



# St. Rita Catholic Church

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 20, 2023

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## 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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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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*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

### THANK YOU!

Many many thanks to everyone who donated to our church window shades project! We have reached our goal of \$30,000.00 for the shades for all the twelve windows (two shades each window and does not include labor cost for the installation). The shades will be motorized and wired. As of Aug. 14th, we raised a little over \$31,000.00. The shades are now ordered and installation will probably be around the end of September or the first half of October.



**SEPTEMBER 10th**  
*Anniversary Mass at 10am*  
*Bishop Peter Smith Presiding*

**50-50 RAFFLE**  
Raffle tickets are only \$1. All proceeds will benefit the parish, and the winner gets half!

### PARISH PICNIC

following the 10am Mass on September 10, behind the office building, in the Parish Park. Hamburgers, Hotdogs, paper products and drinks will be provided.

**You bring: Side Dish, Salad or Desert to share!**

Please sign up, and let us know what you'll bring. There will be live music, and many exciting activities and games for the whole family! Anyone who is interested in getting involved with the picnic, please contact: *Diane Anthony* through the parish office.



**SEPTEMBER 29th, FRIDAY**  
**100 year Anniversary Dinner**

To make a reservation for the Anniversary Dinner on September 29th, please *sign-up in the vestibule after mass*. Or contact the parish office. (503)252-3403 You must be a registered member of St. Rita's Parish to attend. Registration forms are available in the vestibule, or in the parish office. Space is limited!

### 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 For more information Contact the Guild President: Evelyn Johnson 559-786-2199.

## Faith Formation

### BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The next preparation session for the celebration of Baptism will be held on August 19th, and Baptisms will take place at the 5:30 Mass on Saturday, August 26th, or the 7:30 am, and 10:00 am Masses on Sunday, August 27th. Baptism is also offered in Spanish at the 12:00 Noon Mass. Please contact Barbara Stanton for more information at bstanton@archdpdx.org or 503-252-3403 x104 to make an appointment to fill out the application for your child's Baptism and review the policy for having your child baptized at St. Rita. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate to this appointment.

### FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Forms for Faith Formation, grades K - 5th; First Eucharist and First Confession, grades 2nd and older, and Confirmation, grades 7 - 12 are currently on our website at stritapdx.org. We also have a new process for Confirmation. PLEASE

READ THE FOLLOWING POLICY: Confirmation Preparation is now a two-year process at St. Rita. Year 1 or Pre-Confirmation Class consists of 6th and 7th grades. Year 2 or Confirmation Class Proper consist of grades 7 to 12. We also require a copy of your child's baptism certificate if he/she was not baptized at St. Rita Church and is preparing for First Reconciliation/ First Eucharist, or Confirmation. The certificate must be submitted before your child can start the sacrament programs. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Stanton, Faith Formation Director, 503-252-3403 x 104 or bstanton@archdpdx.org.



### BIBLE STUDY - ONLINE!

Join us for weekly bible study held on Zoom every Tuesday. The current topic is Judith. Please call **Greg Ennis** for more information. (503)803-4829

### ST.VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD BANK

Next weekend, August 12/13, is our regular St. Vincent de Paul food collection weekend. This month, we can use **Tuna fish, crackers, cookies, baking mixes, condiments, peanut butter, jelly/jam and coffee**. 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. We currently have more than enough egg cartons and nowhere to store more. Thank you. If you are interested in volunteering for this important ministry please contact: Roger Rossman (503)256-6236 rrossman@me.com



## August 20, 2023 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuitively understands that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

— Father John Muir

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## 20 de agosto de 2023 - 20º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Un domingo más que se nos habla de la fe. Ahora, mostrada en una mujer cananea que suplicaba para que su hija fuera curada. Recordemos que el pueblo cananeo, en tiempos de Jesús, era idólatra y primitivo. De ahí surge la mujer que, con gran insistencia, suplicaba a Jesús por su hija. Esta mujer era valiente, con una fe segura, y fue así que decidida se postra ante Jesús para seguir pidiendo: "¿Señor, ayúdame! Jesús le dijo: No se debe echar a los perros el pan de los hijos. La mujer contestó: Es verdad Señor, pero también los perritos comen las migajas que caen de la mesa de sus amos. Entonces Jesús le dijo: Mujer, ¡qué grande es tu fe! Que se cumpla tu deseo" (Mateo 15:25-28).

La mujer fue felicitada por Jesús, y es puesta como ejemplo para sus discípulos entonces, y para nosotros actualmente. "Cristo se mostraba indiferente hacia ella, no por rechazarle la misericordia, sino para inflamar su deseo" (San Agustín). ¿Qué haces tú cuándo estás en una necesidad? Gritas, suplicas de rodillas al Señor para que te escuche. Acuérdate que la oración viene según la fe. ¿Cómo mides tu fe? ¿Es débil, es fuerte, es constante? Buscas a Jesús en todo momento o solo en tiempos difíciles. El domingo pasado, Pedro al hundirse en el agua exclamó: "Señor, sálvame". Hoy, la mujer cananea grita: "Señor, ayúdame". El Señor, escucha y atiende al que persevera constantemente con fe y esperanza en la oración. Qué hermoso es escuchar: "Que se cumpla tu deseo".

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### **Readings for the week of August 20, 2023**

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

### **Observances for the week of August 20, 2023**

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Pius X, Pope

Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

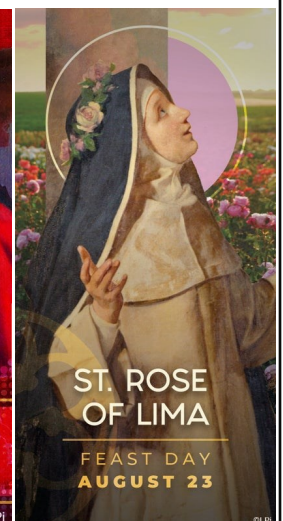
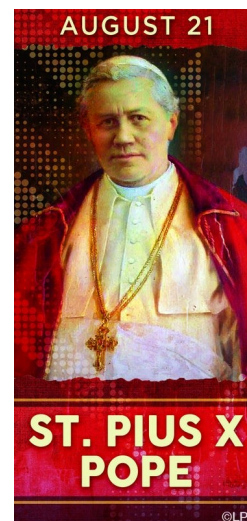
Thursday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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



August 22, Tues Conversion of Sinners  
 August 23, Wed All Souls in Purgatory  
 August 24, Thu +Tony Torres  
 August 25, Fri +Rita Torres

August 26, Saturday, 5:30pm  
 +Hilary Nguyen

August 27, Sunday  
 7:30am For the People  
 10:00am Peace in the Family  
 12:00pm All Souls in Purgatory

*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. 2023-24:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
July	\$20,203.95	\$21,200.00

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
July'23	\$20,203.95	\$21,200.00

	<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	\$996.05	95.30%

**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. Aug 20:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mon. Aug 21:**

**Tue. Aug 22:**

**Wed. Aug 23:** SVDP Food Pantry 3pm-5pm

**Thu. Aug 24:**

**Fri. Aug 25:**

**Sat. Aug 26:** SVDP Food Pantry 10am-12pm

**Sun. Aug 27:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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