



St. Rita Catholic Church

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 22, 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)

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00AM to 2:00PM

Sacramental Emergency Only

After Office Hours:

Call 503-908-4659



29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

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Parish Updates

FALL BAZAAR! SAVE THE DATE

St. Rita's Women's Guild is hosting our annual Fall Bazaar on Friday, Nov. 3rd and Saturday, Nov. 4th from 9 AM to 4 PM. Shop and enjoy Crafts, Gifts, and Tasty Treats. We can use help! If you can donate baked goods or preserves, please bring your items for our sale on Thursday, Nov. 2nd

WOMEN'S GUILD

All women of the parish are invited to join the St. Rita Women's Guild. Meetings are the second Monday of every month. (except July and August)

The next meeting is November 13th at 6:30pm

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

SENIOR RITAS

The next luncheon is:

**November 16, 2023; Mi Cava & Cocina (503)383-1779
9722 SE Washington St. Portland, OR 97216** Senior Ritas Luncheons are usually held on the THIRD Thursday of each month at 11:30am.

Any members of the St. Rita Parish over 55 are welcome to join us. Please contact : Flory Wold by phone (971)409-1535 in advance for reservations.

BIBLE STUDY – ONLINE!

Join us for weekly bible study held on Zoom every Tuesday. The current topic is Judith. November 28th we will start our study on the book of Job. Please call **Greg Ennis** for more information. (503)803-4829

ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN!

Julie Blissett from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the upcoming weeks. As a member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with an ad in our parish bulletin. These ads are necessary to keep the bulletins free for our parish. **Julie Blissett** jblissett@4lpi.com (800)-950-9952x2156

ST.VINCENT de PAUL

We are now beginning to collect food for our Annual Christmas Food Box distribution. Each year, we distribute Christmas Food Boxes to over 100 families from our area. This year we need: Canned Olives, Canned Mushroom soup, Hot chocolate Mix, Peanut Butter, Jam/Jelly, Pancake mix and/or syrup, chicken broth, gravy mix, and Christmas Candy. Donations of these items can be made any time between now and December 10th. We prefer regular sized items, rather than large. Bring your donation to the vestibule of the church. And thank you for your continuing generosity

THE CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP GROUP

is for single Catholics ages 40 to 60 throughout the Archdiocese of Portland who are looking to grow in faith and fellowship! Gatherings are held every other week for Adoration, and a social **from 7:00-8:30pm** at **St. Birgitta Parish** (11820 NW St. Helens Rd.). For more information, visit our website:

www.catholicfriendshipgroup.com

Faith Formation

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The next preparation session for the celebration of Baptism will be held on October 21st, 10:00 am and Baptisms will take place at the 5:30 Mass on Saturday, October 28th, or the 7:30 am, and 10:00 am Masses on Sunday, October 29th. Baptism is also offered in Spanish at the 12:00 Noon Mass. Please contact **Barbara Stanton** make an appointment to fill out the application and review the policy for Baptism. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate to this appointment.

FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Forms for Faith Formation, are currently on our website at stritapdx.org or in the vestibule of the church.

Sessions will begin on October 15th, 11:15 am.

We also have a new process for Confirmation.

Confirmation Preparation is a two-year process at St. Rita.

Year 1 (Pre-Confirmation) consists of 6th and 7th grades.

Year 2 (Confirmation Class Proper) consist of grades 7 to 12. We require a copy of your child's baptism certificate (if not baptized at St. Rita) 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 bstanton@archdpdx.org.



FORMACIÓN EN LA FE Y PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

Sesiones de Formación de Fe comienzan hoy 15 de octubre, 11:15 am. Las sesiones de Confirmación comenzaron el 2 de Octubre. Los niños y jóvenes que se preparan para los sacramentos de la Primera Eucaristía y Confirmación, sus certificados de bautismo deben ser entregados tan pronto como sea posible.

Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con:

Barbara Stanton, Directora de Formación de Fe,
503-252-3403 x 104 bstanton@archdpdx.org.

SESIÓN DE PREPARACIÓN PARA EL BAUTISMO

La próxima sesión de preparación para la celebración del Bautismo se llevará a cabo el 21 de octubre a las 10:00 am y los Bautismos se llevarán a cabo en la Misa de las 5:30 el sábado 28 de octubre o en las Misas de las 7:30 am y 10:00 am. el domingo 29 de octubre. El bautismo también se ofrece en español en la misa del mediodía de 12:00. Comuníquese con **Barbara Stanton** para programar una cita para completar la solicitud y revisar la política de bautismo. Traiga una copia del certificado de nacimiento de su hijo a esta cita.

October 22, 2023 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This week's gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, "Render therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — and God owns Caesar. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's.

— Father John Muir

22 de octubre de 2023 - 29º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿Cómo le pagaremos al Señor todo lo que ha hecho por nosotros? Trabajo, hogar, comida, familia, educación, salud y muchas cosas más, que si las nombráramos no terminaríamos. Cada uno debe agradecer a Dios las maravillas de su amor, y de su cuidado especial. En la Liturgia de hoy, ante la trampa que le ponen a Jesús en este Evangelio, nos da una gran lección. El impuesto debido al César: "Devuelvan, pues, al César las cosas del César, y a Dios lo que corresponde a Dios" (Mateo 22,21). Darle lugar a cada quien sin engañarnos con imágenes falsas. Por lo tanto, si Dios nos ha dado todo, lo menos que podemos ser es ser agradecidos.

"Y con esta respuesta, Jesús se sitúa por encima de la polémica. Jesús siempre más allá. Por una parte, reconoce que se debe pagar el tributo al César --- también nosotros: hay que pagar los impuestos---, porque la imagen sobre la moneda es la suya; pero, sobre todo, recuerda que cada persona lleva en sí otra imagen --- la llevamos en el corazón, en el alma---, la de Dios, y por tanto es a Él, y solo a Él, a quien cada uno debe la propia existencia, la propia vida" (Papa Francisco 10/18/2020). Ante este mensaje, solo queda pedirle a Jesús, que nos ilumine con su verdad para distinguir lo que es civil y lo que es religioso, a no mezclar los campos, a no caer en trampas que nos alejen de la verdad que libera y hace justicia. ©LPI

Readings for the week of October 22, 2023

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Observances for the week of October 22, 2023

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Monday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Tuesday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Wednesday:

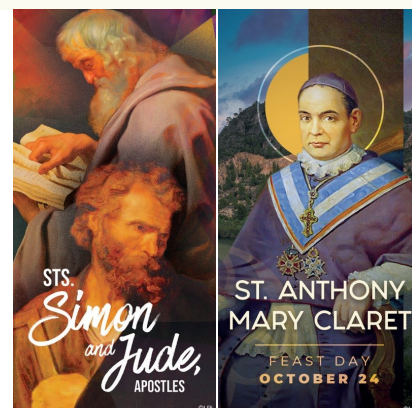
Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Next Sunday: 30th 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
 Barbara Nisbet
 Skye Porter
 Charlene Steier
 Felisa & Domingo Umingli
 Antonio B. Gonzales
 Daniel Lopez
 Andrea Storm
 Kelle Wilhelm
 Don Wilhelm
 Jeff Heller



Oct. 24, Tues +Rodolfo & Aida Lewis
 Oct. 25, Wed +Rita Torres
 Oct. 26, Thu +Rodolfo & Aida Lewis
 Oct. 27, Fri Richard Bonell Jr.

Oct. 28, Saturday, 5:30pm
 Richard Bonell Jr.

Oct. 29, Sunday
 7:30am +Nguyen Vuong
 10:00am For the People
 12:00pm Richard Bonell Jr.

*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
August	\$21,120.26	\$21,200.00
September	\$19,753.10	\$21,200.00

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Jul-Sep'23	\$61,077.31	\$63,600.00

<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
\$2,522.69	96.03%

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.

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Email: _____

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THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

Sun. Oct.22: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Couples for Christ 230-6pm REC

Mon. Oct.23: NO MASS

Tue. Oct.24: Confirmation Session 6:30-8pm REC

Wed. Oct.25: SVDP Food Pantry 3pm-5pm

Thu. Oct.26:

Fri. Oct.27:

Sat. Oct.28: SVDP Food Pantry 10am-12pm
 Baptism: Sylvi-June Saligumba

Sun. Oct.29: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time