

Faith Formation

Our Lady of...

Trivia Question: I was born in 1381 in a tiny village in Italy. Though I wanted to become a nun, I obeyed my parents and married. My husband was not a very good man but with much prayer, he became a changed man. Unfortunately, he was violently murdered. My only children, two sons, planned to avenge his murder, and I was so distraught. However, they both died of an illness before they could carry out their revenge. I became a nun and received the stigmata in the form of a thorn wound on my forehead. The wound remained open until my death. A miraculous rose bloomed in the dead of winter as a gift to me on my deathbed, giving me great consolation that I would soon join my family members in heaven. Who am I?

Answer: Saint Rita of Cascia! Her feast day is May 22nd. She is the patron saint of Impossible Causes, difficult marriages, reconciliation, and widows. She is also the unofficial patron saint of baseball, so let's ask St Rita to keep our softball girls safe this week and have a successful state game! You can read her full life story here as well as how she became the patron saint of baseball!

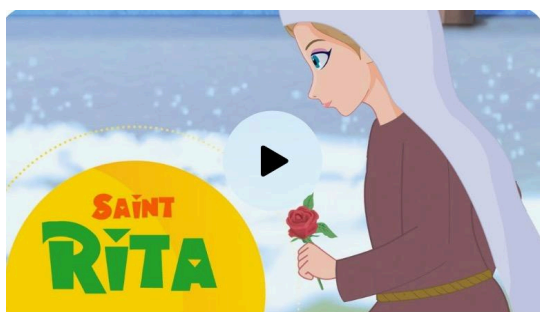
[Life of Saint Rita](#)

[Who is Saint Rita, Patron of Baseball?](#)

Activity for Kids:

Saint Rita of Cascia is considered as the patron saint of loneliness, marriage difficulties, widows and the wounded among others. She was a wife, a mother and widow before she became an Augustinian nun. She received a stigmata from the Lord and she bore this for 15 years, severely in pain. Watch her amazing story in this episodes on the Christian Kids TV YouTube page.

[Christian Kids TV: Story of Saint Rita of Cascia | Stories of Saints](#)



Enjoy this podcast on the life of St Rita

[Talking Saints - St. Rita Cascia by Talking Catholic](#)

Activity for Kids:

[Catholic Playground: Saint Rita of Cascia coloring page](#)

Here is a link to a beautiful coloring page of Saint Rita of Cascia and a short description of her life.



Movie Night! Enjoy this movie on the incredible life of St Rita.

[Saint Rita](#)

