

Prayer to Saint Rita

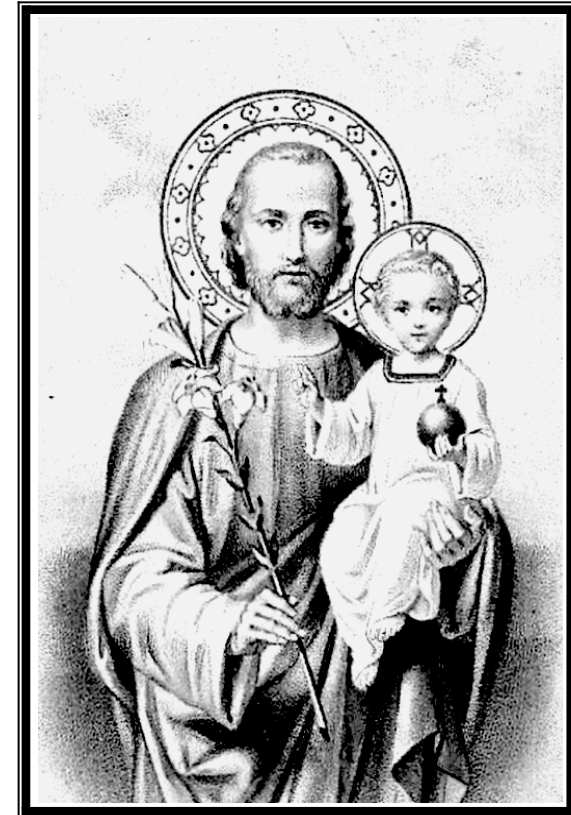


Saint Rita (1381-1457) was born at Cascia in Umbria, Italy. At the age of twelve she was forced to marry an ill-tempered nobleman, who was a heavy cross to her for many years. After his death she joined the Augustinian nuns. Our Lord sealed His love for her by piercing her brow with a thorn from His sacred Crown. Saint Rita is almost without equal as the shining model of the unmarried, of wives and mothers, and of religious.

O God, who didst deign to communicate so great grace to Saint Rita that she imitated Thine example in the love of enemies and bore in her heart and on her countenance the sacred marks of Thy love and passion: grant, we beseech Thee, by her merits and intercession, that we may love our enemies and ever contemplate with deep contrition the sorrows of Thy passion: who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days, once a day; plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, if the daily recitation of this prayer is continued for a month.

May 19, 2024



*Saint Joseph's
Traditional Roman Catholic Chapel
Traditional Latin Mass*

*29968 County 22
Harmony, Minnesota 55939*

Sunday May 19

Confessions 12:30 pm
Holy Mass 1:00 pm

Pentecost Sunday

(St. Peter Celestine, PC)

Sunday May 26

Confessions 12:30 pm
Holy Mass 1:00 pm

Trinity Sunday

(St. Philip Neri, C;
St. Eluetherius, PM)

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MASS INTENTIONS may be submitted to Father for a stipend of \$25.00. If you wish a specific date, please submit well in advance. Mass Intention envelopes are available in the vestibule.

MEAL VOLUNTEERS: There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule for the month of May to help provide Father with a meal-to-go after Mass. *Thank You* to all those who have been assisting with this Corporal Work of Mercy to feed the hungry and supporting your parish priest.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND *postponed until OCTOBER* is being coordinated by Fr. Benedict Hughes. Please see flyer in the vestibule and contact Fr. Benedict if interested.

THE LITANY OF THE BVM will be said after the recitation of the holy Rosary during the month of May.

POTLUCK – There is a potluck this afternoon after Holy Mass. All are invited. Please join us downstairs in the basement!

SECOND COLLECTION – St. Joseph's Building Collection Fund for the month of May will be today.

UPCOMING EMBER DAYS – This Wednesday (May 22), and Saturday (May 25) are days of partial abstinence for those 7 years and older, which means meat is eaten only once. Wednesday (May 22), Friday (May 24), and Saturday (May 25) are days of Fast for those 21-59 years old.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION – JUNE 2ND: Thursday, May 30, was the feast of Corpus Christi. In parishes where it is not possible to observe it on the feast itself, the feast is to be observed on the following Sunday. After Holy Mass on June 2nd, the transferred external solemnity of Corpus Christi will be observed at Saint Joseph's.

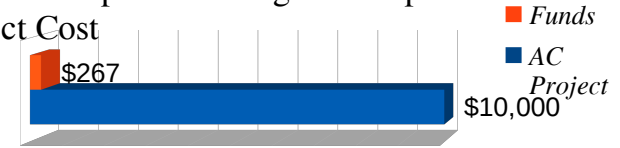
St. Joseph's Church Financial Statement

Average Weekly Operating Costs: \$590

Average 2024 Weekly Collection (year-to-date): \$701

Last Four Collections: 4/21 \$791 4/28 \$665 5/5 \$848 5/12 \$1,008

St. Joseph's Building Fund Update and Project Cost



St. Rita of Cascia

by Msgr. Paul Guerin, 1882

Saint Rita was born in Italy in the late 14th century, near the little city of Cascia, of parents who though advancing in age had no children; she was the fruit of their pious prayers. At the age of twelve she resolved to consecrate herself to God by the vow of chastity, but her parents required her to marry. She obeyed; and God, who perhaps wished her to serve as an example for those having to bear with violent spouses, permitted that she be joined to a man of ferocious character, who terrified the region where he lived.

During eighteen years she succeeded so well in pacifying him that he eventually even became submissive to the laws of God. Nonetheless, his enemies killed him; and then the pious widow had to overcome her twin sons' desire for vengeance. Again she succeeded. When the two young men died not long afterwards, she was without any further bonds to keep her in the world, and she made application to a convent of Augustinian nuns at Cascia. Never had a widow been admitted there, but Saint John the Baptist, with Saint Augustine and Saint Nicholas, who had died during the 13th century in the nearby town of Tolentino, appeared to her to answer her fervent prayers. They transported her miraculously into the convent by night, despite all the locked doors. The Sisters, finding her there in the morning, could not refuse her request any longer.

Saint Rita practiced severe mortifications, eating but once a day and taking only bread and water for food. She was a model of perfect obedience; she meditated every night, from midnight until dawn, on the Passion of Our Lord, and begged to share His sufferings. On one of these nights she felt in her forehead the pain of sharp thorns, which made there an incurable wound. The festering wound isolated her from the other Sisters, and she lived thereafter almost as a hermit in the convent. The wound was cured once for a short time, when the entire group of Sisters were to go to Rome on the occasion of a universal jubilee; on their return her wound opened again.

It was discovered that Saint Rita had the gift of miracles when a young girl was cured during her mother's visit to the convent, to beg the Saint's prayers for that intention. Soon many visitors were coming even from distant regions to ask her charity. She expired peacefully in May of 1456. The wound of her forehead, until then very ugly, became brilliant at the moment of her death. The shrine of Saint Rita is still a favorite pilgrimage site in Italy.