



# St. Rita Catholic Church

Palm Sunday | April 2, 2023

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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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

Fr. Tetzl Umingli

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Jose Mario Toscano

*Maintenance*

### 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

### ST RITA'S CLEANOUT & RENOVATIONS

Ann Ezell and the Women's Guild have been going through storage areas in the church and RE Center with two goals in mind: To make our storage areas more accessible by getting rid of items we no longer need or use and to sell those extra items at a Rummage Sale this June 2 and 3 to begin raising funds to update our Social Hall, kitchen, and adjoining restrooms.

So far we have cleaned the RE Center Kitchen and office, the outside storage container, library, church decor storage spaces, and boiler room. Vicki CarL and Tina Kuss have been working on the kitchen. We plan on selling as much as we can at our June Rummage Sale. Until then, they are being stored downstairs in the church hall/electrical room. *We can use help!!*

We need input from knowledgeable parishioners who know the history and value of items we have in storage to determine if items should be kept or if they are past their useful life. If you have ideas to share or would like to be added to the "cleaning" list, please contact Ann Ezell at [ann.ezell@icloud.com](mailto:ann.ezell@icloud.com) or 503-989-8147.

We will need lots of help during the week before, during, and after the Sale.

We'll place a signup sheet in the vestibule.

### SVDP FOOD COLLECTION

Again this year, BottleDrop is celebrating Earth Day and Earth Week with a "Give Campaign." Funds raised through Blue Bags or online donations made from Green Bag accounts **during the specified periods (April**

**10-22)** are eligible for a 20% match, up to \$400 per fund raising account. Our parish Food Pantry has an account managed by parishioner Mike Taylor. Please save your returnable bottles and cans for us and bring them in by April 5th so we can earn the match. These funds help us to defray the cost of the fresh produce we buy every week for our clients. For more information, contact

Mike at [mandktaylor@comcast.net](mailto:mandktaylor@comcast.net) or by calling 503-880-8260.

Thank you for your support of our efforts.

## Faith Formation

### THOSE TO RECEIVE THE EASTER SACRAMENTS:

**Elect:** Angel Mejia Carrillo, Rihanna Marcial  
Israel Ramon Munos, Olivia Ramon-Munoz  
Cassandra Marcial, Jay Zuniga, Andy Zuniga,  
Adrianna Lopez, Rosalie Giron-Panosyan, Isabella Giron-Panosyan, Emilee Giron-Panosyan  
**Candidate:** Armine Giron-Panosyan

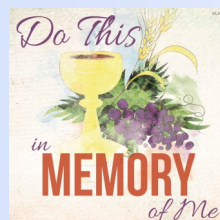
### DATES TO REMEMBER:

*April 28, Friday at 7PM: Confirmation Mass*  
St. Rose Catholic Church

14 of St. Rita Parish youth will be confirmed by  
Bishop Peter Smith

*May 21, Ascension Sunday at the 10am Mass:*  
*First Holy Communion*

5 of our children will receive their First Eucharist



Join us for the celebration of the  
**CHRISM MASS** at the Cathedral  
on **Monday, April 3rd at 7pm.**

### SENIOR RITAS

All St. Rita parishioners over the age of 55 are welcome to join our monthly Senior Rita's Luncheon. It is usually on the **THIRD** Thursday of each month at 11:30am. Our next gathering will be April 20th at Ya Hala Lebanese Restaurant (8005 SE Stark St. Portland OR 97215 (503)256-4484)

**Contact Flory Wold (971)409-1535**  
**A week in advance for reservation.**

## Thank You!

I want to extend my gratitude for your kindness and hospitality during these days of the Lenten Mission here at St. Rita. I enjoyed the journey we made together, and wish you to know that you will remain within my prayers, especially through this Holy Week before us. May the blessings of the resurrected Christ be with you all.

In the Redeemer,  
Fr. Aaron Meszaros, C.Ss.R.





### *Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

Some biblical scholars suggest that on Palm Sunday, there was not just one, but actually two processions into the city of Jerusalem. Each year, the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, would come from his palace on the coast at Caesarea into Jerusalem at the time of the Jewish Passover. This was no small procession. It would have been an imperial show. It would have highlighted the power and might of the empire.

Make no mistake, this procession of the Roman governor at this holy time for the Jewish people was strategic. Pilate would have wanted to ensure law and order in the city of Jerusalem, and what better way to do that thru a sheer parade of force and might. Not only was it a show of Roman imperialism with gold and soldiers and horses, it was also a show of Roman values and beliefs. While the Romans tolerated the Jewish people and their beliefs, this parade of might would have been a reminder that the emperor was God.

The other procession is the one we are familiar with. No gold; instead, we hear cries of “hosanna.” No spears; instead, we see palm branches. No horses; instead, a borrowed donkey. No show of force from soldiers; instead, a crowd of the poor and common people. It is far from a show of imperialism. Instead, it is a revealing of the kingdom of God.

This procession of Jesus is a reminder to us that Jesus was right in the middle of the tensions of Jerusalem. Jesus was entering into something that was very real. His life and impending death were the result of his willingness to show a different way, walk a different path. A path not of violence but of peace, not of hatred but of hope for reconciliation.

Perhaps the question for us this Palm Sunday is this: what procession are we in? Are we in the one that sacrifices other’s needs for our own? Are we in the one shows force in favor of love? Or are we in the procession of Christ? The procession that invites us to a life of humility, a borrowed donkey, and palm branches. You decide.

*Fr. Tetzl*



## **H O L Y   W E E K   S C H E D U L E**

### **PALM SUNDAY, April 2**

Saturday 5:30pm  
7:30am, 10am  
12pm (Spanish)

### **HOLY THURSDAY, April 6**

7:00pm (Bilingual)



### **GOOD FRIDAY, April 7**

6:00pm (English)  
7:30pm (Spanish)

### **EASTER VIGIL, April 8**

8:30pm (Bilingual)

### **EASTER SUNDAY, April 9**

7:30am, 10am,  
12pm (Spanish)



## Pray For...

William "Bill" Dietzler

Erica Storm

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

Susie Yager

Domingo Umingli

Cynthia Bjore

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



*We pray for the eternal repose  
of the soul of Edward O'Neil.  
May he rest in the peace of  
God's Kingdom.*



April 4, Tues 7:45am +Gail Baranski

April 5, Wed 7:45am +Maria Bui Tu

April 6, Thu 7:00pm +Danilo Motas

April 8, Saturday

8:30pm

+Anna Doan Thi Mua

April 9, Easter Sunday

7:30am

Peace for Families Far and Near  
& in Thansgiving

10:00am +Recently Deceased of St. Rita Parish

12:00pm

+Joanne Ulrich

*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>
December	\$27,262.17	\$21,200.00
January	\$22,884.69	\$21,200.00
February	\$23,023.41	\$21,200.00

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
July-Feb'23	\$167,343.56	\$169,600.00

<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
\$2,256.44	98.67%

**Online Giving:** Thank you so much for your financial support to St. Rita Parish.

To donate online, go to our parish website [stritapdx.org](http://stritapdx.org) and click the **Donate** button to access our safe online giving portal.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

**Sun., April 2: Palm Sunday -Holy Week Begins**

LWC 10am, FF 11am, Coffee and Donuts 11am

**Mon., April 3:** No Mass

**Tue., April 4:**

**Wed., April 5:**

**Thu., April 6: Holy Thursday 7pm (Bilingual)**

**Fri., April 7: Good Friday**

6pm (English) 7:30 (Spanish)

**Sat., April 8: Easter Vigil 8:30pm (Bilingual)**

**Sun., April 9: Easter Sunday**

7:30 & 10am (English), Noon (Spanish)

## Subscribe to Our Email List

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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