



St. Rita Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Lent | March 20, 2022

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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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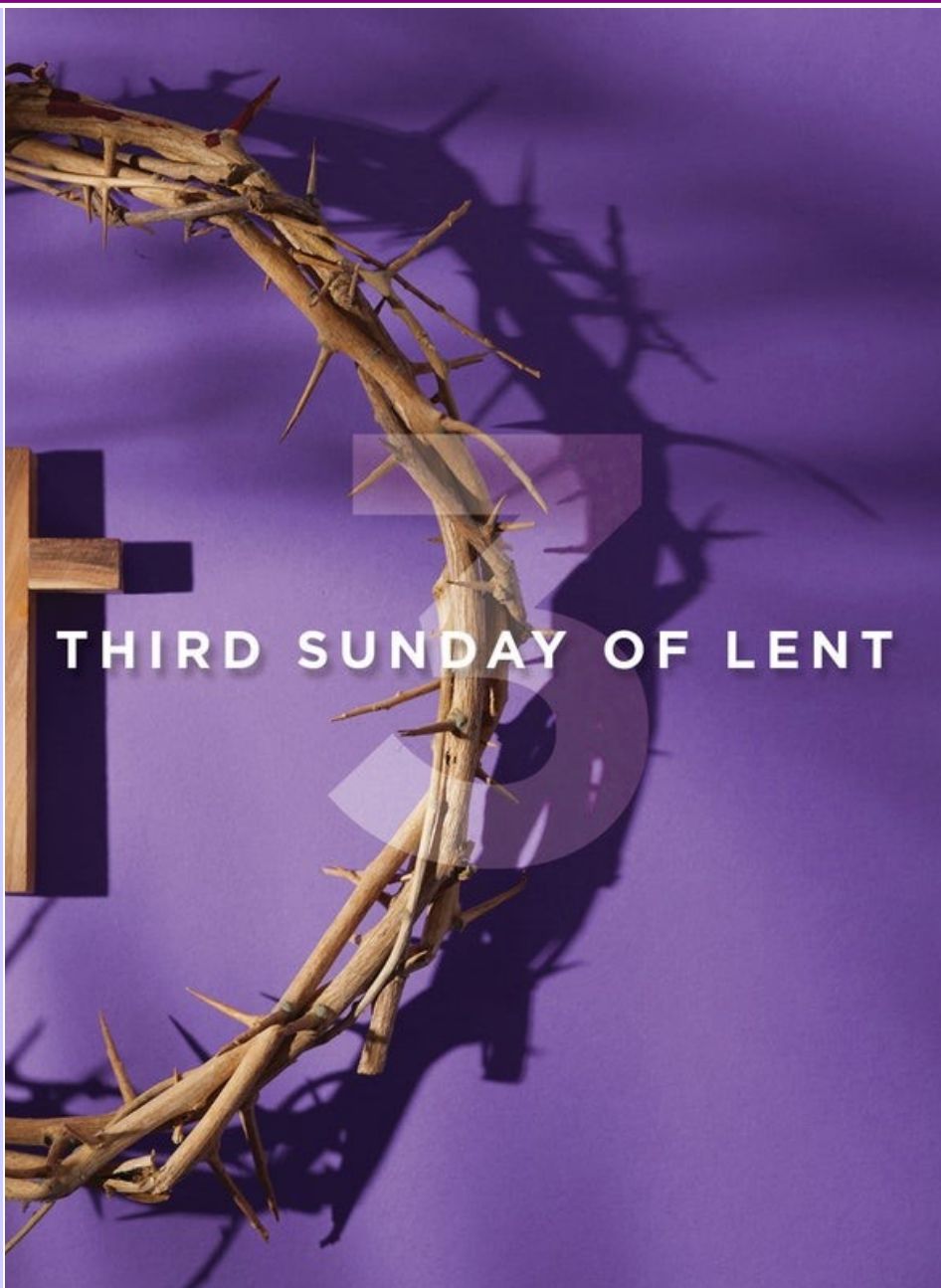
Office Hours

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

Sacramental Emergency Only

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: This month, the pantry is in need of the following: CRACKERS, sandwich spreads like mayo, mustard, etc., candy, salad dressings, shampoo, laundry or dish soap, warm clean blankets. There are bags by the baptismal font with lists of needed items. Please take a bag, fill it and bring it back next weekend, or drop your donations off at the parish office during the week. And thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

Boiler Project Update:

Total Project Cost: \$67,937.00
Raised as of 3/9/22: \$52,931.5
Need: \$15,005.5

We are slowly inching up to reaching our goal. Thank you so much. We already started our payments last week and we hope to raise the remaining amount before they replace the tubes of the boiler right after the end of the heating season either on the last week of May or early June. If you want to donate, write your check to St. Rita Church and write "boiler project" in the memo line or donate to our safe online donation portal through our parish website: stritapdx.org. Thank you so much.



*Thank you for your participation in our Parish Discernment Session on March 12.
We continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit throughout this two-year synodal process.*

Faith Formation

There will be no Faith Formation sessions (First Communion, Confirmation) this Sunday, March 20 and next Sunday, March 27. Sessions resume on Sunday, April 3rd.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Continue to pray for Kevin, Dayanara, and Aaron as they continue their journey on becoming Catholics. On Sunday, March 20, they will celebrate the First Scrutiny at the 10AM Mass. They will receive the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter Vigil.

Confirmation

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.

Baptisms

We have seen an uptick in baptism inquiries at St. Rita parish. The following are the recently baptized infants and children: *Anna Paola Angel Perez, Magnus Oliver Gardner, William Benjamin Gardner, Kaden Ariel Balmoja Quelnat*. Our parish family shares in their joy!

If you'd like to have your child baptized, please contact Barbara Stanton at 503-252-3403, extension 104 or bstanton@archdpdx.org.

Books and Media Sale at St. Henry's

Restock your bookshelves at a used book and media sale at St. Henry Parish's Gym,
346 NW First St.
Gresham, OR 97030
on April 2 & 3.

Sale Saturday from 9:30am - 12 Noon. Books of all kinds from .50 cents to &2. Donations of books DVDs and CDs welcome from March 28-31 at the parish office. Proceeds benefit the parish library. Call (503) 665-9129 for more information.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the “I am” of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That’s when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God’s work, the pondering of life’s mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God’s presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn’t rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don’t get lost or confused and stay on course.
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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of March 20, 2022

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Observances for the week of March 20, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday:

Tuesday:

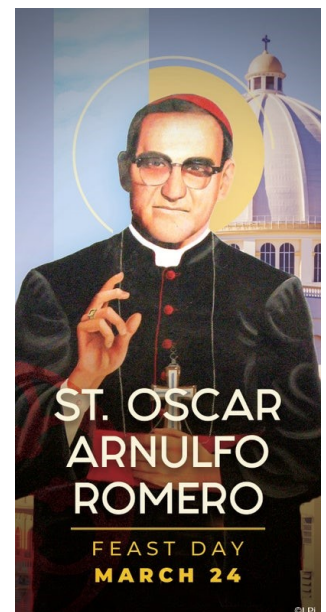
Wednesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Thursday: St. Oscar Romero

Friday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent





Pray For...

Kathy & Ken Fuglee
 Jeff Heller
 Pat Marcum
 Lori Burmester
 Jim Dufresne
 Bill Hilands
 Charlotte Benfiet
 Jennifer Benfiet
 Jo Betich
 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
 Pat Shanahan
 Peggy Smith
 Rodney Smith
 Charlene Steier
 Casey 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 souls of David Avila and Patricia Schwab. May they now rest in the eternal peace of God's kingdom.



Mar 22, Tue +Thomas Choi
 Mar 23, Wed +Bob Roberts
 Mar 24, Thu +Rosario Hong
 Mar 25, Fri +Paige Ferry-Orange

Mar 26, Saturday Vigil
 5:30pm +Sue Miller

Mar 27, Sunday
 7:30am +All Deceased of the St. Rita Knitting Group
 10:00am For the people
 12:00pm +Pilar Espinosa de Jesus

*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>
December	\$26,573.26	\$21,000.00
January	\$18,408.12	\$21,000.00
February	\$20,945.70	\$21,000.00

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Jul'21-Feb'22	\$165,647.45	\$168,000.00

<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
\$2,352.55	98.6%

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.

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Email: _____

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