



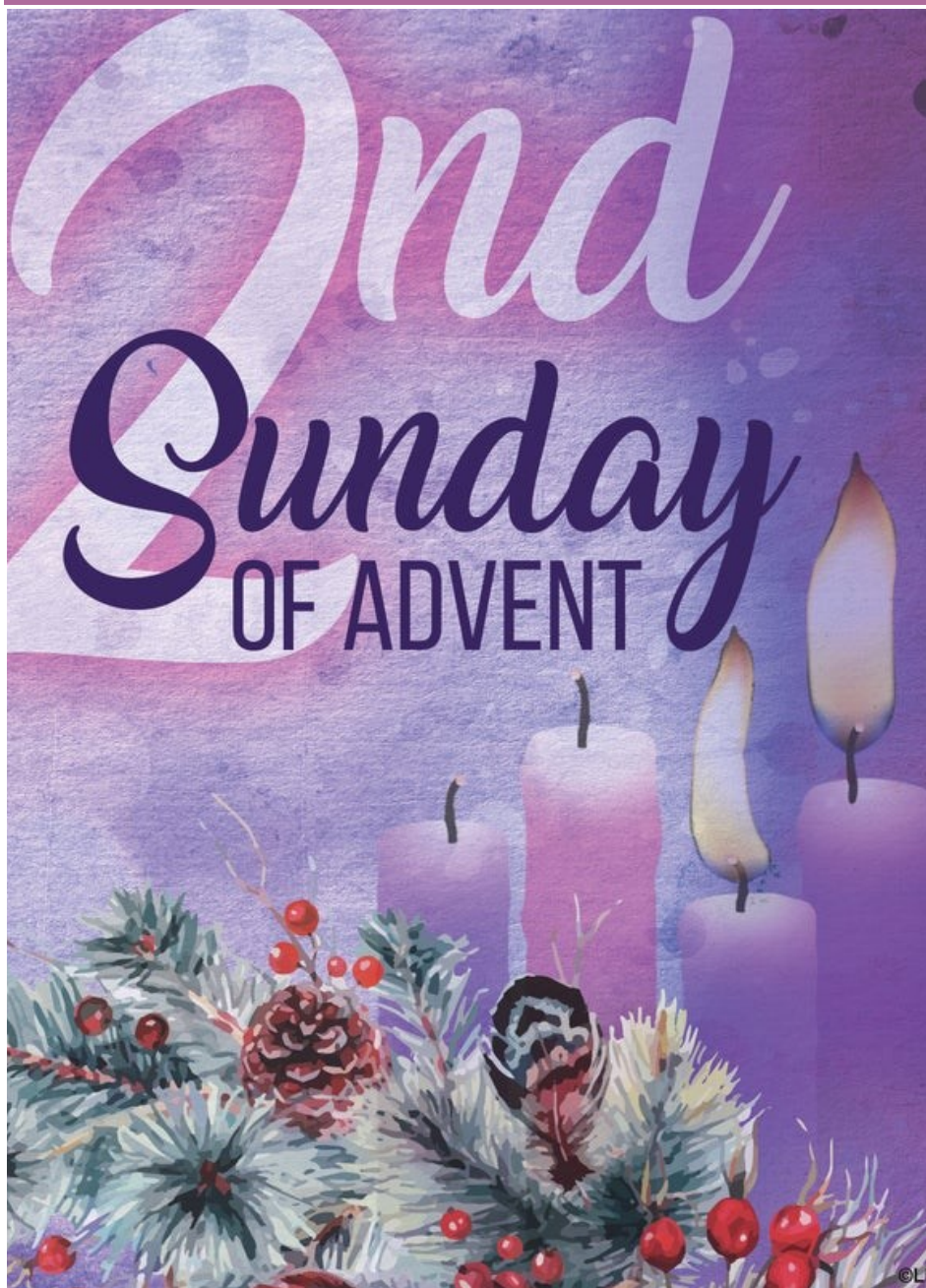
St. Rita Catholic Church

2nd Sunday of Advent | December 10, 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

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



Parish Updates

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY of GUADALUPE



Join us celebrate the *Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe with Las Mañanitas on Tuesday, December 12* followed by Mass at 5AM.

Reception to follow in the parish hall.

POSADAS

Las posadas commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to baby Jesus. Join us for the posadas on December 16, 17 and 18 at 6:30PM in the Parish hall.

CHRISTMAS MASSES SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

5:30pm Family Mass

8:00pm Spanish

12am Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, Dec. 25

10am

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. **The next meeting is December 11th at 6:30pm. It is our annual cookie exchange. Bring 2 dozen of one cookie recipe and go home with a variety of cookies.**

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

ST.VINCENT de PAUL

We are now collecting 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 Mushroom soup, Hot chocolate Mix, Peanut Butter, Jam/Jelly, Pancake mix and/or syrup, gravy mix, and Christmas Candy.* Donations of these items can be made anytime between now and December 10th. We prefer regular sized items, rather than large. Please bring your donation to the church and place it in the vestibule using the marked grocery bags found next to the Baptismal Font. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

**St. Rita/SVDP Food Pantry will be closed
Dec. 17 to Jan. 2.**

Faith Formation

THANK YOU !

To everyone who helped in organizing and setting up for our annual Advent Fair last Sunday. Thank you also who shared greens for the wreath making. God bless all of you!

BAPTISM PREPARATIONS

Baptisms at St. Rita Parish are generally celebrated at the fourth Sunday of the month during the Sunday Masses.

For inquiries on the baptism classes and other procedures, contact Barbara Stanton at bastian@archdpdx.org.

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

NOW HIRING!

Position: Coordinator of Music Ministry

Position is part-time. Complete job description is found in the parish website: stritapdx.org. Anyone interested, kindly contact Fr. Tetzl Umingli at tumingli@archdpdx.org.

If you also wanted to be part of choir at St. Rita's let us know also. It is our hope to form several choir groups in service to our St. Rita liturgical celebrations.

YEAR END GIVING

Please BE GENEROUS this Christmas! ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH is fully funded on the generosity of our faithful parishioners.

Please remember to include ST. RITA CHURCH in your end of year gifts and donations.

If you are over the age of 70 ½, you can direct your annual distributions or withdrawals from your retirement account to make tax free donations. This provision is known as a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

ST RITA CHURCH is a qualified public charity 501(c)(3) and therefore can receive your Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

Please consider an end of year gift to ST. RITA CHURCH. Your gifts and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

GOSPEL MEDITATION – ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

2nd Sunday of Advent

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

-Father John Muir

2º Domingo de Adviento

El evangelista Marcos inicia su Evangelio con una exigencia de preparación, del cumplimiento de la Sagrada Escritura en Jesús y la invitación de Juan Bautista a la conversión: "Mira, te voy a enviar a mi mensajero delante de ti para que te prepare el camino. Escuchen ese grito en el desierto: Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos" (Marcos 1,2-3). Sin embargo, esa llegada suya requiere de nosotros una conversión verdadera desde el fondo del corazón. Salir en busca de lo novedoso, como el pueblo que seguía a Juan Bautista, implica movimiento y apertura. ¿Qué pide este pasaje del Evangelio de nuestra parte? ¿Qué cambios haré en este Adviento que ayude a mejorar mi relación con los que me rodean?

Otro elemento importante, en este segundo Domingo de Adviento, es lo que el Profeta Isaías nos indica con referencia a consolar a los que sufren. El deber de consolar lo experimentamos muy fuerte en el tiempo de la pandemia. ¿Lo recuerdas? El sufrimiento obliga a estar cerca del otro y anima a tener esperanza y a vivir más conscientes de las necesidades de nuestro prójimo. "Consuelen, dice Yavé, tu Dios, consuelen a mi pueblo" (Isaías 40,1). Entonces, comencemos, no esperemos sentados, llevemos consuelo y esperanza a nuestro alrededor. Enderecemos los caminos, las curvas que evitan llegar al Señor, para que su ternura baje del cielo y se pose en cada persona y así germine la justicia y la fidelidad. ¡Ven Señor!



Readings for the week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | 2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10 | Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab | Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31 | Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20 | Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19 | Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 | Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 | 1 Thes 5:16-24 | Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Observances for the week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

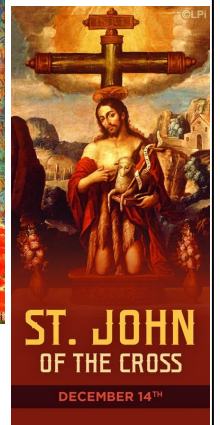
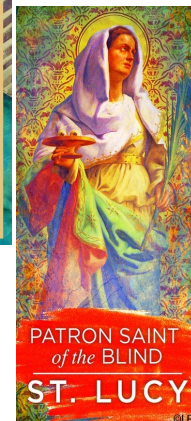
Monday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)





Pray For...

William "Bill" Dietzler
 Frances Gasca
 Sergio Aguilera
 Charlotte Benfiet
 Jennifer Benfiet
 Jo Betich
 Ken Dobos
 Curt Gefre
 Dottie Griffin
 Gary & Liz Heckman
 Barbara Nisbet
 Skye Porter
 Charlene Steier
 Felisa & Domingo Umingli
 Antonio B. Gonzales
 Daniel Lopez
 Andrea Storm
 Kelle Wilhelm
 Don Wilhelm
 Jeff Heller



We pray for the eternal repose
 of the souls of **Anton Skoro,**
Carol Crowe & Malcolm
Fylan. May they rest in the
 eternal peace of God's
 kingdom.

THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

Sun. : Dec.10: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Nativity Display after 10am Mass

Mon. Dec.11: NO MASS

Women's Guild meeting 6:30pm REC

Tue. Dec.12: Our lady of Guadalupe Mass 5AM

Confirmation Class 6:30pm REC

Wed. Dec.13: SVDP Food Pantry 3pm-5pm

Thu. Dec.14: Advent Penance service 7pm

Fri. Dec.15: Individual confessions 10-12pm

Sat. Dec.16: SVDP Food Pantry 10am-12pm

Posadas 6:30pm

Sun. Dec.17: 3rd Sunday of Advent.

Posadas 6:30pm



Dec. 12, Tues

5:00am

For the unborn children

7:45am

Kerri Moore

Dec. 13, Wed

Souls in Purgatory

+Toan Huynh

Dec. 14, Thu

Maria Christina Sanehez

Christobal Sanehez

Kanjana Gnongbanhthom

Dec. 15, Fri

+Pure Sawannamajo

+Tay Gnongbanhthom

Dec. 16, Saturday, 5:30pm

+Joy Moomaw

Dec.17, Sunday

7:30am

For the people

10:00am

+Melanie Backovich

12:00pm

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>
September	\$19,753.10	\$21,200.00
October	\$23,782.43	\$21,200.00
November	\$21,182.17	\$21,200.00

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Jul-Nov'23	\$106,031.91	\$106,000.00

<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
\$31.91	100.03%

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.

Thank you for your generous support for the
 collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human
 Development! As a parish, we raised **\$1,175.12**
 to support those on the margins who live in
 poverty in the United States.