



St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

25181 E. Broadway, PO Box 277

Veneta, Oregon 97487

541-935-3933

Website: www.stcveneta.com

Parish email: stcofsienaveneta@aol.com

Third Sunday of Advent (English)

Third Sunday of Advent (Latin)

December 14, 2025

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

Rev. Ron Nelson, Parish Administrator
rnelson@archdpdx.org

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Raj Michael Pandi
K of C Council 17884 – Chaplain

Mila Bill, Office Administrator
541-935-3933

Fatima Farje, Bookkeeper
541-935-3933

Chris Demers, Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus 541-935-3933

Diane Campbell, Altar Society, President
541-935-3933

RECONCILIATION / SACRAMENT of PENANCE

Tues **after** 6:30 pm Latin Mass
during Rosary

Thurs **after** All-Day Adoration 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Followed by *Benediction*

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Tues **6:30 pm** Latin Mass-Rosary-Benediction
CONFESSION **after** Mass during Rosary

Thurs Eucharistic Adoration 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
followed by Exposition and *Benediction*
CONFESSION **after** *Benediction*

Fri English Mass 9:00 am
Latin Mass **Every 1st Friday of the Month**

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Sundays 9:00 am (English - livestreamed)

Sundays 11:00 am (*Latin - livestreamed*)

Mass Intentions for the week. Loving God,
we lift these intentions into your hands.

Dec 14 9:00 am +Bruce Kelley
11:00 am For the People

For these whose anniversary of death
occurs this week.

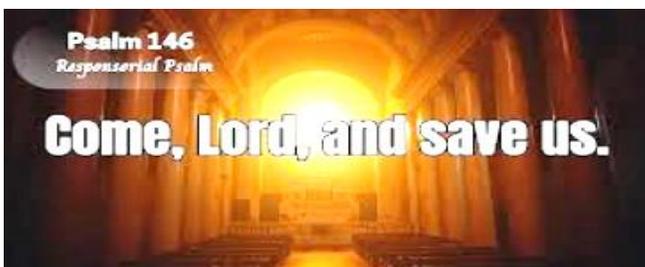
Dec 15 Bruce Kelley
Thelma Brown, Fr. Nicholas Deis

Dec 17 Josephine Lowes

Dec 19 Gertrude Kathryn McLellan Albreets
Pat Galioto



Lord, on this Third Sunday of Advent, we light the Candle of Joy. Fill our hearts with the joyful anticipation of Your coming. May Your presence bring peace and gladness to our lives; may we share that joy with others, reflecting the hope and love You bring to the world. Amen



WEEKLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

12/07/2025			
WEEK 23	Income*	Budget**	Difference*
WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORTING			
Offertory+Online Giving	\$3,909	\$3,897	\$12
Special Donation			
YEARLY STEWARDSHIP REPORTING			
Total to Date	\$91,575	\$89,631	\$1,944
* BLACK number means: Collected More than Planned			
* RED number means: Did not Collect Enough			
NOTE	Total to Date Income includes Special Donations. * Total Donations does not include Altar Society & Restricted funds.		

Please Pray with Us For . . .

Our parishioners, family, and friends.

Those who are sick and

who have asked for our prayers:

- ↔Barb Puryear↔Cayson Livingston↔Paul Tovey↔
- Dave Cramsey Family↔Renee Bake↔Celeste Isaac
- ↔Joel Woods↔Marissa Campbell↔Jim Simpkins
- ↔Paula Greif↔

Those who have recently died.

The members of our parish family who are in the military; a hospital; a nursing home; who are first responders; shut-ins; and All who have No One to Pray for them, including the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

Our Sunday Readings

All Their Hopes



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Go and tell what you have seen and heard,” Jesus says. When it comes to proving who he is, he always lets his actions do the talking. We have heard. We have seen. We must go and tell. Let’s let our actions do the talking. Who do we think Jesus is?
© LPi



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

Contributions toward the purchase of flowers for the celebration of our Lord’s birth are greatly

appreciated. If you would like to make a donation in memory of, or in honor of a loved one, flower envelopes are available at the end of the pews and can be placed in the offertory basket.

The names of all those to be remembered will be published in the Christmas Bulletin.

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

PLEASE double-check the ‘CALENDAR’ on the WEBSITE for most current schedule: stcveneta.com

Saturday, December 13

Sunday, December 14

2nd Collection - Retirement Fund for the Religious

Rosary 8:30 am

English Mass 9:00 am

Latin Mass 11:00 am

Coffee & Donuts 12:15 pm

Monday, December 15

SVdP Conference Meeting 1:00 pm
Office Open 9 - 4

Tuesday, December 16

Latin Mass 6:30 pm

Followed by Rosary with Exposition and Benediction

Confession during Rosary

Wednesday, December 17

Thursday, December 18

Adoration 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Followed by Benediction

Confession 6:00 pm

Faith Builders Bible Study 10:00 am

Office Closed

K of C General Meeting 7:00 pm

Friday, December 19

English Mass 9:00 am

Office Hours (Fr. Raj) for pastoral needs 10-1 pm

Office Closed

Saturday, December 20

Sunday, December 21

2nd Collection - Christmas Flowers

Rosary 8:30 am

English Mass 9:00 am

Coffee & Donuts 10:15 am

Latin Mass 11:00 am

Coffee & Donuts 12:15 pm

Parish Christmas Party 5:00 pm

WELCOME TO ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

If you are visiting or new to our parish community, we are blessed that you are here to worship with us, and we welcome you. Our pastor, associate priest, staff and Parish Family extend the hospitality of Jesus Christ to you.

If you would like more information about our Parish, please call: 541-935-3933

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with cleanup after the Christmas Party on Sunday, December 21st. If you are able to stay a little while after the celebration, please let Camille know.

Your help is hugely appreciated!
Thank you!!

WHY DO WE DO THAT CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: What is Gaudete Sunday?

Answer: *Gaudete Sunday*, the third [Sunday](#) of [Advent](#), so called from the first word of the [Introit](#) at Mass (*Gaudete*, i.e. Rejoice). The season of [Advent](#) originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for [Christmas](#), commencing on the day after the feast of St. [Martin](#) (November 12), whence it was often called “St. [Martin’s Lent](#)” — a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century.

The introduction of the [Advent](#) fast cannot be placed much earlier, because there is no evidence of [Christmas](#) being kept on December 25 before the end of the fourth century (Duchesne, “Origines du culte chretien”, [Paris](#), 1889), and the preparation for the feast could not have been of earlier date than the feast itself. In the ninth century, the duration of [Advent](#) was reduced to four weeks, the first allusion to the shortened season being in a letter of St. Nicholas I (858-867) to the Bulgarians, and by the twelfth century the fast had been replaced by simple abstinence.

St. Gregory the Great was the first to draw up an Office for the [Advent](#) season, and the Gregorian Sacramentary is the earliest to provide Masses for the Sundays of [Advent](#). In both Office and Mass provision is made for five Sundays, but by the tenth century four was the usual number, though some churches of [France](#) observed five as late as the thirteenth century.

Notwithstanding all these modifications, however, [Advent](#) still preserved most of the characteristics of a penitential season, which made it a kind of counterpart to [Lent](#), the middle (or third) [Sunday](#) corresponding with Laetare or Mid-[Lent Sunday](#). On it, as on La tare [Sunday](#), the organ and flowers, forbidden during the rest of the season, were permitted to be used; rose-colored vestments were allowed instead of purple (or black, as formerly); the deacon and subdeacon reassumed the dalmatic and tunicle at the chief Mass, and cardinals wore rose-color instead of purple.

All these distinguishing marks have continued in use, and are the present discipline of the [Latin Church](#). *Gaudete Sunday*, therefore, makes a break, like [Laetare Sunday](#), about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord’s coming.

Of the “stations” kept in [Rome](#) on the four Sundays of [Advent](#), that at the [Vatican](#) basilica is assigned to *Gaudete*, as being the most important and imposing of the four. In both Office and Mass throughout [Advent](#), continual reference is made to our Lord’s second coming, and this is emphasized on the third [Sunday](#) by the additional signs of gladness permitted on that day.

Gaudete Sunday is further marked by a new Invitatory, the [Church](#) no longer inviting the faithful to adore merely “The Lord who is to come,” but calling upon them to worship and hail with joy “The Lord who is now nigh and close at hand.”

The Nocturn lessons from the [Prophecy](#) of [Isaias](#) describe the Lord’s coming and the blessings that will result from it, and the antiphons at [Vespers](#) reecho the same prophetic promises. The joy of expectation is emphasized by the

constant Alleluias, which occur in both Office and Mass throughout the entire season. In the Mass, the [Introit](#) “*Gaudete in Domino semper*” strikes the same note, and gives its name to the day.

The [Epistle](#) again incites us to rejoicing, and bids us prepare to meet the coming Savior with prayers and supplication and thanksgiving, whilst the Gospel, in the words of St. John Baptist, warns us that the [Lamb](#) of [God](#) is even now in our midst, though we appear to know Him not.

The spirit of the Office and [Liturgy](#) all through [Advent](#) is one of expectation and preparation for the [Christmas](#) feast as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are thus on *Gaudete Sunday* suspended, as it were, for a while in order to symbolize that joy and gladness in the promised [Redemption](#) which should never be absent from the hearts of the faithful. ©CA



Hope For A Better Marriage

The Oregon Retrouvaille community will be holding its weekend January 30 ► February 1, 2026 in Canby, Oregon. **For more information or to register** please contact the community at ► 503-225-9191 or ► email StevenAndSuzanne@helpourmarriage.org or ► register online at ► www.helpourmarriage.org

St. Catherine's 1st



**December 21 ■ 5:00 p.m. ■
in the Parish Hall.**

**We look forward to celebrating
this blessed season with you!**

ARCHBISHOP: ADVENT CALLS US TO LIVE FOR ETERNITY

On the First Sunday of Advent, the Archbishop Sample reflected on the Church’s call to spiritual wakefulness at the start of the new liturgical year. He reminded the faithful that Advent prepares us not only for the celebration of Christ’s birth at Christmas, but also for His coming at the hour of our death and at the end of time.

Drawing from personal reflections on aging and the many distractions of modern life, he emphasized the need for renewed focus on eternal realities and encouraged all to remain spiritually alert as they prepare to meet the Lord.

For full details: Visit

[HTTPS://ARCHDPDX.ORG/ARCHBISHOP-SAMPLE-ADVENT-CALLS-US-TO-LIVE-FOR-ETERNITY](https://archdpdx.org/archbishop-sample-advent-calls-us-to-live-for-eternity)



Real Estate Broker
541-543-7168
 eileen@eileenmcmahan.com



"Family Owned & Operated"
MORROW'S AUTOMOTIVE
 541-935-5500




Thank you,
St. Anthony,
 for our graces and
 prayers answered!



A Place to Gather
Family ♦ Friends ♦ Community
 24992 W Broadway Ave, Veneta
541.935.4688



NELSON MOUNTAIN CONSTRUCTION LLC.
SPECIALIZING IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

- ☎ 971-303-1072
- ✉ nelsonmountaincms@gmail.com
- 🌐 www.nelsonmountaincms.com
- 📍 18909 Highway 126
 PO Box 55 Walton, Oregon 97490

Phil Nelson
 Owner/Operator
 CCB# 254719



Fern Ridge Council #17884
 Men of the parish – interested in knowing what the
 KCs are all about?
 Contact:
Grand Knight Chris Demers 541-520-4935

**Countryside
 Pizza & Grill**
 ☪
Serving Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
541-935-5551
 88278 Territorial
 Veneta, Or 97487
Now offering 'on line' ordering

**Medicare Annual Enrollment
 for Seniors is Now**
October 15 to December 7th
 Medicare Advantage and
 Prescription Drug Plans
 Ask me about
 New Medicare Advantage Plans
 with a \$0 monthly premium that include
 extra NEW benefits!
 Steve Bryant, Licensed Agent in Oregon
541-222-0307



C:541-598-6444
O:541-633-3521

NOLVIN ROSALES Bend.mastersroofing@gmail.com
 CCB#251128

YOUR PRIORITY, IS OUR PRIORITY!
ROOFS • GUTTERS • SKYLIGHTS • AND MORE

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR
 ADVERTISERS**

**Bulletin Items * Deadline
 12 noon * Wednesdays**



**RELIGIOUS ITEMS
 now available
 between Masses**
 Rosaries
 1st Communion
 Baptism
 Statues
 Veils
 Jewelry
 Medals
 and much more!
 Check us out in the Vestibule
 and in the St. Dominic Room