



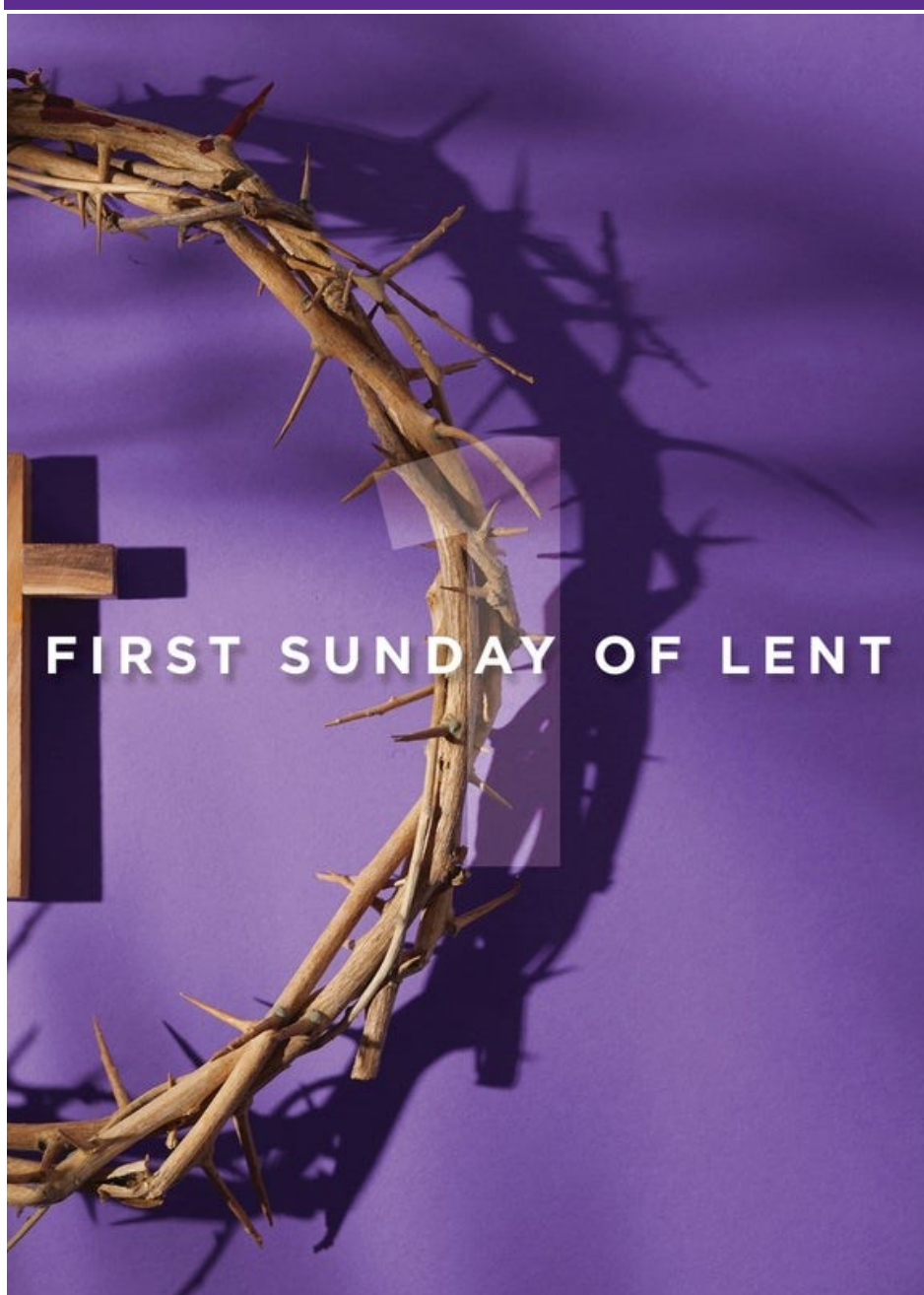
St. Rita Catholic Church

First Sunday of Lent | February 18, 2024

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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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Monday-Thursday

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Sacramental Emergency Only

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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 **Dish soap, 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. We currently have more than enough egg cartons and nowhere to store more. 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 **March 11, 2024 at 6:30pm.** For more information Contact the Women's Guild President:
Evelyn Johnson 559-786-2199.

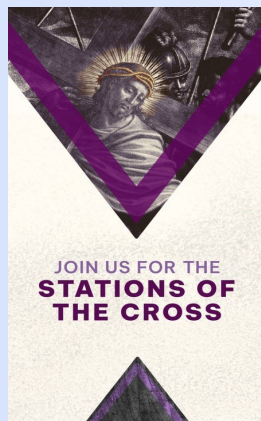
ST. RITA RUMMAGE SALE: JUNE 7 AND 8

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!

LENTEN FISH FRY AT HOLY REDEEMER

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in North Portland will be hosting a Lenten Fish Fry series of community dinners on March 1st, 8th, 15th from 5pm-8pm.

Faith Formation



Stations of the cross Lenten Fridays

6:00pm English

Via Crucis
Viernes de Cuaresma

7:00pm Español

Join the Vietnamese Community in celebrating the Lunar New Year this Sunday, February 18th at 1PM in the Parish Hall.

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 Job. For more information call: **Gregg Ennis (503)803-4829**

RITE OF SENDING

Keep in your prayers our 7 catechumens & candidate for full communion in Church as they are sent to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election with Archbishop Sample this Sunday Feb. 18th. They will all receive their Sacraments of Initiation this Easter Vigil.

LENTEN RETREAT AT ST. BENEDICT LODGE
St. Benedict's Retreat Center in McKenzie Bridge is hosting its Holy Week retreat once again, beginning Holy Thursday, March 28th to Easter the 31st. Cost for the retreat is \$175 per person for a private dorm room. Cabins are extra. Send \$50 deposit to register:
St. Benedict's Lodge
56630 North Bank R., McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413.
To register, or for more information: 541-822-3572
or stbenedictretreat@gmail.com

Lent and the Gospel of Mark

I once stumbled upon an article online about five or so reasons to read the Gospel of Mark during the season of Lent. I am not so sure the article convinced me, but maybe that's because I was already convinced, although I suppose I have different reasons. I would like to share with you three reasons why it might be worth our time to read the Gospel of Mark during this Lenten season.

1. **Connection to the Liturgical Year:** The current liturgical year is Year B or the Year of Mark. That means we hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed at many—not all—of our Sunday liturgies. What better way to familiarize and prepare our selves for the Sunday liturgy than by reading the Gospel at the center of our liturgical year.
2. **Prayer:** The Gospel of Mark is a fast paced Gospel for a fast paced world. The Gospel does not start with Jesus' birth but with His baptism and it quickly works it's way, describing Jesus moving quickly from town to town and place to place. But even amid that fast paced Gospel, the evangelist never fails to forget to mention the many times that Jesus goes off to pray. During this Lenten season, and amid our many to do lists, Mark offers us a potent reminder that we too need to take time to pray.
3. **Discipleship:** The Gospel of Mark centers itself around this very theme of discipleship. The disciples, themselves, are often depicted as hard headed, stubborn, or just don't get what Jesus means. Jesus keeps trying to change the way they think, believe and see. As we journey through the season of Lent, we focus heavily upon what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, to take up our cross and follow after the Savior of the world. We, like the disciples, are called to change our hearts and minds, to open our eyes.

With all of this in mind, perhaps we can be better attuned to the proclamation of the Gospel in our Sunday liturgies this Lenten season (although some Sundays we will be reading from the Gospel of John). Or maybe it's worth opening this short each night before we go to bed, or at another time during the day with our family.

No matter, what, there are many reasons to read the Gospel of Mark. Pick one and encounter Jesus.

A Blessed Lenten season to all you!

-Fr. Tetzl

Readings for the week of February 18, 2024

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15 | 1 Pt 3:18-22 | Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 | Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11 | Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10 | Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4 | Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28 | Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19 | Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 | Rom 8:31b-34 | Mk 9:2-10

Observances for the week of February 18, 2024

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

Monday: Presidents' Day

Tuesday:

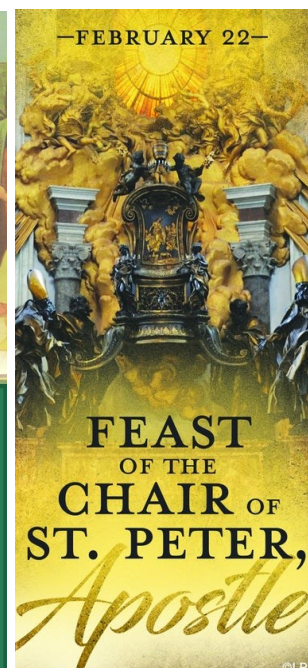
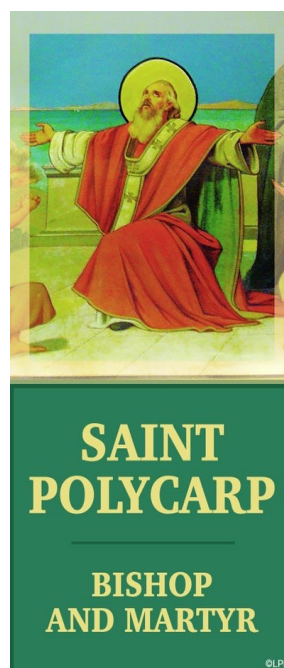
Wednesday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Thursday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Friday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent





Pray For...

William "Bill" Dietzler
 Frances Gasca
 Sergio Aguilera
 Charlotte Benfiet
 Jennifer Benfiet
 Jo Betich
 Ken Dobos
 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

Please call or email the office if you would like
 to add a name to this list.
 (503)252-3404. stritchparish@archdpx.org



We pray for the eternal repose of **Jim Malone**. May he now rest in the eternal peace of God's kingdom in heaven.

THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

Sun. Feb 18: First Sunday of Lent

Vietnamese New Year 10am mass & Reception
parish hall 1pm

LWC | FF 11am

Mon. Feb.19 : No Mass

OFFICE CLOSED (President's Day)

Tue. Feb.20: Confirmation Class 6:30pm REC

Wed. Feb.21: Food pantry 3pm-5pm

Thur. Feb.22:

Fri. Feb.23: Stations of the Cross

6pm (Eng), 7pm (Spa)

Sat. Feb.24: Food pantry 10am-12pm

Sun. Feb.25: 2nd Sunday of Lent

LWC | FF 11am



Feb. 20, Tues

+Francisco Nguyen Thanh

Feb. 21, Wed

+Departed Souls

Feb.22 , Thu

+Oliver Harris

Feb. 23, Fri

+Bill Riester

Feb. 24, Saturday, 5:30pm

For the People

Feb. 25, Sunday

7:30am

For Korea's Acceptance

10:00am

+Evelyn Limjoco

12:00pm

+Marissa Barron

+Margarita Palma Fuentes

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>
November	\$21,182.17	\$21,200.00
December	\$31,673.26	\$21,200.00
January	\$18,910.39	\$21,200.00
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Jul'23-Jan'24	\$156,615.56	\$148,400.00
	<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	\$8,215.56	105.54%

Online Giving: Thank you so much for your financial support to St. Rita Parish.

To donate online, go to our parish website stritchpdx.org and click the **Donate** button to access our safe online giving portal.

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$1,477.90 to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States.