



St. Rita Catholic Church

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 31, 2021

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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab

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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30PM

Sunday: 7:30AM; 10:00AM

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday-Friday 7:45AM

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00PM-5:00PM
(or by appointment)

Parish Staff

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Cynthia Bjore, *Musician*

Office Hours

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

Closed Fridays

Urgent Sacramental Needs After

Office Hours:

Call 503-908-4659



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

PARISH UPDATES

Join us on November 5 for a First Friday Eucharistic Adoration after the 7:45am Mass until 10am.

The church is also open for prayer from Monday to Thursday during office hours (9am-2pm). Just go to the office and someone will let you in the church.

Invitation to Faith Sharing and Bible Study

Book of Kings 1&2 | Starts November 2nd
Every Tuesday at 6:00PM on ZOOM
Uses the Ignatius Catholic Bible with Commentary, Notes, and Study Questions
If interested, call Bill Lindekugel: 503-317-0574

Saint Vincent de Paul

Between now and December 10th, the Food Pantry is asking for food donations for our Christmas Food Box Program. Now, because of your generosity we have all the pancake mix we need. Other items we are looking for include canned olives, canned green beans, cream of mushroom soup, syrup, peanut butter, jam/jelly and hot chocolate mix. For those of you who shop at Costco, between Oct. 27 and Nov. 21, Costco has 50 count Swiss Miss Hot Chocolate mix for \$2.00 off. You can bring your donations to Mass and leave them in the vestibule by the SVdP barrel, or bring them directly to the pantry on Wednesday afternoon or Saturday morning. And don't forget, between Nov. 15 and Dec. 1, we can earn a 20% bonus on returnable cans and bottles. **Thank you for your ongoing support.**

Starting **Sunday, November 7**, we will start celebrating **Spanish Mass** at St. Rita at **12:00pm**.



Our prayers for the eternal repose of the soul of longtime parishioner Mary Jones. May she now rest in eternal peace in the heavenly kingdom.

OFFERTORY UPDATE F.Y. 2021-22

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>		
July	\$15,902.83	\$21,000.00		
August	\$18,958.78	\$21,000.00		
September	\$24,793.15	\$21,000.00		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>
Jul-Sep'21	\$59,654.76	\$63,000.00	-\$3,345.00	94.7%



Tue.	Nov. 02~7:45 am	+All of the faithful departed
Wed.	Nov. 03~7:45 am	+Rosario Hong
Thu.	Nov. 04~7:45 am	+Joanna Kong & Moon Chun Lee
Fri.	Nov. 05~7:45 am	+Rosario Hong
Sat.	Nov. 06~5:30 pm	+Thomas Choi
Sun.	Nov. 07~7:30 am	For the people
	10:00 am	+Fr. Thomas
	12:00 pm	

FAITH FORMATION

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

The Advent Fair will be held on Sunday, November 28, 11:00 am, in the Parish Hall. We will begin with a meal followed by activities for everyone. Families will be able to make an Advent wreath to take home; children will be able to decorate cookies along with other crafts to use during the Advent season to help prepare for the celebration of Christmas.

We will also need fresh greens to make the Advent wreaths. If you have clippings available, please put them in a garbage bag and place them by the doors at the bottom of the steps that lead to the parish hall.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ADVENT FAIR

We are in need of volunteers to work at the different craft tables. We need two per table. If you'd like to help or have questions, please contact Barbara Stanton at 503-784-1744 or barbaraestanton@gmail.com or bstanton@archdpdx.org.

REJOICE
IN GOD'S SAINTS,
TODAY AND ALL DAYS

REGOCÍJATE
EN LOS SANTOS DE DIOS,
HOY Y TODOS LOS DÍAS

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet. ©LPi

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Observances for the week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; All Hallow's Eve
Monday: All Saints
Tuesday: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed; All Souls' Day; Election Day
Wednesday: St. Martin de Porres, Religious
Thursday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time Ends



Bill Hilands
Charlotte Benfiet
Jennifer Benfiet
Margaret Bennett,
Jo Betich,
Cynthia Bjore,
Carlos Chavez,
Maria Chavez,
Jerry Ciraulo,
Troy Classen,
Ken Dobos,
Bonnie Estes,
Anita Fazio,
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 Swanberg,
Leticia Valdefiera,
Casey Yager,
Susie Yager,
Tom Yager,
Sharon & Leon Young

Bill Hilands will have an open heart surgery on Oct. 25. We keep him in our prayers.

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

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