



St. Rita Catholic Church

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord | January 9, 2022

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THE BAPTISM of the Lord

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16c

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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)

Parish Staff

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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. 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.

St. Vincent De Paul: Our pantry needs the following this month of January: 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.

Parish Administrative Assistant: We are still looking for a part-time Parish Admin Assistant (aka Parish Secretary). Please spread the word. For full details of the job description, go to the parish website at stritapdx.org.

Synod on Synodality. A Synod is not just a convening of Bishops reflecting on a particular topic and advising the Pope. A Synod is a journey of discernment, in which the people of God are called to pray and reflect upon the Holy Spirit's will for the Church. Through our listening and our sharing, we will seek to understand what the Holy Spirit's will is for the topic being discussed - and thus, for the Church.

For the 2023 Ordinary Synod of Bishops, that topic is synodality. Simply put, synodality is discerning how the Spirit is moving through and with the Body of Christ, so that we may continue to fulfill our mission to evangelize in the world.

There will be a time when the synodal process asks **our parish participation sometime in February and March.** I pray that everyone will participate in the discussions and reflection questions. Watch for more information.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation sessions resume today, Jan. 9.

Today, all our children in Faith Formation will undergo our annual *Called to Protect Training*. 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.

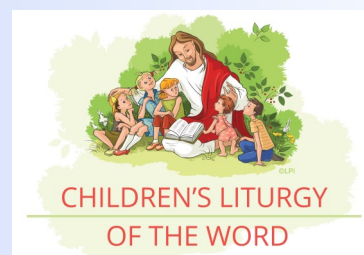
There will be a meeting on **Sunday, January 16 at 11:15am** for all parents preparing their children for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Our four children preparing for the Sacrament of the Holy Communion this coming April just had their first Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, Jan. 8. Please keep them in your prayers.

Mark your calendars for **May 18 at 6:30PM for the Confirmation Mass** with Archbishop Sample at the St. Therese Church. Six youth from our parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

We'd like to thank our catechists and aides who have been guiding our children in the Children's Liturgy of the Word every Sunday at the 10AM Mass.

Christina Toscano
Cheryl Bronzich
Mary Perkins
Susan Churchill
Xochitl Toscano
Jadwiga Buliavac
Phyllis Yager
Sandra Gorger





Dear Friends,

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, a scene described in the Gospels of Matthew (Year A), Mark (Year B) and Luke (Year C), all with varying descriptions, timelines and perspectives. Regardless of the Gospel account, the overall picture presented to us is of an event that was as poignant in the early ministry of Jesus. Those who witnessed this Baptism of the Lord experienced something new and wonderful at work through this person of Jesus of Nazareth.

Last week, I made mention of the close connection between Christmas day and the Epiphany. In fact, the two go hand-in-hand. The same can be said of the Epiphany and the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. At heart, these celebrations are revelations of the identity of this Jesus.

In the Epiphany, Jesus is identified as the king of the nations, of both the Jewish people and the Gentiles. In his Baptism, something more of his identity is revealed. He is a chosen one, a child of God – indeed – God's beloved.

Most of us who gather in our pews are baptized Christians. I'd like to extend an invitation to those among us who are not baptized, and to parents who have not yet baptized their children. Please consider learning about this wonderful sacrament which is an experience of claiming our own identity in Christ as beloved children of God.

For those of us who are baptized, another invitation is offered. We are asked to reflect on our experience of knowing the person of Jesus Christ, and to remind ourselves of our baptismal vows. Some ideas may include using holy water in the home or always starting and ending our prayers with the sign of the cross.

Whatever we do, may we be reminded that we are claimed and loved by the God who has revealed Himself to us.

In Christ,
Fr. Tetzl

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 | Acts 10:34-38 | Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8 | Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 | Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 | Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11 | Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a | Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a | Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5 | 1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Observances for the week of January 09, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

INFORMATION DIRECTORY AT ST. RITA'S

Baptism. For baptism inquiries, contact Barbara Stanton, at bstanton@archdpdx.org or call the parish office.

Faith Formation , RCIA & Confirmation. Faith Formation Program is for Pre-K to 5th Grade. For inquiries, contact the Director of Faith Formation, Barbara Stanton .

Preparing for Marriage & Issues on Annulment. Please contact Fr. Tetzl Umingli at tumingli@archdpdx.org or call the parish office.

Homebound Ministry. For parishioners who can no longer come to Mass because of illness or because of mobility issues, we have ministers who can bring Holy Communion to them. Contact the office for more information.

Hall & REC Rentals. The parish hall & kitchen as well as the REC building are open for rent. However, at this time, they are only available during daytime. Contact office for more information.



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 11, Tue +Joanna Kong
 & Moon Chun Lee
Jan 12, Wed +Thomas
 & Catharine Nguyen
Jan 13, Thu +James & Marie Duong
Jan 14, Fri +Marie Nguyen
Jan 15, Saturday Vigil
5:30pm +For the People
Jan 16, Sunday
7:30am +Catharine & Marie Nguyen
10:00am +Anthony
12:00pm Peter Uy Nguyen

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>
October	\$16,690.00	\$21,000.00
November	\$24,475.98	\$21,000.00
December	\$23,878.26	\$21,000.00

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Jul-Dec'21	\$124,064.62	\$126,000.00
	<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	-\$1,935.38	98.5%

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.