



St. Rita Catholic Church

The Epiphany of the Lord | January 7, 2024

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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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:

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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

SAVE THE DATE

Please join us to celebrate Fr. Tetzels Birthday. January 14 at 1PM in the Parish hall. Kindly, bring a dish to share for a potluck. For more information call the office (503)252-3403

ST.VINCENT de PAUL

Next weekend, January 13/14, is our regular St. Vincent de Paul food collection weekend. This month, we can use **coffee or tea, cookies, condiments, granola bars and chips**. 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. Thank you.

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 Women's Guild President: Evelyn Johnson 559-786-2199.

LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A NEW ADDRESS

Kindly update the parish office if you moved to a new address or have a new contact information. We will be mailing out the annual contribution reports for your tax purposes.

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. Tetzels 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.

Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS RESUME THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 7.

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

EMAIL & TEXT SCAMS – BEWARE!

Scammers are already sending emails and texts that look like they are from Fr. Tetzels, asking to purchase gift card.

Fr. Tetzels will never ask this of you. Please report these messages as scams and block them immediately.

FURNITURE NEEDED FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES



Government officials are calling on Catholic Charities of Oregon to resettle more refugees in the Portland area, and furnishings for the new households are in short supply.

"We are low on furniture at our warehouse. And we have a lot of apartments set-ups in January," said Peter Vins of the Refugee Services program at Catholic Charities. Beds, couches, chairs and tables are all welcome.

Catholic Charities staff will arrange for pickup.

"These families are escaping Russian attacks in Ukraine, fleeing the Taliban in Afghanistan and seeking safety from dangerous regimes in places like the Central African Republic," said Ed Langlois, spokesman for Catholic Charities. "In many cases, the families coming to us risked their lives to help American initiatives."

If you have good furniture to donate, call Vins at 503-780-1115.



EPIPHANY

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GOSPEL MEDITATION – ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I truly at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." This star will bring them home, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that – at long last – God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

-Father John Muir

7 de enero de 2024 Día de la Epifanía del Señor

El deber nuestro es anunciar o manifestar la misericordia de Dios en nuestra vida. Dios no quiere nuestras cosas, quiere nuestra persona comprometida con su Hijo Jesús. La Epifanía nos recuerda que Dios es para llegar a todos sin distinción. Anunciar la alegría del Evangelio a otros es una clara manifestación de que Cristo camina a nuestro lado. El Profeta Isaías anima a sus oyentes de la siguiente manera: "Tú entonces, te pondrás radiante, palpará tu corazón muy emocionado: traerán a ti tesoros del otro lado del mar y llegarán a ti riquezas de las naciones" (Isaías 60,5). San Pablo, también, lo manifiesta como una gracia: "Anunciar a los pueblos paganos la incalculable riqueza de Cristo" (Efesios 8). El reto actual es ver la manera de que cada cristiano manifieste los bienes recibidos por Dios. Somos de muchas culturas diferentes, con un fin único, caminar hacia Dios con Cristo como centro.

El Papa Francisco nos anima a demostrar como el Evangelio de hoy nos hace ser los magos que buscan a Jesús para adorarlo: "La adoración es un gesto de amor que cambia la vida. Es actuar como los Magos: es traer oro al Señor, para decirle que nada es más precioso que Él; es ofrecerle incienso, para decirle que sólo con Él puede elevarse nuestra vida; es presentarle mirra, con la que se ungían los cuerpos heridos destrozados, para pedirle a Jesús que socorra a nuestro prójimo que está marginado y sufriendo, porque allí está Él".

¡Feliz Año, seamos estrella que guía, seamos Evangelio vivo!

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 55:1-11 | 1 Jn 5:1-9 | Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 | Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 | Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11 | Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a | Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a | Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 | 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/

Jn 1:35-42

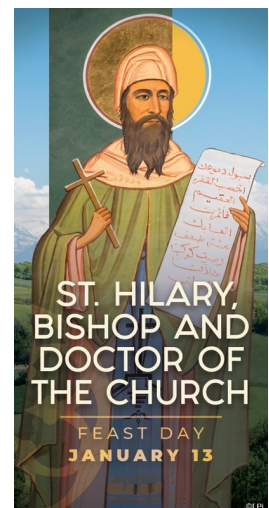
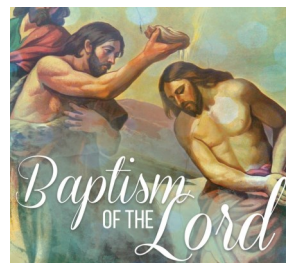
Observances for the week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord, Christmas season ends

Saturday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time





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
 Lydia Manibusan Manglona



THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

Sun. : Dec.07: The Epiphany of the Lord

LWC | FF 11am

Mon. Jan.08: Women's Guild meeting 6:30pm

Tue. Jan.09: Confirmation Class 6:30pm REC

Wed. Jan.10: Food pantry 3pm-5pm

Thu. Jan.11:

Fri. Jan.12:

Sat. Jan.13: Food pantry 10am-12pm

Sun. Jan.14: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary time

LWC | FF 11am



Jan. 9, Tues

Michael Vu Giang
 + Fr. John Thinh Nguyen

Jan. 10, Wed

Peter Bui Hien

Jan. 11, Thu

+Agustino

Jan. 12, Fri

Fr. Tetzl Umingli
 Maria Vong Nguyen (100yrs old)

Jan. 13, Saturday, 5:30pm

All souls

Jan.14, Sunday

7:30am

Forgotten Souls

10:00am

For the people

12:00pm

+Maria Dolores Herrera Montoya

*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.

Our women and men religious offer gratitude.

Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. As a parish, we have raised **\$1,307**. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly men and women religious.