

MARCH 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

ST. RITA CHURCH



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

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. If you would like more information about St. Rita Church or to register, please go to our website at www.saintritawebster.org and click the "Join the Parish" link.

We are happy to have you with us!

**Blessing of Easter Food
and Easter Baskets**

**Saturday, April 4th
Noon in Church**

Come and be part of this wonderful Easter tradition. Children are invited to bring their Easter baskets.



Holy Week

Holy Thursday - April 2
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm
(please arrive by 6:45)
followed by Eucharistic Adoration
until Night Prayer at 9:45pm



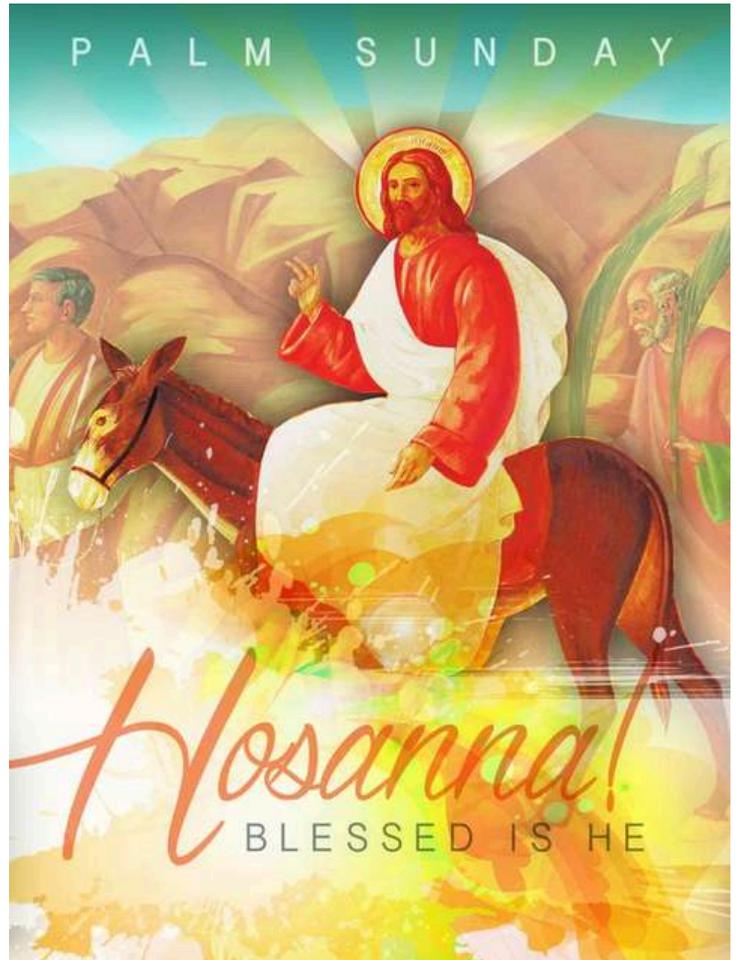
Good Friday - April 3
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm

Holy Saturday - April 4
Blessing of Easter Food at Noon
Easter Vigil at 8:00pm



Easter Sunday - April 5
7:30am, 9:30am, & 11:30am

Please Note:
These are not our regular weekend Mass times.



Blessed be your name, oh Lord my God!
As we enter this week of your Passion
and Death, keep me in lockstep with you.
Help me to be attentive to every word
you would have me hear, every lesson you
would have me learn.
I want to journey with you. Amen.

Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:00am & 10:30am

Daily Mass Schedule:
Mon., Tues., Fri. at 8:15am & Thurs. at 6:00pm
Communion Service on Wednesdays at 8:15am
Our 8:00am Sunday Mass is live-streamed on Facebook

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All Masses are livestreamed on our website.

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES MARCH 28/29

JUDITH PELLITTIERI - By Kate Sherry
 JOHN FOGARTY - By Family
 THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE RUBINO FAMILY
 - By Angela Rubino
 SAVERIO & ROSEMARIE PALUMBO & ALFONSO & FRANCESCA
 MAGRI
 - By Anthony & Angela Magri and Family



SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM **CL** Mass

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

8:15AM **AMBROSE RYAN** - By Family Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 9:30AM My Hope is in You - Bible and Faith Sharing - Church
 6:30PM My Hope is in You - Bible and Faith Sharing - Rm 3

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

8:15AM **RUTH YAEGER** - By Tom Yaeger Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 3

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

8:15AM Communion Service
 10:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point
 11:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
 2:00PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3
 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

THE TRIDUUM & EASTER MASSES

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

7:00PM **1** Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Eucharistic Adoration will follow the
 Mass of the Lord's Supper until 10:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026

3:00PM Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion

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

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES APRIL 4/5

THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. RITA PARISH



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from March 30th – April 5th
 in loving memory of the deceased members
 of St. Rita Parish.

Reflections on Readings for
 Palm Sunday

**"He Emptied Himself, Taking On The Form
 Of A Slave"**



As we approach the climax of our Lenten journey, we take time today to relive the entire Passion of Christ: His last supper with His friends, His betrayal, arrest, suffering, and crucifixion. During these difficult times of suffering in our world, it is even more important that we read and reflect on the suffering of our Savior Jesus the Christ, given to us through the Word of God.

This Sunday begins the highpoint of our liturgical season as we begin our walk with Jesus on His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, then to His sorrowful passion and death and then, on Easter Sunday, His glorious resurrection. On this Palm Sunday, we begin our liturgy with a Gospel reading at the Procession (**Matthew 21:1-11**), as we process into the Church joyfully proclaiming "Hosanna to the Son of David", just as they did that Palm Sunday two thousand years ago. This is a different kind of King, coming in peace, humbly riding on the back of a donkey.

As we continue Mass with our first reading (Isaiah 50:4-7), we recall Isaiah's prophesy of the suffering servant, persecuted for His righteousness, and yet "he does not flinch." This prophesy of the suffering servant is seen as a clear reference to Jesus, who will come in to the world centuries after this was written. "I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting."

Our Epistle reading (Philippians 2:6-11) emphasizes the humility of Jesus, obedient to the Father "to the point of death, even death on a cross." "Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,"

Our Gospel reading is the Passion of Our Lord according to Matthew (Mt 26:14-27:66). This account highlights Jesus' role in fulfilling God's promise to the Israelites so long ago. During the Passover supper with His disciples, Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. "Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to His disciples said, 'Take and eat; this is my body.'"

May we not pass this opportunity to reflect deeply on this mystery of God's salvation gift to us – the creator God who "pitched His tent" and dwelt among us.

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/032926.cfm>

SF Sensory Friendly Mass **CL** Children's Liturgy of the Word

C Count It All Joy **I** Incense Used **F** Family Mass

LINEN CLEANING: MARCH 29
MAUREEN MOREHOUSE



Please Remember in Prayer our parishioners and those connected with our parish who have recently died, especially:

Alta Bolan
Lynn Pinkney

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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER

St. Rita Parish Staff will be taking time off for the Easter Triduum from Holy Thursday through Easter Monday.

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



On Good Friday, there will be a collection in support of the ministries in the Holy Land.

If you are able to support this collection, you may put your monetary gifts in the donation slot.

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!

Reflection - Solidarity

Jesus promises, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit." (John 15:5)



We are called to be the hands of Christ in a broken world, using our time, talent, and treasure to spread the Gospel message. As we journey through Lent, we remember that Jesus died for all humanity, a loving sacrifice to renew the world. As his disciple, I must embrace this radical love that views all humanity as one family, where each member is made in God's image.

Volunteering with Rochester Hope is one practical way that I can ease suffering and build God's Kingdom in our small corner of the world. As a parent, I can't go to Rochester Hope regularly, so instead I work at St. Rita's to help organize donations. St. Rita's financial and food donations and our volunteers have already born much fruit at Rochester Hope. I'm excited to see where the Holy Spirit is leading us next.

As St. Francis of Assisi prayed:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Grant that I may not so much seek to be loved, as to love."

Amen.

Peggy Noel - Parish Council
 Rochester Hope Planning Committee

My Hope is in You

Bible and Faith Sharing
March 30 at 9:30am or 6:30pm

LAST SESSION

Join this series of **Topics with Fr. Tim** for engaging faith sharing and learning sessions on Mondays.

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St. Rita School

Where Faith and Knowledge Meet

Our first graders visited Helmer Nature Center to learn all about maple sugaring! Students practiced drilling a hole in a maple tree, installing a spile to collect sap, and learned how people tapped trees before modern tools. Did you know it takes 40 gallons of sap to make just 1 gallon of maple syrup? What a sweet field trip!



Our 3rd grade SRS students finished up their basket weaving projects in art class.



Their hard work is beautifully displayed around the school for all to enjoy!



Dear St. Rita School and Parish Community,

With hearts full of gratitude and JOY we extend our sincerest thanks to each of you for attending this year's Blue and Gold Gala. Your overwhelming generosity has enabled us to raise over \$65,000 to support our beloved school.

We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to your contributions, we can proceed with the installation of our new playground. The vision of "Swinging with Jesus" is becoming a reality because of you.

Thank you for your kindness and unwavering support. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful community.

Joyfully,

Mrs. Jennifer LeFrois
Principal
St. Rita School



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - HELP WANTED!

JULY 27TH - 31ST

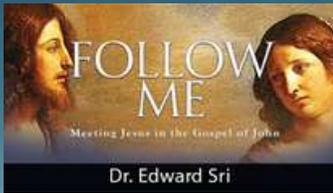
Registration Opens
May 5th!



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.

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.

This Bible Study will guide you through John's Gospel and invite you to encounter Christ every step of the way. As you read about Jesus calling His first disciples, meeting the woman at the well, and offering Himself for us on the Cross, you are invited to enter these dramatic moments, not as a bystander, but as a witness to God's merciful love for us made manifest in Jesus Christ.

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.



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).

First Thursdays of the Month...Except April!! (due to Holy Thursday)

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**

INCENSE DID YOU KNOW?

Incense must be used at any liturgy which includes the Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It is a symbol of sanctification and purification and this is why incense will be used on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil.



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Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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UNITED IN FAITH
+ COMMUNITY

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

**Holy Communion
for the Sick and Homebound**

If you know someone who is sick, recovering from surgery, or homebound who would like to receive Holy Communion at home or in the hospital, please speak with Julie, Elizabeth, Fr. Tim, or contact the Parish Office at 671-1100 to make appropriate arrangements.



Please join us!

Pray the Rosary each Monday after the 8:15am Mass in the Chapel.

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 March & April Wish List:

- Coffee** needed for Easter distribution
- Cake frosting**Easter
- Cleaning suppllies
- 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 1	\$19,512	\$14,135	+\$5,377	--	\$16,880
week of Mar 8	\$14,154	\$14,135	+\$19	--	\$14,506

To set up recurring online payments or make changes to your current giving, please visit our Giving page at www.stritawebster.org/give-online.

Thank you for your generosity in your presence and contributions!

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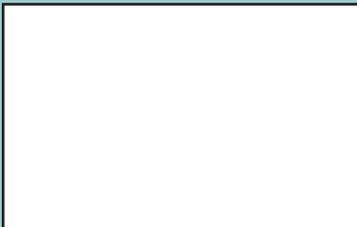
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