



St. Rita Catholic Church

Feast of the Epiphany | January 2, 2022

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THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b

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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30PM

Sunday: 7:30AM; 10:00AM

12:00PM Spanish

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday-Friday 7:45AM

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00PM-5:00PM

(or by appointment)

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00AM to 2:00PM

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

St. Vincent De Paul: Our Christmas Food Box Project was a huge success due in large part to the generosity of our supporters within and outside the parish. Thanks to each of you. We were able to provide Christmas Food Boxes to 100 local people in need. Boxes included meat, fresh produce, baking mixes, salad kits, canned goods, peanut butter and jelly, bread, tea, Christmas Candy and much more. We had hygiene supplies from the LaSalle high Spanish classes, nicely bagged and ready to be put into the boxes. What a bonus! And over 40 people volunteered to pack boxes, pick up food, deliver boxes and clean up. We are truly blessed in this endeavor.

Our next **Food Collection Weekend** is **January 8-9th**. Our pantry needs the following this month: blankets, dish and/or laundry soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, deodorant and razors. Bags with lists of needed items are on the table in the back of the church. Please take a bag, fill it with needed items and return it next weekend. And thank you for your continuing support.

St. Rita Women's Guild: The Women's Guild will have their monthly meeting on Monday, January 10 at 1pm in the RE Center. All women of the parish are invited to join them.



Faith Formation



No Faith Formation session today, January 2.
Sessions will resume on Sunday, January 9, 2022.

There will be a meeting on **Sunday, January 16 at 11:15am** for all parents preparing their children for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

On Sunday, January 9 at 11am, we will offer our annual *Called to Protect Training* for all children in grades Kindergarten through High School and their parents. This training is mandatory on a yearly basis for children and youth to learn how to develop boundaries to protect themselves, to recognize when their boundaries are being violated, and encourage them to tell a parent or trusted adult when their boundaries are violated. All materials are age appropriate.

Thank you so much to all our children who participated in the Christmas Story dramatization at the 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass. Thank you also to all the parents for your support.





Dear Friends,

The Epiphany is celebrated on January 6 in the Western Church, which happens to land 12 days after Christmas Day. Here in the United States, to have more participation of the faithful, we celebrate Epiphany on the Sunday between January 2 and 8. Epiphany simply means “revelation” and has other names such as Theophany or Three Kings’ Day. It is a day closely associated with Christmas, so much so that in the Eastern Church, Epiphany is also a celebration of Christ’s birth.

The Epiphany, within the Western Church, celebrates the arrival of the Gentile (non-Jewish) Magi to the crib of Christ incarnate. This seemingly simple storyline in the Gospel of Matthew reveals something very powerful about the epiphany or “revelation” of God to both the Jewish people and the entire world. It is a vision and manifestation to all the nations that Christ is savior of the world.

There are a variety of traditions that are associated with this feast. In Spain and some Latin countries, one custom is to give small gifts to children and place them in their shoes, I suppose a double take on the idea that the magi journeyed (shoes) to offer their gifts to the child Jesus. In the Filipino culture, Christmas and the Epiphany are highlighted by the *parol*, symbolizing the bright shining star that have guided the magi to the manger. And on the reprise in recent years (which can easily be Googled) is the chalking of door posts with the year and initials of the three kings (example: 20+C+M+B+22) as a way of inviting and blessing all guests who enter our homes.

As a family, how do you wish to celebrate this day, the feast of the Epiphany? What tradition can you begin this year, so as to allow the star of Bethlehem to shine brighter in our homes and families? In whatever you do, may the Light of Christ be with you always.

Happy New Year! A Blessed Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord!
Fr. Tetzl

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

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 – 4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 – 5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Observances for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



Pray For...

Jeff Heller
 Pat Marcum
 Lori Burmester
 Jim Dufresne
 Bill Hilands
 Charlotte Benfiet
 Jennifer Benfiet
 Margaret Bennett
 Jo Betich
 Cynthia Bjore
 Carlos Chavez
 Maria Chavez
 Jerry Ciraulo
 Ken Dobos
 Anita Fazio
 Malcolm Fylan
 Curt Gefre
 Dottie Griffin
 Gary & Liz Heckman
 Patty LeCount
 Eunice Monsrud
 Barbara Nisbet
 Skye Porter
 Michael Roelle
 Pat Shanahan
 Peggy Smith
 Rodney Smith
 Charlene Steier
 Casey Yager
 Susie Yager
 Tom Yager
 Sharon & Leon Young
 Domingo Umingli

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

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We pray for the eternal repose of the soul of Teri Hayes. May she now rest in the eternal peace of God's Kingdom.



Jan 04, Tue

Nugalda & Family

Jan 05, Wed

+Joanna Kong
& Moon Chun Lee

Jan 06, Thu

+All priests and consecrated religious brothers and sisters

Jan 07, Fri

+All priests and consecrated religious brothers and sisters

Jan 08, Saturday Vigil

5:30pm

+All priests and consecrated religious brothers and sisters

January 09, Sunday

7:30am

Nugalda & Family

10:00am

For the people

12:00pm

+Augustine Thu Doan

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to have Mass offered for your intention. Suggested donation is \$10.

Stewardship

Offertory Update F.Y. 2021-22:

| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| September | \$24,793.15 | \$21,000.00 |
| October | \$16,690.00 | \$21,000.00 |
| November | \$24,475.98 | \$21,000.00 |
| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
| Jul-Nov'21 | \$100,821.36 | \$105,000.00 |
| | <u>Over/Under</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
| | -\$4,178.64 | 96% |

Online Giving: Thank you so much for your financial support to St. Rita Parish. To donate online, go to our parish website stritchpdx.org and click the **Donate** button to access our safe online giving portal.