

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A MEMBER OF SAINT RITA CHURCH?

Our Mission at Saint Rita

To nurture and grow the spiritual vitality of each and every Saint Rita parishioner and support them along their life journey as Disciples of Christ while fostering a vibrant, engaging, and welcoming faith community.

What Can You Expect from Saint Rita Church?

- **A welcoming, faith filled community** of people growing in their Roman Catholic faith
 - Four weekend Eucharistic liturgies
 - A variety of weekday services
 - Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays or by appointment – plus Advent and Lent services
 - Special liturgies to mark the seasons of the Church year
- **Opportunities to grow in your faith** at various stages of life from childhood through adulthood
 - Sacramental formation
 - Special times of retreat and reflection
 - RCIA for those looking to explore our faith
 - Programs targeted to special interests (e.g. Bible studies, Youth groups, etc.)
- **Opportunities for service** to Christ and the community
 - Over 70 different ministry and service teams
- **Special support** when you are in need
 - Eucharistic / pastoral visits to the ill and shut-ins
 - Sacrament of Anointing when seriously ill
 - Emotional / spiritual support (Stephen Ministry)
 - Practical support (Dove ministry)
- **Make friends** and have fun together through our:
 - Annual Saint Rita Fiesta
 - Weekly Breakfast Club
 - Friday night fish fry during Lent
 - Special dinners, receptions & outreach
- Sacramental ministers to help **mark those special moments** in life for baptism and marriage
- **At the time of a death in the family** we are available to be with you and your family with visitation, prayer support and funeral liturgy.

What Do We Expect from Our Members?

- **Regular participation** in the weekly Eucharistic celebration of our community. Members commit to gathering around the Lord's table faithfully each week. *"Every day, as long as this 'today' lasts, keep encouraging one another so that none of you is hardened by the lure of sin."* (Heb 3:13)
- **Continued personal growth in Christ** regardless of our stage in life. Members of Saint Rita commit to being open to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives at all ages. *"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."* (Rom 12:2)
- **Stewardship** of what God has given to us:
 - **Time**—to give time back to God for daily prayer, service to others & active involvement in the church community. Also to be present to family and friends via a balanced lifestyle. *"Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."* (Ps 90:12)
 - **Talent**—to discover & develop the unique gifts that God has given us and to share those with others in the parish community & the broader world. *"Just as each of our bodies has several parts and each part has a separate function, so all of us, in union with Christ, form one body, & as parts of it we belong to each other. Our gifts differ according to the grace given to us."* (Rom 12:4-6)
 - **Treasure**—to provide financial support to God's work in support of the parish and its mission. Traditionally, Christians have set a standard of tithing (10% of one's income) with half of that to the local faith community. If you are not at this level yet, we ask you as a member to commit to God *some* level of annual support to Saint Rita, and continue to grow in this year by year, by exercising active trust in our God. *"Set your hearts on God's kingdom first, and his righteousness, and all these other things [food and clothing] will be given to you as well."* (Mt 6:33)

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Stewardship ... Live It!