



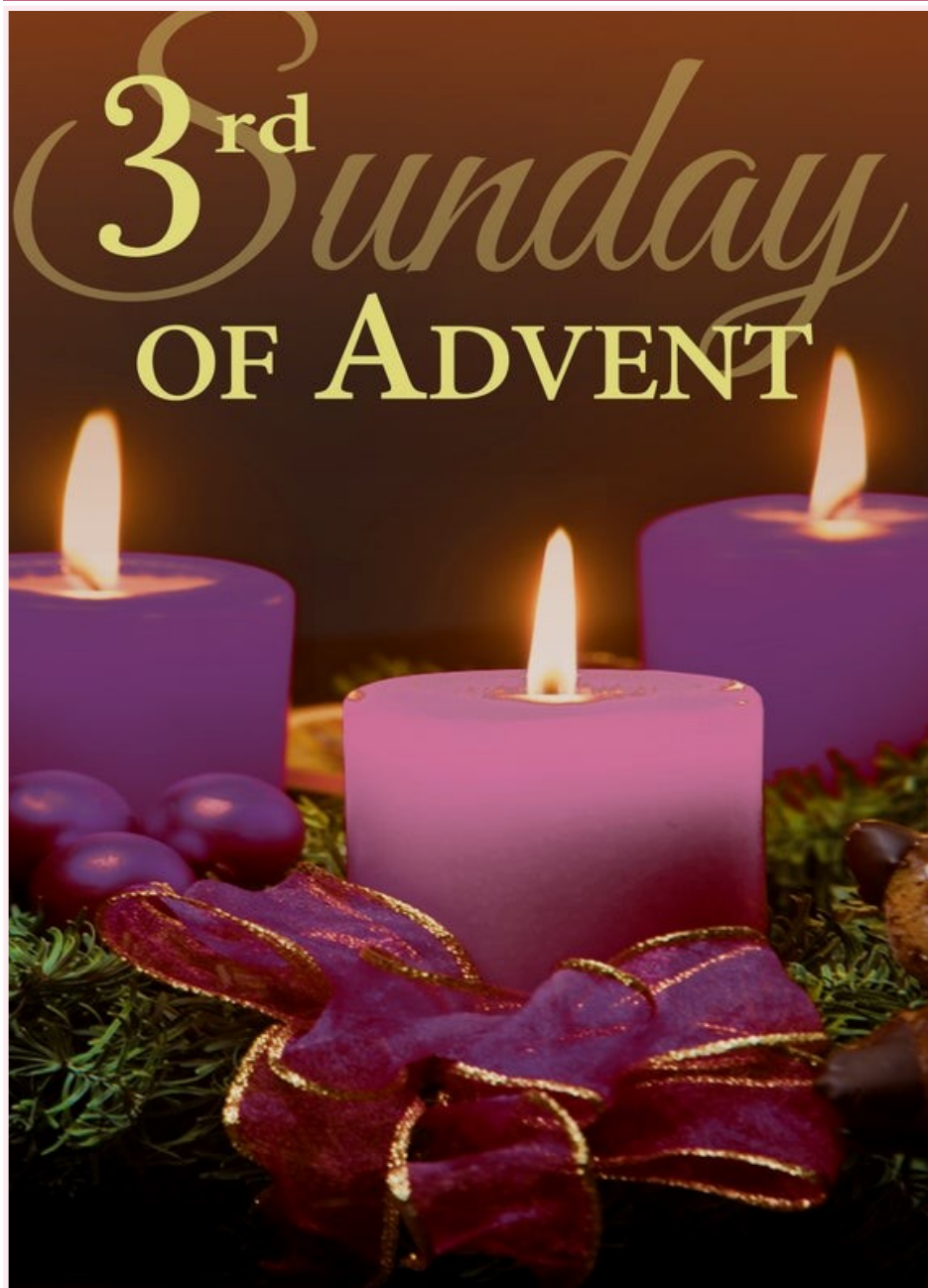
St. Rita Catholic Church

3rd Sunday of Advent | December 11, 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

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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

CHRISTMAS MASSES SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

5:30pm Family Mass (*Pageant at 5pm*)

7:30pm Spanish

12:00am Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, Dec. 25

7:30am, 10:00am

12:00pm Spanish

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

December 12, Monday. Join us in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass at 5am, followed by singing of *mañanitas* to our Lady, praying of the rosary and then reception in the parish hall.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Dec. 15 at 7pm. Confessions available in Spanish, English, & Vietnamese.

Individual confessions on Friday, Dec. 16 from 10am to 12pm for those who cannot make it to the penance service.

WOMENS GUILD

The Women's Guild will be meeting this Monday, December 12th, at 1pm in the REC.

All women of the parish are welcome and invited to attend.

St. VINCENT de PAUL

A huge thank you to everyone who donated food and/or money to our St. Rita/St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Box effort.

We were able to help 100+ families through your generosity.

The pantry will be closed between December 15 and January 3rd, opening back up January 4.

However, we continue to need donations of lightly used coats and blankets. God bless!

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Available Now! Print & Digital Ad Spaces!

The ads on the back of our bulletin keep the costs down, support our parish and benefit your business.

Contact Kristee Flynn (651)303-3461

Faith Formation

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On Christmas Eve, December 24th, we will present the Christmas Story at 5:00pm, before the family mass begins at 5:30. We have the costumes ready to go, and there are no speaking parts. There will be one practice on Saturday, December 17th, at 10am in the church. If you'd like to have your child participate, grades K-8, please contact:

Barbara Stanton, bstanton@archdpdx.org

RCIA FOR CHILDREN

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated the Rite of Admission to the Catechumenate.

Please keep them in our prayers as they continue their journey to the Easter Sacraments.

Cassandra Marcial

Rihanna Marcial

Angel Mejia Carrilo

Israel Ramos-Munoz

Olivia Ramos-Munoz

YEAR END GIVING

Please BE GENEROUS this Christmas! ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH is fully funded on the generosity of our faithful parishioners.

Please remember to include **ST. RITA CHURCH** in your end of year gifts and donations.

If you are over the age of 70 ½, you can direct your annual distributions or withdrawals from your retirement account to make tax free donations. This provision is known as a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

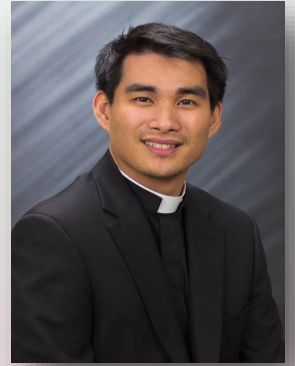
ST. RITA CHURCH is a qualified public charity 501(c)(3) and can therefore receive your Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

Please consider an end of year gift to ST. RITA CHURCH. Your gifts and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please consult your tax expert and we will send you a tax receipt and/or acknowledgement.

*Thank you so much for
your continued generosity.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A friend of mine has been going through some difficult challenges and changes in his life lately. He sent me a message the other day explaining that this week he was giving a reflection on the themes of gratitude and thanks, and yet he was struggling with it. He shared, "I feel so far from being grateful right now." I suggested that instead of giving an impersonal reflection on how we are called to be grateful, that he might take his own struggles with gratitude as a starting point. After all, no one wants to hear yet another unthoughtful presentation about the values of gratitude divorced from our life experiences. Sometimes being grateful amid difficulties can just be hard to do. Honesty is the best policy, as they say.



The same could be said of Christian joy, on this our Gaudete Sunday of Advent. If we are honest with ourselves, we know it can be hard to be joyful. We mourn the loss of loved ones, we struggle to pay our bills, we experience broken relationships... There are untold experiences in life that confront and challenge our joyful spirits.

Yet we all know that Christian joy isn't just about going around smiling at everyone. This Gaudete Sunday, we need not put on a false joy. No one wants that. The joy we experience in the incarnation of Christ is one that touches the deepest parts of our own incarnation. The joy we experience in Christ becoming flesh is one that can touch the deepest parts of our own bodies.

Christian joy is an expression of our inward belief that hope is not dead, faith is not void, and love is not absent. Somewhere deep within us is the reality that not even the coldest and darkest of experiences cannot dampen and hush the joy of a God who is always with us.

So no, don't go around merely smiling at everyone. Instead, let's start with our own experience of joy coming into contact with our difficulties and struggles. And if we can't tell a story like that, let's turn to Scripture and realize Scripture offers this image to us in untold ways: Mary carries a son out of wedlock yet joyfully bears a son. Elizabeth in her old age carries a child, and the infant joyfully leaps in her womb. Joseph struggles with the uncertainty of what lies ahead and yet joyfully names the his son "God saves." John the Baptist sees many changes ahead for the people of Israel, and with strong conviction joyfully announces the good that will come as God turns the world upside down. Joy comes in weird places and times. And yet it is always under the surface, ready to be revealed if and when we are ready to see it.

Fr. Tetzl



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

Readings for the week of December 11, 2022

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

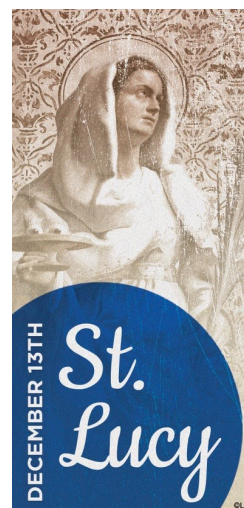
Observances for the week of December 11, 2022

Sunday: Gaudete Sunday; St. Damasus I, Pope

Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday: St. John of the Cross





Pray For...

Erica Storm
 Clarissa Martinez
 Frances Gasca
 Sergio Aguilera
 Charlotte Benfiet
 Jennifer Benfiet
 Jo Betich
 Ken Dobos
 Malcolm Fylan
 Curt Gefre
 Dottie Griffin
 Gary & Liz Heckman
 Patty LeCount
 Eunice Monsrud
 Barbara Nisbet
 Skye Porter
 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. (503)252-3404.
stritchparish@archdpdx.org



We Pray for the eternal repose of the
 soul of **Mary (Panowicz) Redd**.
 May she rest in the
 eternal peace of Jesus Christ

Mass INTENTIONS

December 13, Tues +Elizabeth Herricks
December 14, Wed +Joseph Khanh Pham
 In Thanksgiving
December 15, Thu +Vincent Nguyen
December 16, Fri + Joseph Khanh Pham
 All Unborn Children

December 17, Sat 5:30
 For the People

December 18, Sunday
7:30am +Joseph Khanh Pham
10:00am Prayers for Parents
12:00pm +Joseph Khanh Pham

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. 2022-23:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
September	\$18,642.13	\$21,200.00
October	\$20,585.70	\$21,200.00
November	\$18,413.16	\$21,200.00

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
July-Nov'22	\$94,173.29	\$106,000.00

<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
\$11,826.71	88.84%

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

Sun., Dec.11: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)
 Nativity Display with Live Music after Mass
 LWC 10am, Faith Formation 11am

Mon., Dec.12:

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 5am

Tue., Dec.13:

Wed., Dec.14: SVDP Food Pantry 3-5pm

Thu., Dec.15: Advent Penance Service at 7pm

Fri., Dec.16:

Sat., Dec.17: SVDP Christmas Food Box distribution

Sun., Dec.18: 4th Sunday of Advent

LWC 10am, Faith Formation 11am

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