



St. Rita Catholic Church

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | January 21, 2024

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- Mk 1:17

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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

ST. VINCENT de PAUL



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

It's Ladies Night Out!! The St. Rita Women's Guild is holding their first ever Galentine's Party on Monday, February 12 at 6:30PM. All ladies of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend. Please join us for a light supper, fun and fellowship in the REC behind the church. Evelyn Johnson 559-786-2199.

MARDI GRAS PARISH APPRECIATION PARTY

We want to Thank You for being a part of our St. Rita Community. Please join us for lunch including music by The New Iberians in the Parish hall. Sunday, February 11 at 1PM. All Parishioners are welcomed. RSVP at the parish office (503) 252-3403

ST. RITA RUMMAGE SALE: JUNE 7 AND 8

We're having another rummage sale this year and this time we WILL be taking your donations! We'll take items that are in good condition (things that a consignment-type place would accept) - vintage, tchotchkes, tools, books, furniture in good condition that's not super dated, kitchen items, art, craft supplies, etc. (please no clothing, bedding, electronics, appliances, mattresses - if in doubt, ask!). Please email Ann Ezell at ann.ezell@icloud.com if you'd like to donate or if you have any questions. All money raised will go to the next renovation project by the Women's Guild: the bathrooms in the Parish Hall!

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.

Faith Formation

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@archdpx.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@archdpx.org.



**JANUARY 28, 2024
11:30 - 1:30 PM**

ST. THERESE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

We invite all interested parents and guardians and their children to come visit the school and learn more about St. Therese's commitment to accessible Catholic education for all families in our community. We are a faith-filled educational institution anchored in the teachings of the Catholic Church. St. Therese is the most diverse school offering rigorous academics to students from Pre-K through 8th grade. Come see what makes us different than other schools.

WHAT DO WE HAVE TO OFFER?

- ✓ PK - 8th Grade: Small Class Sizes
- ✓ Computer Programing, Robotics, Engineering
- ✓ Art - PE - Spanish - Vietnamese - Tech - Choir
- ✓ Aftercare, Financial Aid, Learning Support

GOSPEL MEDITATION – ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "Repent!" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together. Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

-Father John Muir

21 de enero de 2024 3er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Haciendo memoria, a lo largo de la vida, nos daremos cuenta que todos necesitamos arrepentirnos de algo. Sea grande o sea pequeño. También, muchas veces tuvimos que pedir perdón. Hoy, la Palabra de Dios nos dice que los ninivitas se convirtieron de su mala vida: "Los ninivitas creyeron en la advertencia de Dios y ordenaron un ayuno, y se vistieron de saco desde el mayor al menor" (Jonás 3,5). Todo el movimiento de la ciudad y sus habitantes se desencadena con la Palabra de Dios, que invita al arrepentimiento antes de ser destruida. Cuando el mal es mucho, se necesitan profetas y misioneros que evangelicen. La misión es inmensa.

La conversión consiste en abandonar el mal, las malas costumbres, las obras que llevan al pecado y dañan a los demás. ¿Crees tú que necesitamos algo así en nuestra sociedad actual? ¿Qué actitudes se necesitan para llegar a una verdadera conversión personal, familiar y comunitaria? Definitivamente, una de ellas es la decisión al cambio, seguida por la esperanza de que este sucederá. Jesús tiene esa esperanza e inicia el proceso de conversión de arrepentimiento llamando a sus primeros colaboradores e invitándolos a la conversión, es decir a que cambien su modo de vivir y de proceder: "El tiempo se ha cumplido, el Reino de Dios está cerca. Renuncien a su mal camino y crean en la Buena Nuevas" (Marcos 1,15). Renunciar al mal camino y creer que lo lograremos, ¡es el reto de este Evangelio! Oremos para que llegue la conversión a nuestro corazón.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10 | Cor 7:29-31 | Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 | Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 | Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17 | Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 | Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 | Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 | Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20 | 1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Observances for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Tuesday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Friday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Saturday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



Conversion of St. Paul by Nicolas Bernard Lépicié, 1767



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



We pray for the eternal repose
 of the soul of **Henry Baudino**.
 May he now rest in the eternal
 peace of God's Kingdom in
 heaven.

THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

Sun. Jan 21: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 LWC | FF 11am

Mon. Jan.22 : No Mass

Tue. Jan.23: Confirmation Class 6:30pm REC

Wed. Jan.24: Food pantry 3pm-5pm

Thur. Jan.25:

Fri. Jan.26:

Sat. Jan.27: Food pantry 10am-12pm

Sun. Jan.28: 4rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 LWC | FF 11am



Jan. 23, Tues Don Hartloo
Jan. 24, Wed +Rodolfo and Aida Lewis
Jan. 25, Thu +Rodolfo and Aida Lewis
Jan. 26, Fri +Rodolfo and Aida Lewis
Jan. 27, Saturday, 5:30pm
 For the People
Jan.28, Sunday
7:30am +Rodolfo and Aida Lewis
10:00am +Rodolfo and Aida Lewis
12:00pm +Bernard

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>
October	\$23,782.43	\$21,200.00
November	\$21,182.17	\$21,200.00
December	\$31,673.26	\$21,200.00
Jul-Dec'23	\$137,705.17	\$127,200.00
	<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	\$10,505.17	108.26%

Online Giving: Thank you so much for your
 financial support to St. Rita Parish.
 To donate online, go to our parish website
stiritapdx.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.