



The Memorial of

ST. RITA OF CASCIA

Novena Prayers and Benediction

Sunday, May 20 & Monday, May 21, 5:00 pm in the church.

Mass celebrated on Tuesday, May 22, 2018

5:00 pm, St. Joseph Church.

ROSES WILL BE BLESSED AND DISTRIBUTED.

Novena Prayers to St. Rita of Cascia

LEADER: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and our hearts will be renewed.

ALL: *And you will renew the face of the earth.*

LEADER: O God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit, instructed the hearts of the faithful; grant us, by the same Holy Spirit, a love and desire for what is right and just, and the constant enjoyment of His consolation, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Prayer of Petition

ALL: *Glorious St. Rita, patroness of those in need, your intercession with our Lord is most powerful. Through the favors obtained by your prayers, you have been called "Advocate of hopeless and even impossible cases." St. Rita, humble and pure; patient and compassionate lover of Christ Crucified! We have confidence that everyone who has recourse to you, will find comfort and relief. Listen to our petitions and show your power with God in our behalf. Obtain our petitions for us, if they are for the greater honor of God and for our good. We promise, if our petitions are granted, to make known your favor, and to glorify God for His gift. Relying on your power with the merciful Savior, we ask of you....*

(here mention your request in silence)

By the singular merits of your childhood,

ALL: *obtain our request for us.*

By your perfect union with the Divine Will,...

By your acceptance of troubles in your married life,...

By the anguish felt at the murder of your husband,...

By the surrender of your children, rather than have them offend God,...

By your miraculous entrance into the convent,...

By your daily penance and fasting,...

By your courage and joy in bearing the mark of the Crucified Savior,...

By the Divine Love which consumed your life,...

By your devotion in receiving the Blessed Sacrament,...

By the happiness you felt in leaving this life for union with Christ,...

By the example you have given to people of every state of life,...

LEADER: Pray for us, St. Rita,

ALL: *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL: *Heavenly Father! In Your infinite love and mercy, You heed the prayer of Your beloved servant, Rita. You graciously grant favors through her intercession, which are considered impossible to human skill and effort. Relying on her compassionate love, we ask You to assist us in our trials and difficulties. Let unbelievers know that You are the helper of the humble, the defender of the weak, and the strength of those who trust in You. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Prayer in Difficulty

I give You thanks, O Lord, for the many benefits You have bestowed on us. With confidence in Your mercy, I beg You now, through the intercession of St. Rita, to grant me the grace of imitating her virtues, especially her love for You and her neighbor, her perfect acceptance of Your will, and her devotion to the passion of Your Son. Through the infinite merits of Jesus and those of St. Rita, grant me comfort in my present trials, and the desire to accept with gratitude whatever may be for my salvation and the salvation of those who are dear to me. O good St. Rita, you give constant proofs of the power of your prayers, show me some sign too. Pray to God for me, as I humbly pray to you.

Amen.

