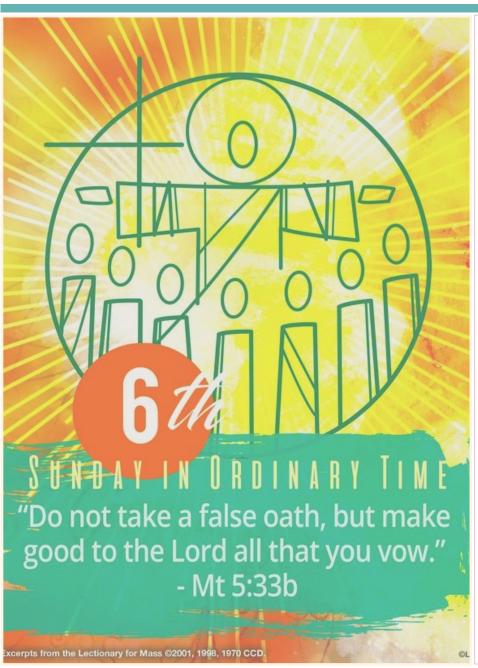


## St. Rita Catholic Church

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 12, 2023

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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**

#### **SOLO SENIORS**

Are you single and over age 55? SOLO SEN-IORS is a catholic-based social organization, for single men and women over age 55 in the greater Portland area. It primarily provides social and recreational programs in a safe and friendly environment for its members. For more information, a Solo brochure or a copy of our monthly newsletter, call Donna Dubinski at 503 246-6536.

## ST RITA WOMEN'S GUILD

There will be a potluck on Monday, February 13 from noon to 3pm.



Neighbors helping neighbors®

#### **SVDP FOOD COLLECTION**

Our pantry needs the following this month of February: new or gently used blankets, dish soap, shampoo, rice, pasta and jam or jelly. Bags with lists of needed items are on the table in the back of the church. Please take a bag, fill it with needed items and return it next weekend.

Thank you for your continuing support.

#### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT**

April 14-16, 2023 is for anyone impacted by abortion. The mercy and compassion of God and the group brings healing and restoration in unexpected, unimaginable ways by supporting you to identify and heal from involvement in abortion experiences that have knowingly and unknowingly altered your life and relationships. Lodging, meals, and materials are included for the cost of \$250. Financial assistance is available! Contact Project Aurora 541-942-2861 or info@project-aurora.org. Websites: www.Project-Aurora.org and www.RachelsVineyard.org.

## **Faith Formation**

NO Faith Formation session this Sunday, Feb. 12. Catechists will have their meeting. Faith Formation sessions will resume next Sunday, February 19.

#### RCIA RITE OF SENDING

Join us for the Rite of Sending of our RCIA candidates at the 5:30pm Mass on February 18. The following Sunday, they'll be in the cathedral for the Rite of Election. Please continue to pray for them as they continue their preparations to receive the sacraments of initiation this Easter Vigil.

#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION**

Please contact Barbara Stanton for more information at **bstanton@archdpdx.org** or **503-252-3403 x104**.

#### ADULT CONFIRMATION

For those 18 years old and over. Baptized and have been regularly attending Mass but NOT yet confirmed? Fr. Tetzel will be conducting sacramental prep sessions for Confirmation during Lent. Adult Confirmation will be in the Cathedral some time in May. For more information, contact Fr. Tetzel in the parish office.

#### **LENT 2023**

Ash Wednesday is this 22nd of February! Masses at 7:45am (English) & 7pm (Bilingual). Stations of the Cross on Fridays will be at 6:30pm.



# GOSPEL MEDITATION – FOR A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE February 12, 2023 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass every Sunday? No lying ever? Sexual purity all the time? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do that?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

#### Father John Muir

#### Readings for the week of February 12, 2023

<u>Sunday</u>: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

<u>Tuesday</u>: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b

and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, -

19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-

23/Mk 8:27-33

<u>Friday</u>: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34 <u>Saturday</u>: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2 *Next Sunday*: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10,

12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

#### Observances for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time,

World Marriage Day

Monday: Saint Catherine

<u>Tuesday</u>: St. Cyril, St.Methodius, Valentine's Day Wednesday: Saint Claude de la Colombière

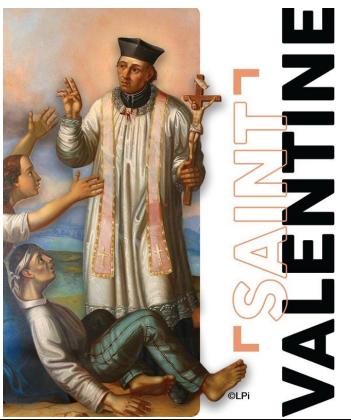
Thursday: Saint Juliana of Nicomedia

Friday: Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Saturday: St. Bernadette

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Julian of North Africa





Erica Storm Frances Gasca Sergio Aguilera Charlotte Benfiet Jennifer Benfiet *Io Betich* Ken Dobos Malcolm Fulan Curt Gefre Dottie Griffin Gary & Liz Heckman Patty LeCount Eunice Monsrud Barbara Nisbet Skye Porter Charlene Steier Casey Yager Domingo Umingli

Please call or email the office if you would like to add a name to this list. (503)252-3404. stritaparish@archdpdx.org



## THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

Sun., Feb.12: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lwc 10am, NO Faith Formation

Mon., Feb.13: No Mass,

Women's Guild Potluck 12-3

Tue., Feb.14: Valentine's Day

Wed., Feb.15:

<u>Thu., Feb.16:</u> Fri., Feb.17:

Sat., Feb.18: 5:30 Rite of Sending

Sun., Feb.19: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lwc 10am, FF 11am



February 14, Tues
February 15, Wed
February 16, Thu
February 17, Fri

Mary Peters
+Anna Tuyet Do
+Joyce Murphy
+Scott Bigford

February 18, Saturday

5:30pm +Remy Pezzinini

February 19, Sunday

7:30am + Joseph Khanh Pham

+Peter Uy Nguyen

**10:00am** For the People

**12:00pm** +Lourdes Sumagaysay

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>
November	\$18,413.16	\$21,200.00
December	\$27,262.17	\$21,200.00
January	\$22,884.69	\$21,200.00

 Actual
 Budget

 July-Dec'22
 \$144,320.15
 \$148,400.00

 Over/Under
 Percentage

 \$4,079,85
 97.25%

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To donate online, go to our parish website <a href="stritapdx.org">stritapdx.org</a> and click the *Donate* button to access our safe online giving portal.

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