



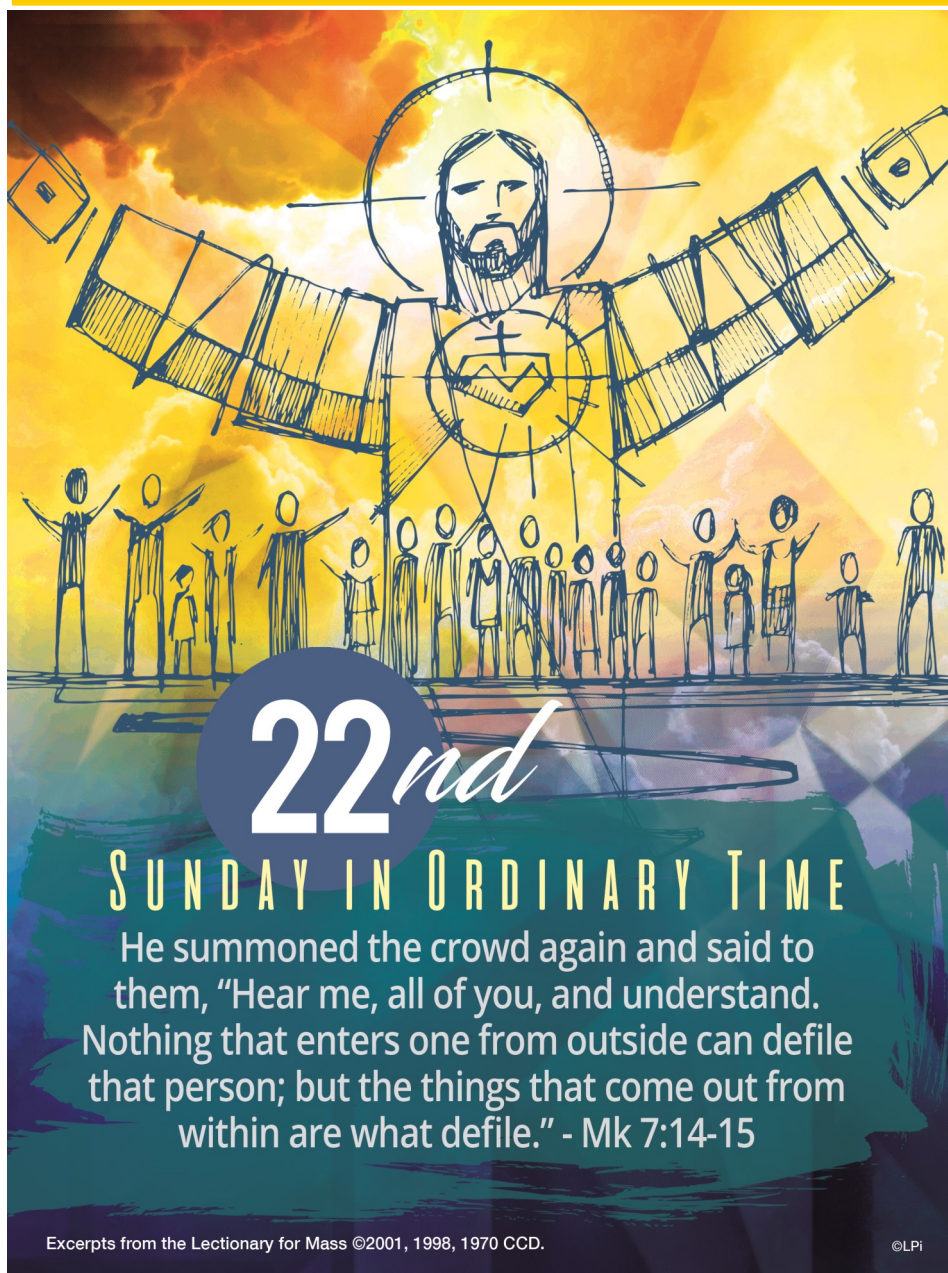
St. Rita Catholic Church

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 22, 2021

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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30PM

Sunday: 7:30AM; 10:00AM

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday-Friday 7:45AM

Holy Days of Obligation

As Announced

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00PM-5:00PM

(or by appointment)

Parish Staff

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Faith Formation Assistant

Tony Rimmer, *Maintenance*

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00AM to 2:00PM

Closed Fridays



We are a people called to be Christ for one another through Prayer, Eucharist, Community Involvement and Social Justice.

PARISH UPDATES

THE BOOK SALE IS BACK!



Help support our parish! Book sale will be on **September 24-25**. For donations, please bring your books, puzzles, CDs and DVDs to the parish office, Monday-Thursday, 9:00AM- 2:00PM.



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

Do you know an adult who's never been baptized and would like to be baptized?
Do you know an adult who's been baptized in another faith tradition and has thought about joining the Catholic Church?

Do you have a child seven years or older who is not baptized and would like to be baptized?
If they would like more information about becoming a Catholic Christian have them contact Barbara Stanton, bstanton@stritapdx.org, or call the parish office at 503-252-3403.

There will be a **Women's Guild meeting on Monday, September 13 at 1PM** in the RE Center big room.

St Vincent de Paul Pantry Needs for September 2021

If you have extra produce from your garden, we can use it. We also need:

Cookies
Canned Soup
Brownie/Cake Mix
Toilet Paper
Mac & Cheese

And as always: Clean brown grocery bags

Just bring your donation to Church when you come to Mass. Thank you so much for your generosity

For the safety of everyone, due to the increasing COVID-19 cases, our **Parish Picnic is cancelled** this year.

The 50/50 raffle ticket sale will continue. The drawing will be on September 12 after the 10am Mass. Thank you for your support.



Tue.	Aug. 31~7:45 am	+Rosario Hong
Wed.	Sept. 1~7:45 am	+Joanna Kung & Moon Chun Lee
Thu.	Sept. 2~7:45 am	For souls of all forgotten babies
Fri.	Sept. 3~7:45 am	+Anthony Sang Vu
Sat.	Sept. 4~5:30 pm	Jesusa Guzman
Sun.	Sept. 5~7:30 am	+Geoff Crawford
	10:00 am	For all Parishioners

WHY SHOULD YOU BE A CATECHIST?

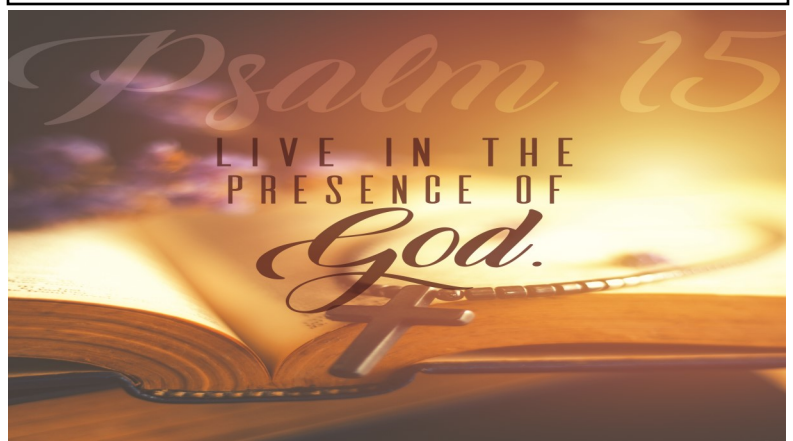
- The best way to learn is to teach.
- Your own faith will come alive.
- You become an active participant in one of the essential responsibilities of a Church Community.
- You assist in bringing Christ to others.
- You practice stewardship – giving of your time.
- You show your own family that you value the Faith.
- You become a role model.
- Being a catechist brings joy.

Contact Barbara Stanton, Faith Formation Director to explore God's call to share your faith.

bstanton@stritapdx.org
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BACK PACK BLESSING

If you have children beginning another school year we want to offer a blessing for them and something to put in their back packs to remind them that their St. Rita Community is praying for them during this school year. This blessing will be offered at the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, September 12th.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed! Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling. ©LPi



There will be a meeting for **Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation Catechists and Aides** on Sunday, August 29th, 11:00 am, in the Religious Education Center (REC).

Confirmation Candidates & Parents Information Meeting (Mandatory)

September 26th, 11:00 am

Religious Education Center (REC)

Youth in Grades 8 – 12 may prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you cannot attend or if you need more information or have questions, please contact Barbara Stanton, Faith Formation Director.

Parent Meeting with children in Kindergarten through 6th grade who will be participating in Faith Formation Sessions and 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist sessions. (Mandatory)

Sunday, October 3rd, 11:00 am

Religious Education Center (REC)

If you can't attend or if you need more information or have questions, please contact Barbara Stanton, Faith Formation Director, 503-252-3403 x104 or bstanton@stritapdx.org.

Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparations begin OCTOBER 3, 2021, 11:00 AM.

Prayer REQUESTS

Charlotte Benfiet, Jennifer Benfiet, Margaret Bennett, Jo Betich, Cynthia Bjore, Carlos Chavez, Maria Chavez, Jerry Ciraulo, Troy Classen, Ken Dobos, Bonnie Estes, Anita Fazio, Karen Fitterer, Sergey Fureyster, Malcolm Fylan, Curt Gefre, Bonnie Greeninger, Dottie Griffin, Elaine Haskell, Teri Hayes, Gary & Liz Heckman, Patty LeCount, Bill Lindekugel, Eunice Monsrud, Barbara Nisbet, Betty Jo Noble, Shirley Orr & Family, Joe Panowicz, Jocelyn Park-Gillespie, Eleanor Pine, Skye Porter, Laura Ramirez, Michael Roelle, Pat Shanahan, Peggy Smith, Rodney Smith, Charlene Steier, Jim Swenberg, Leticia Valdefiera, Casey Yager, Susie Yager, Tom Yager, Sharon & Leon Young

Please call or email the office if you would like to add a name to this list.
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