



St. Rita Catholic Church

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 16, 2023

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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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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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tumingli@archdpdx.org

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bstanton@archdpdx.org

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cbjore@archdpdx.org

Diane Anthony

Faith Formation Assistant

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



100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

SEPTEMBER 10th

*Anniversary Mass
at 10am,*

Archbishop Sample
presiding

PARISH PICNIC

following the 10am Mass on September 10.

Anyone who is interested in getting involved with the picnic, please contact **Diane Anthony** through the parish office.

SEPTEMBER 29th, FRIDAY

Anniversary Dinner

To assist with the Anniversary Dinner on September 29th, please contact **Kim Vu** through the parish office. (503)252-3403

COME SING WITH US AT THE SEPTEMBER 10 ANNIVERSARY MASS!

We are going to put together a choir for the anniversary mass on September 10 and need all willing voices! There will be 3 rehearsals after the 10am mass during the month of August. No music reading skills or prior experience is needed. Just you!

Contact Cynthia Bjore at (360)213-7667
cbjore@archdpdx.org

SENIOR RITA'S LUNCHEON

July 20th, 11:30am Senior Rita's Luncheon to be held at: Bumpers Grill&Bar,

219 NE Halsey Ste. 100, Fairview, OR

We usually meet on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30am. Any members of St. Rita Parish over 55 are welcome to join us.

Please contact Flory Wold a week in advance for reservations. (971)409-1535

WOMEN'S GUILD

All women of the parish are invited to join the women's guild. Meetings are the second Monday of every month. (except July and August) The next meeting is September 11 if you can, please join us! If you can't just email Ann Ezell: ann.ezell@icloud.com and she'll add you to the email list!

Faith Formation

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The next preparation session for the celebration of Baptism will be held on July 22nd and Baptisms will take place at the 5:30 Mass on Saturday, July 29th, or the 7:30 am, and 10:00 am Masses on Sunday, July 30th. Baptism is also offered in Spanish at the 12:00 Noon Mass. Please contact :

Barbara Stanton for more information

bstanton@archdpdx.org or 503-252-3403 x104.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BEING A PARISH CATECHIST (TEACHER)?

HERE ARE SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER.

- The best way to learn is to teach.
- You become an active participant in one of the essential responsibilities of a Church Community.
- You practice stewardship – giving of your time.
- You become a role model.
- Being a catechist will bring you joy.
- Training, materials, and support are provided.

For more information or questions please contact

**Barbara Stanton, Faith Formation Director,
to explore God's call to share your faith.**

503-784-1744 (cell) bstanton@archdpdx.org

BIBLE STUDY – ONLINE!

Join us for weekly bible study held on Zoom every Tuesday. The current topic is Tobit.

Please call **Greg Ennis** for more information.
(503)803-4829

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD BANK

This month, we can use **shampoo, bar soap, feminine hygiene products, small bottles of laundry soap and dish soap, and toilet paper. None of these items can be purchased with food stamps so we depend on donations to provide them** Bags with lists of needed items are on the table by the Baptismal Font. Please take a bag, fill it and bring it back next week. And, as always, thank you to all of you who continue to support our pantry with food items and/or money. We also benefit from the deposit on returnable bottles and cans. That money is used to supplement our fresh produce needs. The pantry is in need of used egg cartons.

Thank you for your support!

If you are interested in volunteering for this important ministry please contact:

Roger Rossman (503)256-6236 rrossman@me.com

Patty Espy (503)515-7272 patty.espy@gmail.com

July 16, 2023 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

— Father John Muir
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Readings for the week of July 16, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34 – 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 – 12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43

Observances for the week of July 16, 2023

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday: St. Camillus de Lellis

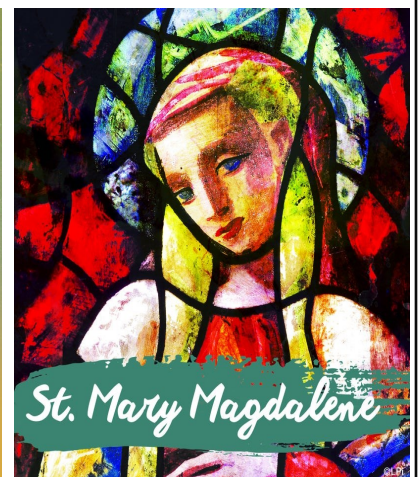
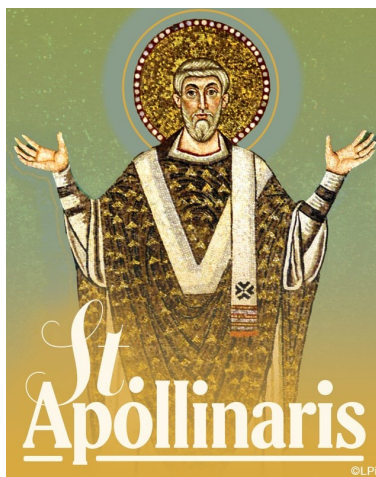
Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Apollinaris

Friday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Saturday: St. Mary Magdalene

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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
 Felisa & Domingo Umingli
 Antonio B. Gonzales
 Daniel Lopez
 Andrea Storm
 Kelle Wilhelm
 Don Wilhelm



We Pray for the repose of the
 soul of **Charles Best**.
 May he rest in the eternal peace
 of God's Kingdom.

Mass INTENTIONS

July 18, Tues +All Souls in Purgatory
July 19, Wed For Good Health
July 20, Thu All Souls
July 21, Fri For Peace in the Family

July 22, Saturday, 5:30pm
 For the People

July 23, Sunday
7:30am +Anton Song Vu
10:00am +Joseph Dang V. Bach
12:00pm +Theresa Ung Le

*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>
April	\$24,552.75	\$21,200.00
May	\$22,073.05	\$21,200.00
June	\$20,148.34	\$21,200.00

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
July'22-June'23	\$254,936.98	\$254,400.00

<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
\$536.98	100.21%

Online Giving: Thank you so much for your
 financial support to St. Rita Parish.
 To donate online, go to our parish website
stritapdx.org and click the **Donate** button to
 access our safe online giving portal.

THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

Sun., July 16: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon., July 17:

Tue., July 18:

Wed., July 19: SVDP Food Pantry 3pm-5pm

Thu., July 20: Senior Rita's Luncheon at
 Bumpers Grill&Bar

Fri., July 21:

Sat., July 22: SVDP Food Pantry 10am-12pm

Sun., July 23: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time,

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