

St. Rita Catholic Church

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 3, 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)

Parish Staff

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Office Hours

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

<u>Sacramental Emergency Only</u> <u>After Office Hours:</u>

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

Gift of Time & Talent:

We had a great turnout of parishioners expressing their interest in one or several of our parish ministries as well as for the activities of our 100 Years celebration. Thank you so much. The cards for the Gifts of Time & Talent will continue to be available in the vestibule if you still want to sign-up.

St. Vincent De Paul:

Next weekend, July 9-10, is our monthly food collection weekend. This month we especially need: toothbrushes, toilet paper, coffee, jam/jelly, chips, and bottled salad dressings. Bags with lists of needed items are on the table by the baptismal font. Please take a bag, fill it with your donations and return it the following Sunday. And, as always, thank you for your continuing support.

Catholic Friendship Group:

Singles, ages 40-60. Topic: Living the Faith While Single and Catholic. Talk and discussion led by Fr. Joshua Clifton. Friday, July 22nd at 7:00pm. Beverages and snacks provided. St. Birgitta Catholic Church 11820 NW St Helens Rd, Portland. RSVP to CatholicFriendshipGroup@outlook.com.

Quo Vadis Days August 1-4

Attention all Catholic young men ages 15-18! Do you know where you are going in life? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend Quo Vadis Days to spend some time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having a great time. Quo Vadis Days is sponsored by the Office of Vocations and is led by priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese of Portland. Quo Vadis Days will be held from August 1-4, 2022 at Father Bernard Youth Center in Mount Angel. The cost is \$150.00. Scholarships are available for those in financial need. Please visit https://archdpdxvocations.org/ vocation-event/quo-vadis-days/ for more information. Or talk to Fr. Tetzel.

Faith Formation

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Three candidates for full initiation into the Catholic Church celebrated the Rite of Admission to the Catechumenate on Saturday, June 11th. Now they are known as catechumens. There are several questions asked during the rite and one of them is "What do you ask of God's Church?"

Here are their responses:

Emilee-15 "I ask God for ways I can respect Him and to help me remember Him"

Isabella-11 "To forgive me for any sins I have done and to live a happy, long life."

Rosalie-9 "To be happy and respect my loved ones and to forgive those I have hurt."

Please continue to pray for them as they continue their journey to the Easter Sacraments.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BEING A PARISH CATECHIST (TEACHER)? HERE ARE SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- The best way to learn is to teach.
- Your own faith will grow and come alive.
- You are an active participant in one of the essential responsibilities of a Church Community.
- You assist in bringing Christ to others
- You practice stewardship giving your time
- You show your family that you value the Faith
- You become a role model.
- Being a catechist will bring you joy!

Contact Barbara Stanton, Faith Formation Director, to explore God's call to share your faith. (503)784-1744 (cell), barbaraestan@gmail.com (503)252-3403 ex.104 bstanton@archdpdx.org

BAPTISM AND PREPARATION SESSION

The next preparation session for the celebration of Baptism will be held on August 20th.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - July 3, 2022 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited." That same dictionary defines liberty as, "the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to." Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that "the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ." There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one's soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one's character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That's what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.

Readings for the week of July 3, 2022

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/

Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

<u>Tuesday:</u> Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10//Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10,

11 [9])/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Observances for the week of July 3, 2022

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Thomas, Apostle

Monday: Independence Day (USA)

Tuesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

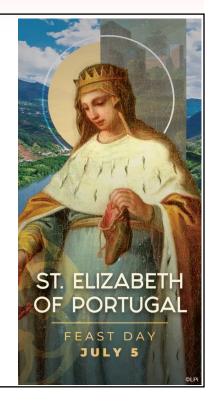
Wednesday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. Cyril, St. Methodius

Friday: St. Maria Goretti

Saturday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time





Frances Gasca Sergio Aguilera Charlotte Benfiet Jennifer Benfiet *Io Betich* Ken Dobos Malcolm Fylan Curt Gefre Dottie Griffin Gary & Liz Heckman Patty LeCount Eunice Monsrud Barbara Nisbet Skye Porter Pat Shanahan 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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Mass

July 5, Tues	+Josep Luat
July 6, Wed	+Josep Luat
July 7, Thu	+Josep Luat
July 8, Fri	+Josep Luat

July 9, Saturday

5:30 For the People

July 10, Sunday

7:30am Dominic & Maria Pham

10:00am +Teresa Ung Le **12:00pm** +Josep Luat

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>
March April May	\$21,405.72 \$22,275.06 \$22,011.89	\$21,000.00 \$21,000.00 \$21,000.00
Jul'21-May'22	<u>Actual</u> 2 \$231,340,12	<u>Budget</u> \$231,000.00
	Over/Under	<u>Percentage</u>
	\$340.12	100.1%

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