



St. Rita Catholic Church

First Sunday of Lent | March 6, 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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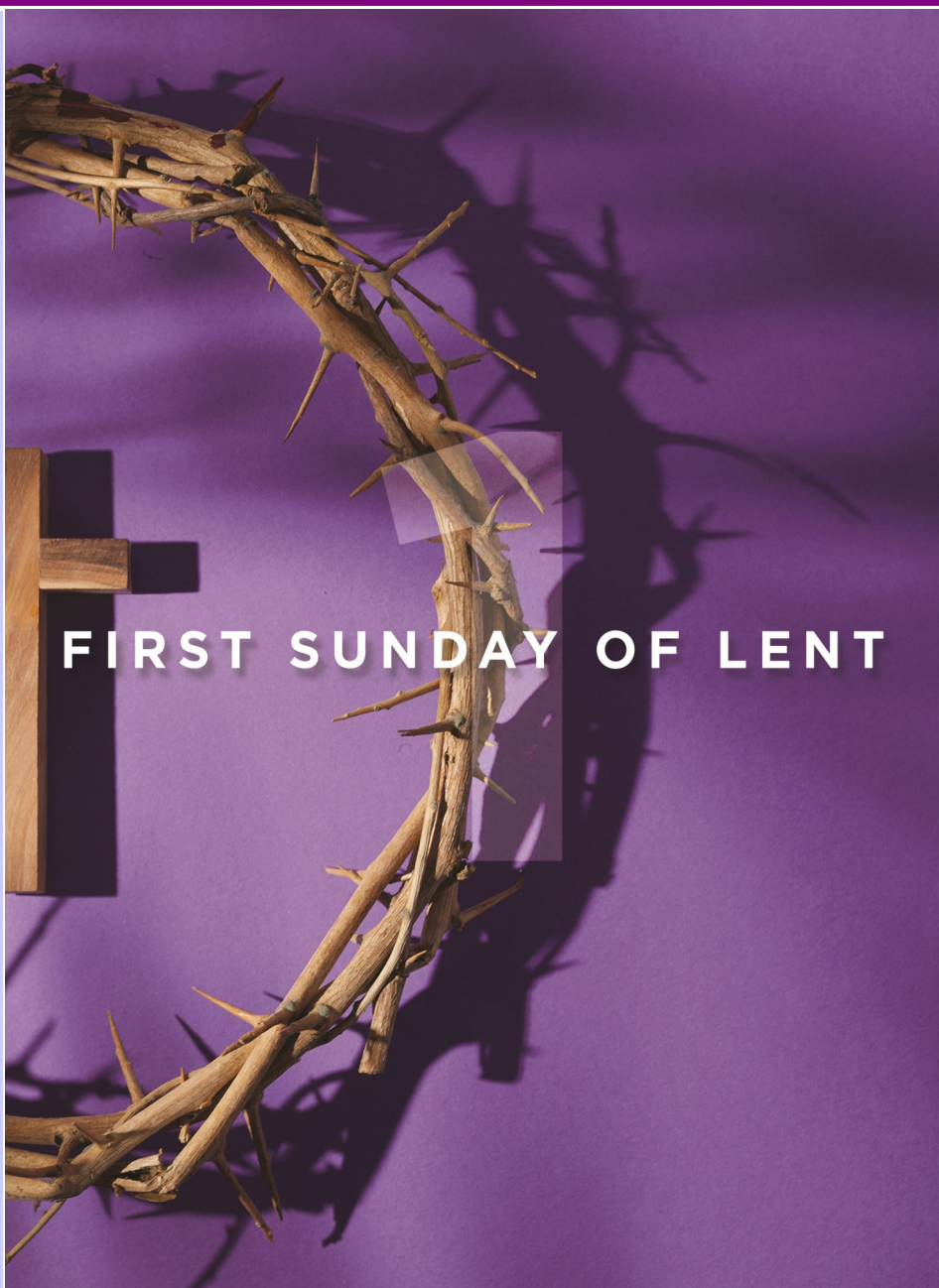
Monday-Thursday

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: Next weekend, March 12-13, is our monthly St. Vincent de Paul food collection weekend. 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 2/25/22: \$51,381.5

Need: \$16,555.5

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.

Join us for the Synodal Discernment Session at St. Rita Parish

Saturday | March 12, 2022
10AM – Eucharistic Adoration
11AM – Table Group discussions
12PM – Lunch Break
12:30PM – Large Group sharing

Kindly let the parish office know if you are interested in participating.



Faith Formation

Rite of Election

Please continue to pray for Aaron, Kevin, and Dayanara as they continue in their preparation to receive the Easter sacraments at the Easter Vigil through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC). They attend **the Rite of Election at the cathedral this March 5th.**

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.

Baptism Preparation for Children Under the Age of Seven

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparation session to have a child baptized. Sessions are usually provided on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 am. Here is the schedule for upcoming sessions.

March 19 April 9 May 2 June 18 July 16

Baptisms are scheduled for the 4th weekend of the month either at the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, 7:00am Mass, the 10:00am Mass or the 12:00pm Mass (Spanish) on Sunday.

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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is a story about a man who once visited a monastery. During his visit, he asked one of the monks, "What is your greatest regret in life?" The monk replied, "My greatest regret is never having *become* Christ." The man, a bit taken aback, asked, "How is that possible? Are we supposed to become Christ?" The monk, in turn, responded: "No Distance."

Lent is a long period within our liturgical life. 40 days of prayer, fasting, alms-giving! The big three that we only just heard proclaimed in the Gospel on Ash Wednesday just a few days ago. On top of that we practice abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays. We engage in prayerful practices and devotions, such as the *Stations of the Cross*. We often change our music, to reflect a more penitential way of thinking – asking God for forgiveness.

We engage in all of these activities, devotions and practices not simply for the sake of looking sorrowful and hungry and not because we want to show off who can kneel longer and faster during the *Stations of the Cross*.

No. We do this because we seek *no distance*.

Lent is a prayerful time to reflect on where our lives are and to assess, evaluate, examine our relationship with our God. Lent is a *journey* by which we seek to become closer to our God through practices of self-denial, prayer, and generosity. For it was Christ, himself, who through his life of self-denial, prayer and generosity offered his life for ours. During Lent, then, we imitate him, so that we can come closer to him.

This weekend, our catechumens, who have been actively seeking to become a part of our Christian community through the process of RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children), present themselves to the Archbishop. Last Sunday at the 10am Mass, they wrote their names into the *Book of the Elect*. They shared with us their desire to seek *no distance* with God. They desire to come into deeper communion with God, especially through the Church.

As we begin this Lenten journey, this is also an opportunity for each of us to reflect on our own call, as Christians, to grow closer to God. We are invited to reflect on ways that we can bridge the divide that separates us from closer communion with God and one another.

What are some prayers, devotions and practices that you can engage in this Lent, as you journey to closer relationship with God? Attend our 6:30pm Friday *Stations of the Cross*? Join a prayer group or bible study? Receive the sacrament of reconciliation? Or consider abstaining from something, in addition to meat, that will help you reflect more deeply on poverty of Christ who gave his life for us?

May we allow the ashes we prayerfully placed on our foreheads to be a reminder that we belong to God, and it is to God we return. Allow this Lenten journey be a time to seek closer relationship with Christ Jesus. Seek *no distance*.

In Peace,
Fr. Tetzl





Pray For...

Kathy & Ken Fuglee
 Eleanor Pine
 Jeff Heller
 Pat Marcum
 Lori Burmester
 Jim Dufresne
 Bill Hilands
 Charlotte Benfiet
 Jennifer Benfiet
 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
 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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Mar 08, Tue +Sr. Diep Nguyen, MTG

Mar 09, Wed +Loc Pham

Mar 10, Thu Anne Nguyen

Mar 11, Fri +Rosario Hong

Mar 12, Saturday Vigil

5:30pm +Bob & Barbara Taylor

Mar 13, Sunday

7:30am +Mike Tearney

10:00am +Anna Ung Le

12:00pm For the people

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>
November	\$23,374.98	\$21,000.00
December	\$26,573.26	\$21,000.00
January	\$18,408.12	\$21,000.00
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Jul'21-Jan'22	\$144,701.74	\$147,000.00
	<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	\$2,298.26	98.4%

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

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