



St. Rita Catholic Church

4th Sunday of Advent | December 18, 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

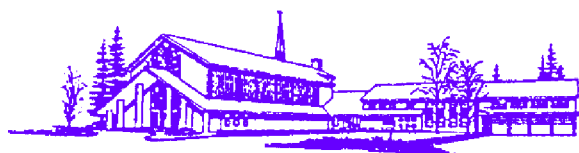
Monday-Thursday

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

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

*Thank you for your donations for our
Christmas Flowers!*

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!

CELEBRATING POSADAS

Join the Hispanic Community in commemorating the event when the pregnant Mary and Joseph were looking for an inn in Bethlehem. Join in the singing, praying of the rosary and partaking of the food. December 20, 21, & 22 at 6pm in the parish hall.

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 Catechuminate.

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.*

GOSPEL MEDITATION - FOR A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 18, 2022 - 4th Sunday of Advent

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart?

Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.

God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.



Readings for the week of December 18th

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67

Next Sunday: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Observances for the week of December 18th

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

Monday: Bl. Pope Urban V

Tuesday: St. Dominic of Silos

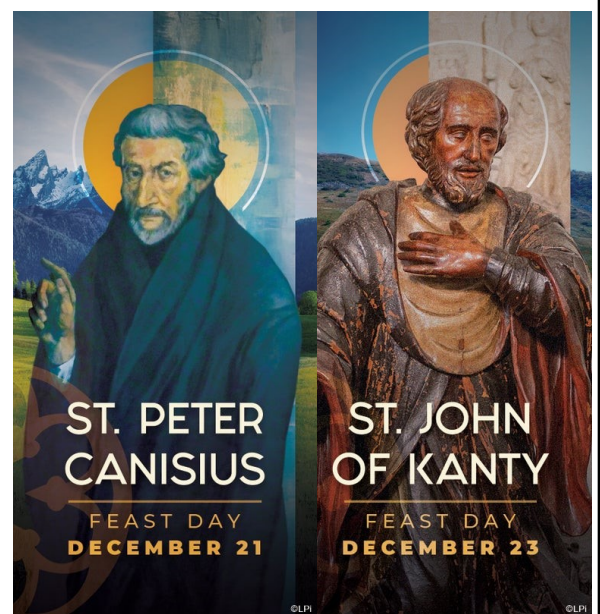
Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius, St. Thomas, Apostle

Thursday: St. Zeno, St. Flavian

Friday: St. John of Kanty, St. Yvo of Chartres

Saturday: Christmas Eve, Sts. Adam and Eve

Next Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord





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 20, Tues +Rita Torres
December 21, Wed +All Unborn children
 +Joseph Khanh Pham
December 22, Thu +Vincent Nguyen
December 23, Fri + Joseph Nhuan

December 24, Christmas Eve
5:30pm +Cecilia
7:30pm +Joseph Khanh Pham
12:00 Midnight Mass +Calver Sasao
December 25, Christmas Day
7:30am +Anthony
10:00am +Joseph Quy
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. 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.18: 4th Sunday of Advent

LWC 10am, Faith Formation 11am

NO Coffee & Donuts

Tue., Dec.20: Posadas @ 6pm,

Confirmation Class at 6:30pm in the REC

Wed., Dec.21: Posadas @ 6pm

Thu., Dec.22: Posadas @ 6pm

Fri., Dec.23:

Sat., Dec.24: Christmas Eve Masses: 5:30pm, 7:30pm

Sun., Dec.25: Christmas Midnight Mass at 12am

Christmas Day Masses: 7:30am, 10am, 12pm

NO LWC and Faith Formation

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Name: _____

Email: _____

Cut and drop it in the offertory basket