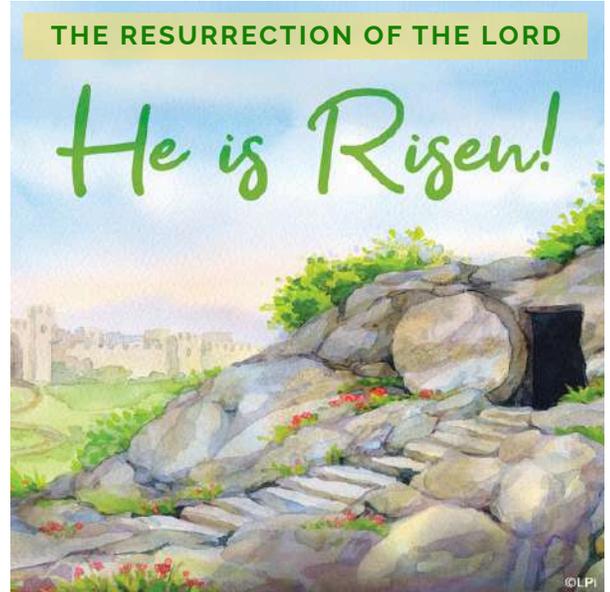


APRIL 5, 2026

ST. RITA CHURCH



Joyfully living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus, we welcome, worship, inspire, and serve with love.



My dear friends,

I want to thank you, guests and parishioners, from the bottom of my heart, for being here at St. Rita this Easter. You make our worship and Eucharist so special when we are gathered like this to hear the Good News:

Alleluia! He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Easter overflows with joy, new life, and re-creation and we don't come down from these great heights until Pentecost, when, filled with the Holy Spirit, we hit the ground running.

Easter Sunday is a miraculous time when we, right beside the women in the Gospel, arrive to find an empty tomb and are told that Jesus is alive and that we will find Him right where He promised to be. For the women and the disciples, the place they would find Him was in Galilee. For us, He promises that He will be found in Word and Sacrament, the Scriptures and the Eucharist. Easter Sunday, and every Sunday, Jesus fulfills His promise to be with us until the end of time. He is with us as we hear Him proclaimed in the Scriptures and as He becomes really and truly present in the bread and wine that become His Body and Blood.



Easter has never been something that takes all our problems away. All our dangers, chaos, anxieties, and griefs will still be with us. We live through all of this in the context of goodness and love, divinity and joy, peace of heart and resurrection.

Easter is the constant in our lives; it is all the rest that come and go.

We live with Jesus' words, "Do not be afraid."

So may we embrace the Lord. Fall at His feet in joy and awe.

Live every Sunday as the little Easter that it is.

And let the Good News bring us resurrection and light every day, as Jesus is with us always, until the end of time.

Have a blessed Easter,
Fr. Tim

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MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES APRIL 4/5

THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. RITA PARISH



EASTER WEEKEND



HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026

12:00PM

Blessing of Easter Food & Baskets - Church

8:00PM

1 Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

7:30AM, 9:30AM, & 11:30AM

Masses

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026

HOLIDAY - NO DAILY MASS OR CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026

8:15AM

Mass

9:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration - Church

9:00AM

WEROC - Rm 3

10:30AM

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parish Office

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026

8:15AM

Communion Service

4:30PM & 6:00PM

Sacrament Preparation

6:30PM

Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

6:30PM

Fiesta Planning Meeting - Parish Office

7:15PM

Confirmation Yr. 1 - Immediate Preparation - Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026

5:30PM

Eucharistic Adoration - Church

6:00PM

Mass

6:45PM

Holy Beginnings - Rm 1

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026

8:15AM

VINCENZO & ELENA DIGIORGIO - By Teresa DiGiorgio Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

4:00PM - 4:30PM

Confessions - Church

4:30PM - 7:00PM

Scouting America Pasta Dinner - Gym

5:00PM

Mass

6:00PM

Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

8:00AM

Mass

8:30AM - 10:00AM

Breakfast @ St. Rita - Parish Center

9:00AM & 11:30AM

Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1

10:30AM

CL Mass

11:30AM

Bible Study Session 1 - Rm 1

11:45AM

Confirmation Session

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES APRIL 11/12

JOSEPH PELLEGRINO - By Wife & Children

THOMAS N. DAVIS - By Albertha & Family

JOANNE WHITE - By Mr. & Mrs. Robert Patti and Family

DIANE PERTICONE - By St. Rita Staff



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from April 6th – April 12th in loving memory of Don Hurley by Nora Hurley Dunbar.



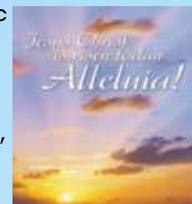
LINEN CLEANING: APRIL 5

PAM KUNZER

Reflections on Readings for The Resurrection Of The Lord, Easter

**“Do Not Be Amazed! He Has Been Raised;
He Is Not Here.”**

It is Easter! We have come to the climactic conclusion of our forty days of Lenten preparation and our Holy Week liturgies. This is considered the most joyous and most sacred liturgy of the year. Our Christ, who had come to live among us, suffered and died for our sins, and rose from the dead. Thus, He broke the bonds of death and leads the way for all of His faithful back to the Father.



**There are two liturgies for our Easter celebration—
Saturday Vigil and Easter Morning.**

The Vigil Mass on Saturday night features Old Testament readings that highlight key moments in salvation history, beginning with **our first reading** of the creation story ([Genesis 1:1-2:2](#)). **In our second reading** comes the story of God parting the Red Sea so the Israelites could escape their slavery in Egypt ([Exodus 14:15 - 15:1](#)). **Our third reading** is the prophecy of Isaiah near the end of the Israelite's exile in Babylon. It is an invitation to God's grace and blessings ([Isaiah 55:1-11](#)). **In our fourth reading**, the Prophet Baruch ([Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4](#)) writes on the importance of Wisdom. She is seen as being very close to God.

In our Epistle reading ([Romans 6:3-11](#)), St. Paul teaches us that as we also died with Christ, so too, we will receive new life in Christ.

In our Gospel reading ([Matthew 28:1-10](#)), we hear Matthew's account of the resurrection. Two women, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, found Jesus' tomb empty with two angels saying, *“He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said.”*

Easter Sunday Mass—The Easter morning readings are shorter and focus more succinctly on Jesus' resurrection. **The first reading is** from the Acts of the Apostles ([Acts 10:34, 37-43](#)) and is an excerpt of St. Peter's speech in Caesarea where he boldly proclaims the risen Christ.

Our second reading ([Colossians 3:1-4](#)) is a short reminder of what we should be doing: always focused on Christ, seek what is above instead of the things of the earth.

Our Gospel reading ([John 20:1-9](#)) is John's telling of the events on Easter morning. Mary of Magdala was the first to see the tomb empty and ran to get Simon Peter and the others.

Easter Vigil

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/040426.cfm

Easter Sunday

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/040526.cfm

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Sensory Friendly Mass

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

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Count It All Joy

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Incense Used

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Family Mass



Our Parish Health Ministry will be offering
Free Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses
NEXT WEEKEND, April 11 & 12 in Room 1.

There are two collections on Easter that St. Rita relies on for our operating budget. The first is the regular Sunday Collection and the Second is the **Special Easter Collection.**

We will pass the baskets only once for both collections.

THANK YOU for your spiritual and financial support of St. Rita Parish!

Fish Fry THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to all who supported our Lenten Fish Dinners!

Once again, it was a huge success!

Our WONDERFUL volunteers spent many hours ordering, preparing, and serving dinners each Friday. THANK YOU for all your hard work and dedication to this great tradition.




SCOUTING AMERICA

PASTA DINNER

April 11 • 4:30 - 7:00 PM •
 St. Rita's Gym
 1008 Maple Dr. Webster

Tickets available at the door.
 Dine In or Take Out. Cash, Check or Venmo.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - HELP WANTED!

JULY 27TH - 31ST

Registration Opens
May 5th!



STUDENTS AGE 4-10 VOLUNTEERS GRADE 7+

Registration opens on Tuesday, May 5th for students and youth volunteers. Join us for a summer week of games, Bible stories, and tons of fun!

Adults, if you're interested in finding out how you can use your gifts to help, please contact Anne Thomas at anne.thomas@dor.org or 671-1100 ext. 110.

Many of the beautiful flowers throughout the church this Easter season have been donated in loving memory/honor of the following:

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Many thanks for your generosity!



From the Desk of Deacon Jim. . .

What the Resurrection Means for Us Today



I came across a powerful line from Saint Charles de Foucauld, who resolved to “*shout the Gospel with his whole life.*” That seems to capture the heart of Easter pretty well.

At Easter, we realize that everything the prophets foretold – and everything Jesus promised – has been fulfilled. God became incarnate to dwell among us and to show us the way to eternal life.

And that way is beautifully simple: love God and love your neighbor.

But how does this lead to eternal life?

Not just because we are commanded to obey, but because **love draws us into relationship with God, who is love (1 Jn 4:8).** When we love, we begin to share in God’s own life. In loving, we get a taste of the resurrection Christ has won for us.

So, to “*shout the Gospel with our whole life*” means allowing every part of our lives to reflect that love – loving God wholeheartedly and loving our neighbors wholeheartedly, near and far, especially those who are suffering or on the margins.

In this way, we proclaim the Gospel with our very existence. Our lives become a witness to Christ’s victory over sin and death. And even in the face of trials, we live with hope, because we know the end of the story.

Live the joy of Easter each day!

With confidence in the promise of eternal life secured by the Risen Lord, draw closer to God through concrete acts of love.

Rejoice – your resurrection awaits!

Happy Easter everyone!

Love to you all,
Deacon Jim

Holy Beginnings Outreach

Cordially invites you to join us in prayer and conversation, for monthly gatherings of our LGBTQ+ community (family, friends, and allies welcome as well).

Thursday, April 9th

Mass at 6pm (adoration at 5:30pm)

Gathering 6:45–7:45 pm in Room 1

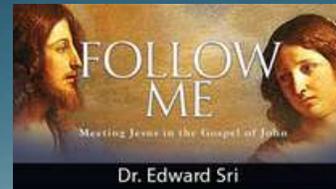
Join others from around the diocese!

Holy Beginnings is a collaboration of Catholic faith communities fostering inclusion and dialogue to those on the margins of the church and society, allowing us, as children of God, to live our call authentically.

Learn more: holybeginnings.org

Contact: Deacon Jim Fien at James.Fien@dor.org

Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John with Dr. Edward Sri



Eight weekly sessions starting Sunday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 15 in Room 1

**Sundays at 11:45am
April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

**Wednesdays at 7:00pm
April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3**

The registration fee is \$25, which includes a workbook.

To register for this program, please e-mail or call the Parish Office at wstritap@dor.org or 671-1100.

If you have specific questions, please e-mail Jerry Lupien at galupien@gmail.com.

Have you recently started attending St. Rita? Have you moved or changed your contact information?



Please let us know through our Website Link “Join the Parish” if you have a change in name, address, or phone number so we can keep our records up to date and you up to date on all that is going on in our parish.

What is Parish Council? (and why should it matter to me?)

Parish Council is a group of 12-15 representatives of the parish who, along with staff members and the pastor, meet once a month throughout the year.

Members:

- participate in parish activities and are available to listen to the needs and ideas of parishioners
- contribute to parish health and vitality
- shape responses to parish needs and diocesan initiatives through skill, leadership, and energy

All are invited to prayerfully consider nominating a parishioner (or yourself!) for the Parish Pastoral Council. Members serve a three-year term.

Nomination cards will be available in the back of church April 11-May 3. All nominations must be accepted by May 8 to be considered for selection.



Churches Offering Meals To Everyone

The next C.O.M.E.

Webster Community Dinner at St. Rita is on Wednesday, April 22, 2026

We are again seeking your help with donations.

To sign up, go to the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/April26COME>

or scan the QR Code:



Items may be dropped off at church the weekend of April 18 and 19 in the totes labeled "C.O.M.E. Dinner" in the greeting area.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

More information : 585-671-1100 ext. 103 julie.cohn@dor.org

If you attend a different church for weekend Mass, you can place your St. Rita Church Offering Envelope in that church's collection basket/donation slot and it will be sent back to us. We do this in turn for other parishes whose parishioners are here visiting our church.

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Craft & Vendor Sale
SATURDAY, APRIL 18
10 AM - 3 PM
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CONTACT US

WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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Mass Attendance				Total
	5pm	8am	10:30am	
Mar 8	260	129	260	649
Mar 15	225	192	250	667
Mar 22	217	163	265	645

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER

The St. Rita Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday.

In the event of a pastoral emergency that needs immediate attention of a priest, please call 670-1100 ext: 106.

We have Low Gluten Hosts available at all Masses.

When you arrive for Mass, let the greeter know you would like a low gluten host.

Please come up the center right hand aisle any time during Communion.



THANK YOU to all the Saint Rita parishioners who provide items and support to the outreach ministries serving those most in need in the Webster area and near downtown Rochester.

These ministries are most grateful for our continued help!

Please bring donations of non-perishable items to St. Rita and place them in or near the shopping cart in our church Greeting Area whenever the church is open for Mass.



No opened or expired items please.

Webster HOPE April Wish List:

- Coffee
- Cleaning supplies
- Crackers
- Pineapple
- Beets (canned)
- Pasta Sauce
- Body Wash



Due to the holiday submission schedule, the collection numbers for the bulletin will be delayed.

Thank you

COLLECTIONS

	Collected	Budgeted	Variance	Weekly Average	Collected last yr.
month of Jan	\$ 57,028	\$ 56,540	+\$488	\$ 14,257	\$53,774
week of Mar 15	\$15,301	\$14,135	+\$1,166	--	\$13,185
week of Mar 22	\$15,804	\$14,135	+\$1,669	--	\$12,284

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Upcoming Events

CORE Retreat Weekends

2026 Theme: "Holy and Beloved"

May 1st - 3rd - Women

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May 29th - 31st - Women

with Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R., Sue Shady, and Jodie Scordo,

Fill Your Soul Days

March 17th 9am - 3pm

"Visio Divina"

with Sr. Melissa Gernon, SSJ

April 14th 9am - 3pm

"Walking the Pilgrimage of Easter Faith in 2026"

with Fr. Gerry McKeon, SJ

Special Events - LENT

March 7th - Women's Lenten Retreat

"Who Cooked the Last Supper"

with Sr. Carol Cimino, SSJ

March 24th - Lenten Retreat Day

"Do Not Judge Anyone: Desert Wisdom for a Polarized World"

Lead by Fr. Isaac Slater, OCSO (author)

March 31st - Sacred Day of Silence 9am-3pm



Scan for more details

Summer Offerings



Writing Spirituality: Finding God in the Stories of our Lives

June 26th-27th
(6:30pm - 3:00pm)

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Real Presence: Entering more deeply into our Eucharistic Celebrations

July 12th-17th
5:00pm - noon

\$600.00
With Sr. Mary McGlone, CSJ



Silent Directed Retreat - Meeting God in the Silence



July 19-24, 2026
5pm Sunday - Friday noon

\$800.00
With Fr. Dennis Billy, C.Ss.R., Fr. Philip Sutherland, SJ, Sr. Elaine Englert, SSJ, Jodie Scordo and Dcn. Kevin Carges

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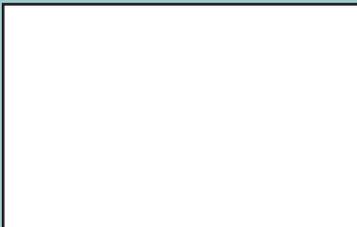
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