



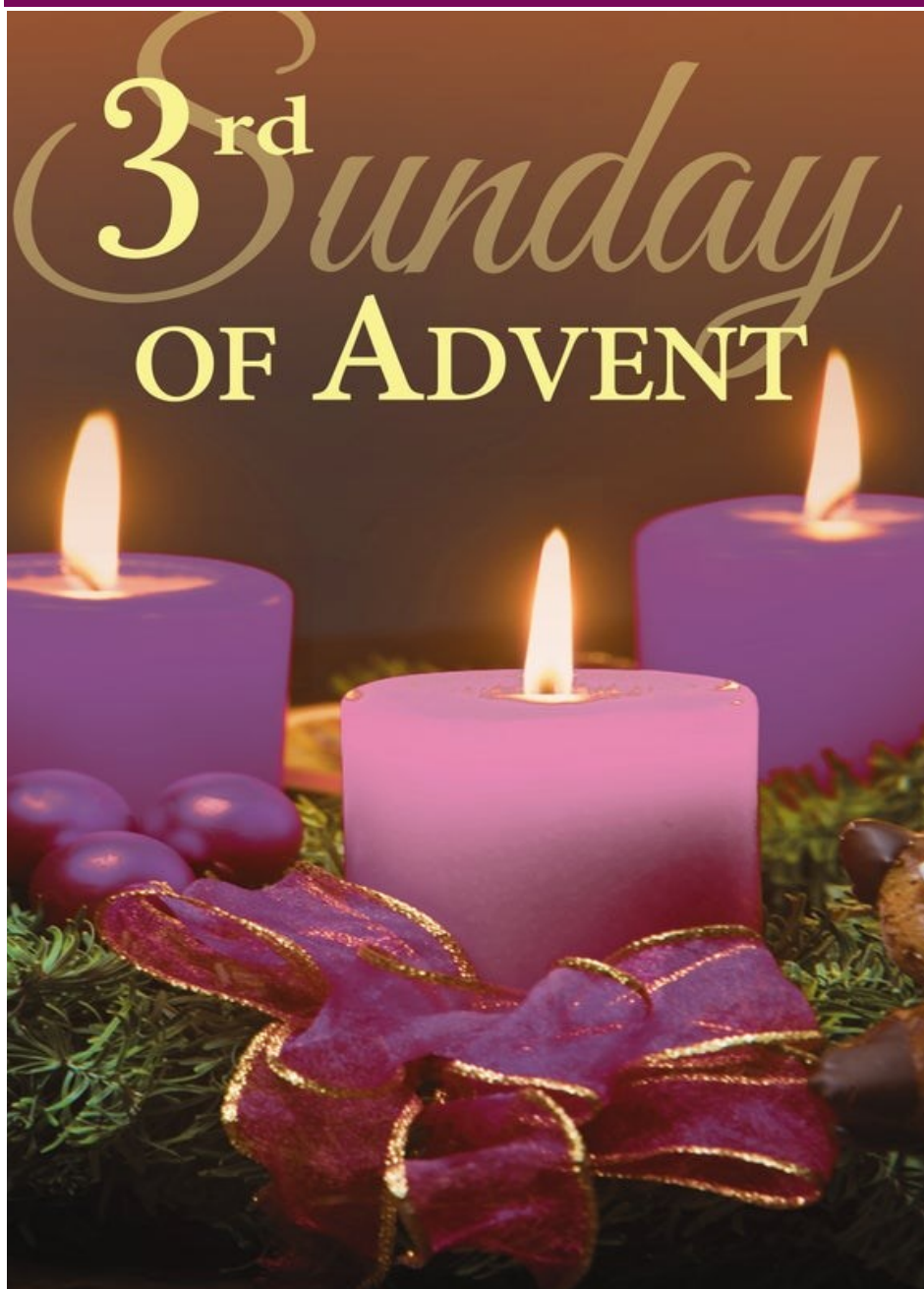
St. Rita Catholic Church

3rd Sunday of Advent | December 17, 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

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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!

To everyone who brought helped set up in our Nativity Display & Blessing! Thank you so much also to all who brought their nativity sets for the display and to those who prepared the hot drinks and food. God bless you all.

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.

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 January 8, 2024 at 6:30pm.** For more information Contact the Guild
President: Evelyn Johnson 559-786-2199.

ST.VINCENT de PAUL

A huge thank you to everyone who donated food and/or money to our St. Rita/St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Box effort.

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

ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN!

Consider advertising your business in our parish bulletin! 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. To advertise, contact **Julie Blissett** at jblissett@4lpi.com
(800)-950-9952x2156

ANUNCIE EN NUESTRO BOLETÍN

Considere anunciar su negocio en nuestro boletín parroquial. Como miembro de la comunidad empresarial, lo invitamos a ampliar su alcance y hacer crecer su negocio con un anuncio en nuestro boletín parroquial. Estos anuncios son necesarios para mantener la boletines gratuitos para nuestra parroquia. Para anunciarse, póngase en contacto con **Julie Blissett** jblissett@4lpi.com
(800)-950-9952x2156

New Year's Day Mass, Jan. 1

9AM

Faith Formation

CHRISTMAS MASSES SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

5:30pm Family Mass

8:00pm Spanish

12am Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, Dec. 25

10am

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 bstanton@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

3rd Sunday of Advent

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: "There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him." The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

-Father John Muir

3º Domingo de Adviento

El Tercer Domingo de Adviento es el domingo de "Gaudete", que en latín quiere decir alégrense o estar alegres. Por este motivo, las lecturas de hoy nos hablan del regocijo de tener al Señor ya casi con nosotros: "Estén siempre alegres en el Señor, les repito, estén alegres." El Señor está cerca. A esta altura del Adviento, debemos estar ya preparados y listos para recibir a Jesús, especialmente en la familia. Es esencial ayudar a los más pequeños a comprender que el mejor regalo de Navidad es Jesús en nuestro hogar. Danos Señor la alegría del Evangelio y el gozo de María, al esperar a su Hijo amado. Danos el compromiso de Juan Bautista, que anunciaba la luz del que iba a venir, y del cual no era digno de desatarle la correa sus sandalias. Todo eso es lo que nos hace cristianos comprometidos, ayudándonos unos a otros a ir al encuentro de Dios en esta Navidad.

"El camino de la alegría no es fácil, no es un paseo. Se necesita trabajo para estar siempre en la alegría" (Papa Francisco 12-13-2020). ¿Cuándo soy testigo de la alegría que existe en mi por mi bautismo? ¿Cuándo soy testigo de la luz de Cristo? Señor, tú me conoces bien y sabes que muchas veces mi estilo de vida no está al nivel que tu mereces. Sabes que, en lugar de confiar en ti plenamente, cierro las posibilidades de encuentro, de confianza contigo y con mi familia. Deseo ser libre de toda oscuridad, dame tu luz para ver tu verdad. ¡Ven Señor!

-Padre John Muir



Readings for the week of December 17, 2023

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/

1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 | Rom 16:25-27 | Lk 1:26-38

Observances for the week of December 17, 2023

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Thursday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve





Pray For...

William "Bill" Dietzler
 Frances Gasca
 Sergio Aguilera
 Charlotte Benfiet
 Jennifer Benfiet
 Jo Betich
 Ken Dobos
 Curt Gefre
 Dottie Griffen
 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.

Mass INTENTIONS

Dec. 19, Tues Souls in Purgatory
 +Paul Cong Nguyen
Dec. 20, Wed Jeff Lemp
Dec. 21, Thu Theresa Lessel Young (Birthday)
Dec. 22, Fri All Souls

Dec. 23, Saturday, 5:30pm
 Souls in Purgatory
Dec. 24, Sunday
7:30am +Joseph Gap Nguyen
10:00am For the people
12:00pm +Guadalupe Jesus

Christmas Eve
5:30pm +Champa Suwannamajo
8:00pm +Poung Gnongbanthom
Midnight: 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

Sun. : Dec.17: 3rd Sunday of Advent
 Posada 6:30pm Parish Hall
Mon. Dec.18: NO MASS
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Tue. Dec.19: Confirmation Class 6:30pm REC
Wed. Dec.20: Food Pantry Closed
Thu. Dec.21:
Fri. Dec.22:
Sat. Dec.23: Food Pantry Closed
Sun. Dec.24: 4th Sunday of Advent.
 Christmas Eve Masses 5:30pm, 7pm, Midnight.
Mon. Dec 25: Christmas Day: 10am

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.