moral de los cristianos y más aún católicos. Debemos poder ofrecerles consuelo, consejo, y guiarlos para que puedan entender las causas de los temores y las formas de sobrellevarlos. En especial nuestros hijos deben poder entender el poder de la fe y como ésta los ayuda a superar todas las pruebas que encontraran en sus vidas. Somos los mas cercanos a ellos y podemos rápidamente, a la luz de nuestra doctrina Católica, ayudarles a entender mejor nuestra fe. Repito, el esfuerzo en fortalecer nuestra propia fe, pagará con creces en nuestro afán de ayudar a guiar a nuestros hijos en el desarrollo de su fe. Retiros, libros, estudios bíblicos, clases de formación son maneras de lograr este objetivo. Durante esta etapa tan crucial de nuestros hijos, se completa la preparación de los sacramentos de iniciación (Bautismo, Eucaristía y Confirmación). Asegurarse de que estén inscritos y que asistan y participen activamente en el programa de educación religiosa es una responsabilidad muy importante de los padres. Alentarlos a que se unan a grupos de jóvenes les brinda oportunidades para compartir con otros adolescentes con creencias y valores semejantes, dándose así apoyo mutuo para seguir su camino de formación como católicos activos que tomen decisiones agradables a Dios.

Los padres podemos observar los talentos nacientes que Dios ha sembrado en nuestros hijos y debemos buscar la forma para que ellos puedan ofrecerlos al servicio de otros. Solo tenemos que mirar a nuestros monaguillos, nuestro coro de niños y el número de voluntarios adolescentes que ayudan durante el campamento de estudios bíblicos que se ofrece durante el verano; es algo muy bonito y fortalecedor.

Cuando los hijos se convierten en adultos, nuestra labor de padres no se acaba. Al contrario, ahora con nuestro ejemplo, ellos pueden seguir el patrón de servicio y devociones que nos ven vivir. Nuestras acciones ahora dicen más que las palabras. Para poder ser ejemplos efectivos debemos cultivar la comunicación con ellos. Escucharlos es clave, para así poder alentarlos y aconsejarlos en sus dificultades. Al tener líneas de comunicación abiertas con ellos, se nos facilita usar experiencias propias para ayudarlos tanto con nuestras oraciones como con nuestras acciones.

Es precioso ver las familias extendidas (padres, hijos, abuelos, nietos, tíos y primos) compartiendo las tradiciones de nuestra fe Católica. La celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe, el Viacrucis Vivo, las posadas Navideñas, los bautismos, los quinceañeros y las bodas, son algunos ejemplos de lindas tradiciones que han sido conservadas y mantenidas vivas por muchas generaciones de familias Católicas.

Padres, sientan orgullo y valor en la misión más importante que tenemos de educadores primordiales de la fe de nuestros hijos, desde que los amamantamos hasta que nuestro Señor nos llame a su presencia. Este es el legado mas importante que podemos dejar al completar nuestro camino hacia Dios.

Maritza Mendez, Catequista del programa de RICA en nuestra parroquia de Santa Rita.

## DATOS PARROQUIALES



Comparte café y donas con nosotros en el salón de la Iglesia todos los Domingos después de la misa de las 8:00 a.m.

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### San Andrés Clínica Gratis

Los servicios médicos son **GRATIS** para las personas que no estén cubiertos por otros programas o seguros y con ingresos limitados .

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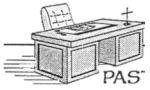
Donde:

37733 Meridian Ave  
Dade City, FL 33525

Cuando: Sábado 04 de Mayo de 8am a 11:30am

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





FROM THE  
PRIESTS DESK

## Happy Divine Mercy Sunday.

It is a fitting moment to remember with sincere gratitude the gift of Easter, yes, the triumph of Christ continues to resound in our memory.

During a recent Audience Pope Francis reflected on one of the requests we make in the Lord's Prayer, he said: 'after praying to God for "our *daily bread*," the Our Father Prayer leads us into **the field of our relationships with others.**' As Christians we ask God above all to "*forgive us our trespasses*," that is, our faults and evil acts. In the famous parable, the Publican in the temple recognizes his limitations and sins, he humbles himself and 'returns home justified' (Lk 18:14).

Pope Francis warned that **pride** is the most dangerous attitude in the Christian life. It is the attitude of one who stands before God thinking that he has all accounts in order with Him: "*the conceited person believes that everything he does is perfect.*" We encounter this in the same parable when the Pharisee appears to be praying but instead, he praises himself before God, (Lk 18: 11-12). The sin of pride divides people and makes us presume to be better than others.

'There are glaring sins that make noise, and there are also devious sins, which lurk in the heart without us even realizing it,' Francis said. The worst of these is pride which can infect even people who seem to live an intense religious life. 'We are all debtors; in this life we have received so much: existence, a father and a mother, true friendships, the wonders of creation.'

If you love, it is because someone next to you has awakened you to love, making you understand how in it lies the meaning of existence. We love because we have been loved; we forgive because we have been forgiven. If someone rejects the light of God and refuses to love, he shall grow cold like the earth in winter, the Pontiff added.

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## Feliz Domingo de la Divina Misericordia.

Es un día adecuado para recordar con gratitud el regalo de la Pascua, el triunfo de Cristo, fresco aún en la memoria.

Recientemente, el Papa Francisco reflexionaba sobre la oración del Padre Nuestro, y decía: después de rogar a Dios por el '*pan de cada día*,' el Padre Nuestro entra en el campo de **nuestras relaciones con los demás.** El cristiano pide a Dios que le perdone sus *ofensas*, es decir, sus faltas y ser librado de todo mal. Recordemos la parábola del publicano en el templo, en su súplica él reconoce sus limitaciones y pecados, se humilla y 'regresa a casa justificado' (Lc 18:14).

La actitud más peligrosa de toda vida cristiana es, sin duda, **la soberbia**, afirmaba el Papa. Es la actitud de quien se coloca ante Dios pensando que tiene las cuentas en orden con Él: "*el soberbio cree que hace todo bien.*" Por otra parte, en la misma parábola vemos al fariseo en el templo aparentemente rezando, pero, en realidad, se elogia ante Dios, (Lc 18:11-12). Toda persona engreída y orgullosa presume porque se cree perfecta.

'Hay pecados que se ven y pecados que no se ven.' Hay pecados flagrantes que hacen ruido, y pecados sinuosos enquistados en el corazón. El peor es la soberbia que también contagia a las personas que aparentan vivir una vida religiosa intensa. 'Somos deudores porque en esta vida hemos recibido mucho: la existencia, nuestros padres, amistades sinceras, la creación.'

Si somos capaces de amar, es porque alguien nos inspira a ello, mostrándonos así el significado de la existencia. Amamos, ante todo, porque hemos sido amados, perdonamos porque hemos sido perdonados. Y quien rechaza la luz de Dios y se niega a amar, se vuelve frío como la tierra en invierno, aseveró el Pontífice.

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**ST. RITA MISSION STATEMENT / DECLARACION DE LA MISION DE SANTA RITA**  
To evangelize and to be evangelized for the sake of the Kingdom using our talents and gifts for the service of others through our diverse ministries.

Para evangelizar y ser evangelizado para el Reino, poniendo nuestros talentos y dones al servicio de los demás en nuestros diversos ministerios.

## The Parent's Role in the Faith Formation of Their Children

By: Maritza Mendez

Parents are the first faith educators. It is a work of love and a very important mission of service to our Lord. In the same way we nurse them with care when they are first born, we too nourish their faith in our God when we sing hymns from our Catholic faith, and teach them their first prayers: Our Father, Hail Mary, and Prayer to the Guardian Angel. Through our example of love, they learn what love feels like and they learn what a loving father and mother can be. We need to take care of that tender and fragile faith sprouting in them. We not only watch for their health, but also are alert to any negative influence that might hinder its growth so that one day it will bloom and give fruit. Taking our kids to the park to exercise develops their physical strength and agility. We also must ensure that they have opportunities and activities to develop their faith in a strong and active way. For example: praying before meals, helping at the church, visiting elderly members of our family or community. Spiritual and physical health is overseen carefully by the parents as children grow during their first few years.



During the adolescent stage, faith formation and religious education are very important. Parents must be prepared to answer questions and clarify any doubts our children may present us. We can guide them correctly if we ourselves are well versed in our faith traditions and doctrine. In order to succeed in this matter, parents need to educate themselves in our Catholic faith. Attending retreats, faith formation, reading faith-based books, and having an active prayer life are all ways that we can achieve this objective. During adolescences, children are prepared to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). Making sure they are enrolled and actively participating in the Religious Education Program is a very important responsibility that we must embrace to help our children develop their faith during this crucial stage of their lives. Participating in youth ministry gives them an opportunity to share with other kids with similar values and beliefs, who in-turn will mutually support each other during their lives, as they all continue nourishing their faith to become active Catholics that make decisions pleasing to God.

By being aware of the talents God has given our children, parents are in an excellent position to encourage them to use these talents for the common good and service to others. We only need to look at our altar servers, our children's choir, and the numerous volunteers that come to help during Vacation Bible School; all beautiful examples of our youth offering their talents and time in the service of God and others. When our children become adults our work is not finished. They need us as examples of practicing Catholics. Our actions speak louder than our words during this time. In order to be effective role models, we must have good communication with them. Listening to them is key to help and guide. Having open lines of communication enables us to use our own life experiences to help them in their journey, and with our prayers and actions.

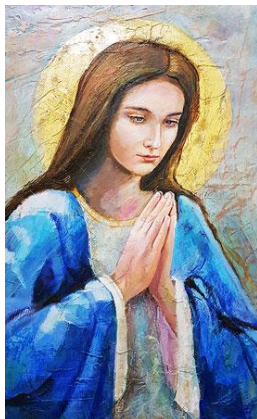
It is so beautiful to see extended families share traditions of our Catholic faith. The celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Christmas posadas, the Holy Week and Triduum, Baptisms, "Quinces", and Weddings are all beautiful examples where multiple generations come together to remember and keep alive our Catholic traditions.

Parents, feel pride and valor in our God-given mission of passing our faith to our children, from the moment they are born to the day our Lord calls us Home. It is the most important legacy we can leave as we complete our journey towards God.

Maritza Mendez, Catechist in our RCIA program.

### Catholic Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and France July 11-22, 2019

LISBOA(PARTIDA) -  
SANTARÉM - FÁTIMA - ALBA  
DE TORMES - ÁVILA -BURGOS  
ZARAGOZA - LOURDES -  
LOYOLA - LÍMPIAS -  
GARABANDAL - POTES -  
COVADONGA OVIEDO -  
SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA -  
PONTEVEDRA - BALAZAR - PORTO( CHEGADA).



All meals, lodging and ground transportation included. Airfare to Europe not included. Limited space available; after that will be put on waiting list. Register by 4/30/2019

Cost as follows:  
Double 1500 Euros per person  
Single 1990 Euros

Extra night in Lisbon on 7/22/19 (optional, but recommended as Pilgrimage ends at 6:00 PM on the 22nd in Porto) with dinner and breakfast and shuttle to Lisbon Airport July 23rd, 100 Euros per person double occupancy and 175 Euros single occupancy.

For more information and registration follow this link...

<https://www.apostoladodegarabandal.com/en/pilgrimage-lisbon-to-garabandal-2019/>

For more information contact Deacon Irv Lau at [email](mailto:irv.lau@stritaparish.org) or cell. 352-457-1205.



Please help us to reach our goal this year by making your pledge to our 2019 Annual Pastoral Appeal.

APA GOAL~ \$55,302.00

TOTAL PAID..\$22,387.27

PLEDGE.... \$27,631.00

PLEDGES NEEDED TO REACH GOAL... \$27,671.00

# OF PLEDGES.....78

# OF REGISTERED FAMILIES: 1,270



Our **May** Sacramental wine donation is offered for:

The deceased of the Cline and Belesky families

If you would like to memorialize and sponsor a month of Sacramental Wine please contact the parish Office and you will be added to the list. Thank you.

*My Life. My Faith.*

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - TAMPA, FL

September 28, 2019 - Florida State Fairgrounds

### NEXT BAPTISM PREP CLASS MAY 7TH @ 7PM (English)




### Baptism Requirements

If you are planning on having your child Baptized, please stop by the office to fill out a form.

Also please bring a copy of the following documents

- A copy of the child's birth certificate
- **BOTH** the Childs Parents and \*Godparents Baptism Preparation Certificate.
- \* In order for godparents that are **married** to be eligible to be Godparents, they must be sacramentally married in the Catholic Church. Please provide us a copy of the church marriage certificate along with the other documents.



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**FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019**

**9AM - 12Noon**

TRAIN STOP NO.1 9AM MASS -Most Rev. Bishop Gregory Parkes - Presiding

TRAIN STOP NO.2 10:30AM. SPRING CONCERT - San Antonio Park

TRAIN STOP NO.3 12Noon FAMILY PICNIC -San Antonio Park

12155 Joe Herrmann Dr., San Antonio, FL 33576

RSVP by 4/26/19 to [www.stanthonysschoolfl.org](http://www.stanthonysschoolfl.org)


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**SEEING IS BELIEVING**

Seeing is believing! Since cellphone screens connect us instantly to social media, live TV, and loved ones' faces near and far, "Doubting Thomas" could be our patron saint: "Unless I see, I will not believe!" But how comforting for any of us who share Thomas's doubt, or love "doubters" who do, to see how kindly Jesus responds. By offering the very evidence that Thomas demanded, Jesus doesn't scold Thomas, but seems to understand such skepticism. Could Jesus have been thinking of us, who long to believe that "Jesus is risen!" but see so much suffering, and perhaps even cause some, that we wonder, how could something so wonderful be true? In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the risen Jesus' healing love comforts through disciples who love others. In Revelation, "our brother John" doesn't just claim he saw Jesus alive, but passes on Jesus' life-giving words, "Do not be afraid." Seeing Jesus in others is believing! Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



**Letters from Heaven**

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them, "As the Father has ...

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S \_ \_ \_ \_ , \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ."

*Answer: "As the Father has ... sent me, so I send you."*

**Reader & Eucharistic Minister Schedule**

	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<b>5/04/2019</b>	Liz Bodine	Jim Belesky
<b>4:30 PM</b>	Mary Eversmann	Ann Casey Joseph Casey
<b>5/05/2019</b>	Sue Richardson	Maria Luisa Gonzalez
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Sara Ross	Mickey LeBlanc Charlie Basile
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Mikey Woodard Randall Woodard	Raymond E. Johnson Mary Barrett Jeannette McKinney

**For/Para: 4/7/19**

**Offertory/Colecta: \$ 5625.94**

**Catholic Ed.: \$ 774.31**

**For/ Para: 4/14/19**

**Offertory/Colecta : \$ 6202.95**

**CRS: \$ 1280.63**


**For/Para 4/19/19 \$ 924.00**

**For/Para: 4/21/19**

**Offertory/Colecta: \$ 8014.36**

**Rice bowls: \$ 260.43**

**Weekly Offering**



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

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

## WEEK OF April 28, 2019

DAY	MASS INTENTION	READING	ACTIVITY
<b>SUNDAY/ DOMINGO, APR.28<sup>TH</sup></b>	8:00 am † Patricia Salinas 11:00 am Parishioners 5:00 pm † Leitel Alfonso Diaz	Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17- 19; Jn 20:19-31	<b>Bloodmobile @ 8:30 am</b> <b>Coffee &amp; Donuts - after 8:00 Mass</b> <b>Non perishable food donations welcome</b>
<b>Monday/Lunes APR. 29<sup>TH</sup></b>	8:30 am Special Intention: Islene Dieujuste	Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7- 9; Jn 3:1-8	9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration to 4:30 pm 7:00 pm Group de Juan XXIII
<b>Tuesday/Martes APR.30<sup>TH</sup></b>	8:30 am Souls in Purgatory	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15	7:30 pm Group de Oracion
<b>WEDNESDAY/ MIERCOLES, MAY 1<sup>st</sup></b>	8:30 am Vocations to the Priesthood And Religious life. 7:30 pm † Marcelo Gonzalez	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21	
<b>THURSDAY/ JUEVES, MAY 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	8:30 am † John and † Audrey Anderson	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17- 20; Jn 3:31-36	7:30 pm Encuentro de Matrimonios
<b>FRIDAY/ VIERNES, MAY 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	8:30 am Deceased of the Parish	1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14	
<b>SATURDAY/ SABADO, MAY 4<sup>th</sup></b>	4:30 pm Parishioners	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18- 19; Jn 6:16-21	9:00 am Baptisms in Spanish (must pre-register) 3:30-4:15 pm - Sacrament of Penance
<b>SUNDAY/ DOMINGO, MAY 5<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 am † Robert LeBlanc 11:00 am Special Intention: Islene Dieujuste 5:00 pm † Juan and Manuel Garcia	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]	<b>Coffee &amp; Donuts after 8:00 am Mass</b> <b>Non perishable food donations welcome</b>