



# St. Rita Catholic Church

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | November 5, 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

Fr. Tetzl Umingli

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Diane Anthony

*Faith Formation Assistant*

Jose Mario Toscano

*Maintenance*

## Office Hours

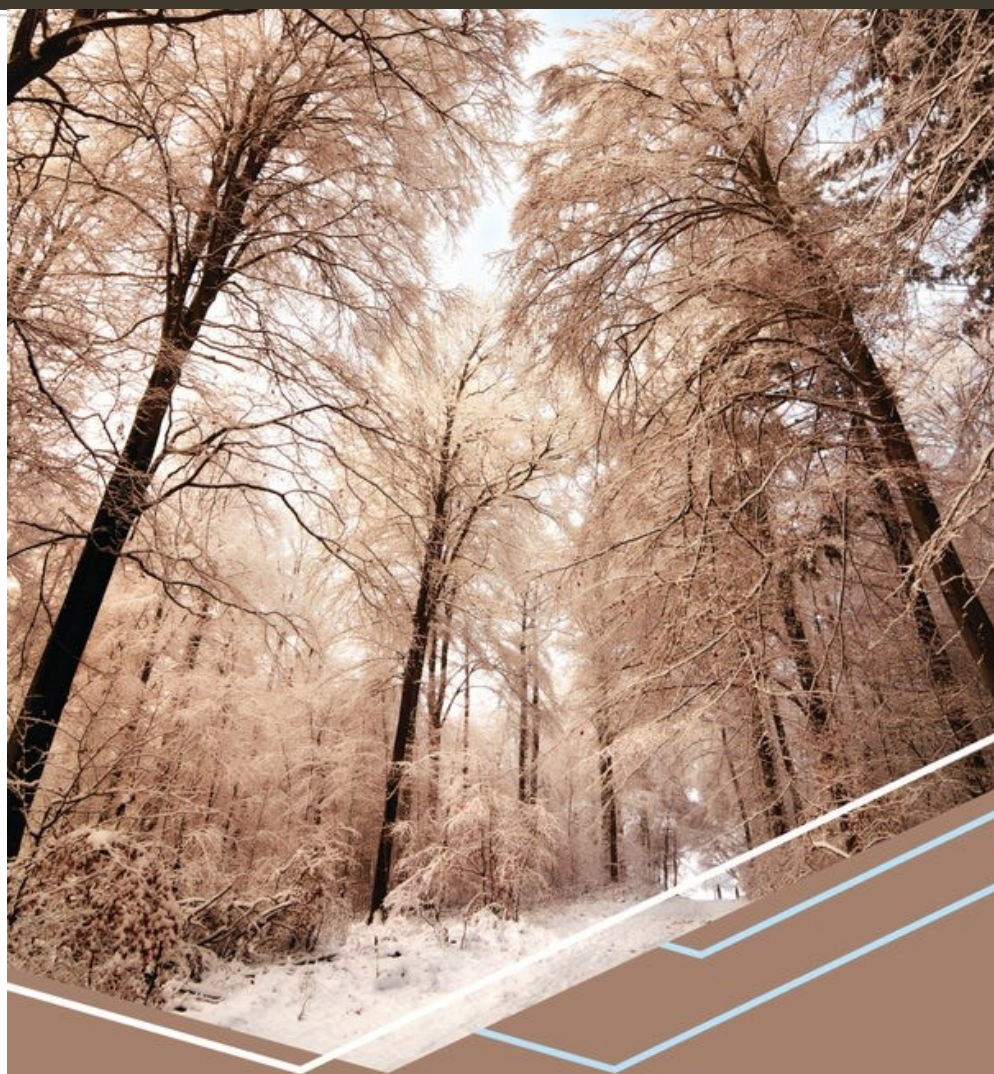
Monday-Thursday

9:00AM to 2:00PM

## Sacramental Emergency Only

### After Office Hours:

Call 503-908-4659



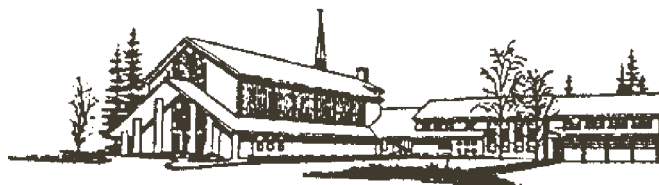
## 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

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*We are a people called to be Christ for one another through Prayer, Eucharist, Community Involvement and Social Justice.*





## Parish Updates

### THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped make our Fall Bazaar such a wonderful event. Thank you to the Women's Guild and the many volunteers who assisted in the Planning, Set-Up, Helping During the event, and the Clean-up. We are truly grateful to everyone who helped to spread the word, and who attended the Bazaar. If not for your support, these events would not be possible.

### 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



## Faith Formation

### BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

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. You will need to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate to this appointment.

**Barbara Stanton, Faith Formation Director,  
503-252-3403 x 104 bstanton@archdpdx.org.**

### FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Forms for Faith Formation, are currently on our website at [stritapdx.org](http://stritapdx.org) or in the vestibule of the church.

*We also have a new process for Confirmation.*

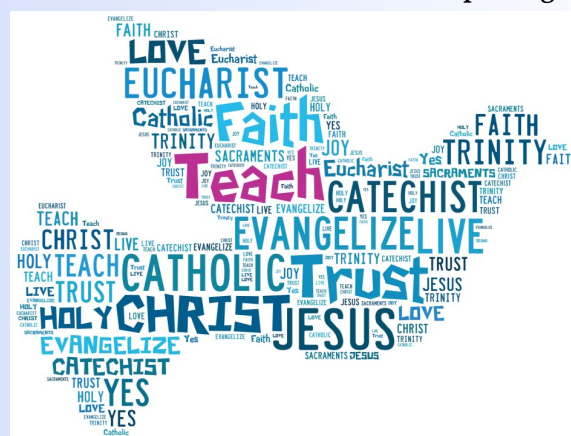
**Confirmation Preparation is a two-year process at St. Rita.**

**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

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

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. Deberá traer una copia del certificado de nacimiento de su hijo a esta cita.

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## **November 5, 2023 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: “Why do we call priests ‘father’ if Jesus says, ‘Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven’?” Thinking myself clever, I asked, “Do you think it’s okay to call someone your ‘teacher’ or ‘mister’ or ‘dad’?” She said, “Yes, I do.” I responded, “Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it’s obviously hyperbole that he’s using.” She thought for a moment and declared, “Then I will stop using those words, too!” And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking. We shouldn’t be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression “father” for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest’s fatherhood doesn’t begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title “father” indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God’s Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God’s awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I’m a priest, the more I’m comfortable with people not using the title “father” and just calling me “John.” After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title “father.” Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father’s love. It’s good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.

– Father John Muir

## **5 de noviembre de 2023 - 31er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

“El que se enaltece será humillado, y el que se humilla será enaltecido” (Mateo 23,12). De ahí viene el consejo de Jesús de no imitar a los maestros de la ley, quienes solían poner cargas muy pesadas a la gente y ellos no hacían nada por llevarlas a cabo. Cuando se emprende algún proyecto, ya sea en familia o comunidad, se supone que el líder debe de poner el ejemplo al realizar las tareas, sean grandes o pequeñas. Se trata de servir siempre con alegría y buen ejemplo: “El más grande entre ustedes se hará el servidor de todos” (Mateo 23,11). Sin buscar honores ni complacencias con nosotros mismos. ¿Qué te parece? Serás capaz de ser humilde y servir a los que te rodean con ese amor que Jesús nos muestra en el Evangelio de hoy. “Nosotros, discípulos de Jesús, no debemos buscar títulos de honor, de autoridad o de supremacía. Yo les digo que a mí personalmente me duele ver a personas que psicológicamente viven corriendo detrás de la vanidad y condecoraciones. Nosotros, discípulos de Jesús, no debemos hacer esto, ya que entre nosotros debe haber una actitud sencilla y fraterna” (Papa Francisco 11-05-2017). Gracias, Papa Francisco, por ubicarnos en lo que es verdaderamente importante. Gracias, por prevenirnos ante la tentación de la vanagloria y de los primeros lugares. Aunque no es malo que nos den las gracias por lo que hacemos, el sentido es que seamos humildes y agradecidos.

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### **Readings for the week of November 5, 2023**

**Sunday:** Mal 1:14b–2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

**Monday:** Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday:** Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

**Friday:** Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday:** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday:** Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

### **Observances for the week of November 5, 2023**

**Sunday:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week

**Monday:** St. Leonard of Noblac

**Tuesday:** St. Herculanus of Perugia, Election Day

**Wednesday:** St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

**Thursday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

**Friday:** St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

**Saturday:** St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day

**Next Sunday:** 32nd 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



# Mass INTENTIONS

**Nov. 7, Tues** Richard Bonell Jr.  
 +Dolores Enriquez  
**Nov. 8, Wed** +Maria Nguyen Thi Ut  
**Nov. 9, Thu** +Joseph Dang Thanh  
**Nov. 10, Fri** Richard Bonell Jr.

**Nov. 11, Saturday, 5:30pm**  
 +Maria Van Thi Doan

**Nov. 12, Sunday**  
**7:30am** Conversion of Sinners  
 And peace for the family  
**10:00am** For the People  
**12:00pm** Departed Souls

*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](http://stritapdx.org) and click the *Donate* button to access our safe online giving portal.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

**Sun. Nov. 5:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Bazaar Clean-Up

**Mon. Nov. 6:** NO MASS

**Tue. Nov. 7:** Confirmation Session 6:30-8pm REC

**Wed. Nov. 8:** SVDP Food Pantry 3pm-5pm

**Thu. Nov. 9:**

**Fri. Nov. 10:**

**Sat. Nov. 11:** SVDP Food Pantry 10am-12pm  
 Veteran's Day

**Sun. Nov. 12:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Subscribe to Our Email List

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