



St. Rita Catholic Church

3rd Sunday of Lent | March 3, 2024

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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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

Next weekend, March 9/10, is our regular St. Vincent de Paul food collection weekend. This month, we can use **toilet paper, dog food, canned soup, dish soap, ramen cups, spam**. Also, we need **egg cartons**. 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!

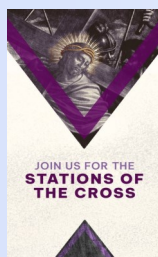
DO YOU HAVE USED GLASSES, HEARING AIDS, OR CELL PHONES?

The Lions Club is accepting donations of used eyewear, hearing aids, cell phones and printer cartridges. There is a box in the vestibule where you can drop them off. Thank you!

LENTEN FISH FRY AT HOLY REDEEMER

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in North Portland will be hosting a Lenten Fish Fry Choose between a Fish or Mac n Cheese dinner served with French fries, coleslaw, roasted corn and a dinner roll. A series of community dinners on March 1st, 8th, 15th from 5pm-8pm. For more information, call Theresa Berney, 971-235-5419.

Faith Formation



Stations of the cross
Lenten Fridays
6:00pm English

Via Crucis
Viernes de Cuaresma
7:00pm Español

Lenten Penance Service at St. Rita

March 14 | 7pm

Confessions available in English, Vietnamese & Spanish

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Greta Luna Jarvis

Ryan Cortez Juarez Cortez

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**

SENIOR RITAS

The next luncheon is: **March 21, 2024. McMenamins Kennedy School**. 5736 NE 33rd Ave, Portland, OR 97211. 503-249-3984. Senior Rita's Luncheons are usually held on the **THIRD** Thursday of each month at 11:30am. Any members of the St. Rita Parish over 55 are welcome to join us. Please contact : Flory Wold by phone (971)409-1535 for reservations.

Funeral Mass for Jim Malone is on Saturday, March 9 at 11am. There will be a rosary at 10:30am.

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 3, 2024 3rd Sunday of Lent

I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me. — Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to "have no other gods besides me." This is our "grip." Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say "yes" to this fundamental question of our spiritual "grip," then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

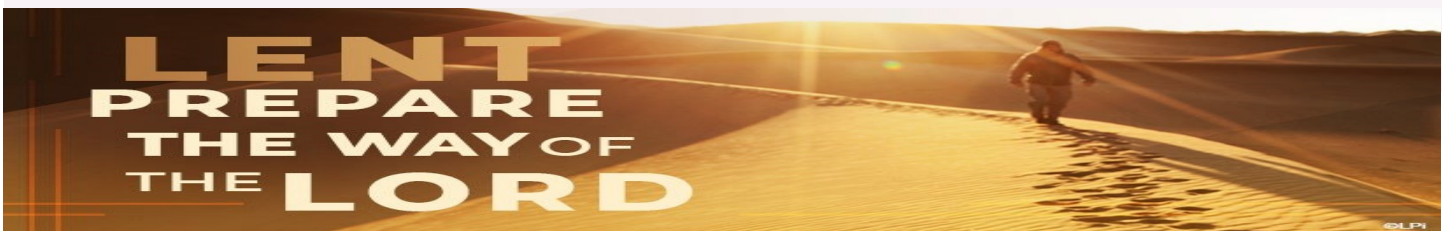
Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this "idol" to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.

— Father John Muir

3 de marzo de 2024 3er Domingo de la Cuaresma

Recientemente remodelaron la parroquia a la que pertenezco y quedó muy bonita. El párroco trataba de complacer a sus feligreses ya que opinaban en diferentes gustos. Ya saben, la gente opina siempre y muchas veces solo critican y no cooperan absolutamente en nada. El párroco hablaba de que el lugar sea una verdadera casa de oración. Un lugar de encuentro con Jesús. Un lugar donde los Sacramentos sean vida en los feligreses, especialmente la Eucaristía. ¿Cómo es tu parroquia? ¿Es un lugar de oración o se ha convertido en un lugar de negocios y de eventos sociales? Será que Jesús nos puede decir como en su tiempo a los mercaderes y cambistas del Templo: "Saquen eso de aquí y no conviertan la Casa de mi Padre en un mercado" (Juan 2:16).

Para tener más claro el mensaje del Evangelio de hoy, veamos lo que el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos dice en el número 593: "Jesús veneró el Templo subiendo a él en peregrinación en las fiestas judías y amó con gran celo esa morada de Dios entre los hombres. El Templo prefigura su Misterio. Anunciando la destrucción del Templo anuncia su propia muerte y la entrada en una nueva edad de la historia de la salvación, donde su cuerpo será el Templo definitivo". Los bautizados somos templos vivos de Dios. Entonces, ¿cómo nos cuidamos? Qué hacemos para mejorar el lugar que Dios merece en nuestra vida. ¡Urge que respondamos en esta Cuaresma a los impulsos del Espíritu Santo.



Readings for the week of March 3, 2024

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 | 1 Cor 1:22-25 | Jn 2:13-25

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10 | Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 | Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Observances for the week of March 3, 2024

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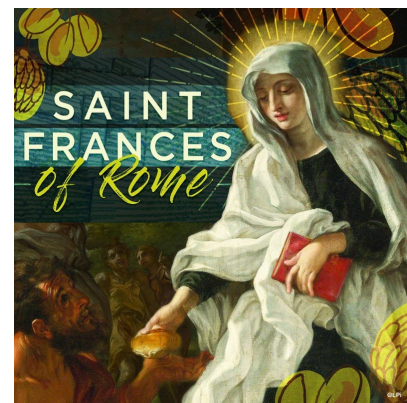
Monday: St. Casimir

Thursday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Friday: St. John of God, Religious

Saturday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious; St. Catherine of Bologna

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins





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.
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March.5, Tues For the unborn children
March.6, Wed For the aborted children
March.7, Thu +Maximino Santiago
March.8, Fri +Wally Larsen
March.9, Saturday, 5:30pm +Bridget Hope Saucedo

March.10, Sunday
7:30am +Wayne Jordan
10:00am For the People
12:00pm +Menico Davis

*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	\$18,905.39	\$21,200.00
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Jul'23-Jan'24	\$156,610.56	\$148,400.00
	<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	\$8,210.56	105.53%

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. March 3: 3rd Sunday of Lent

LWC | FF 11am

Mon. March .4: No Mass

Tue. March.5: Confirmation Class 6:30pm REC

Wed. March.6: Food pantry 3pm-5pm

Thur. March.7:

Fri. March.8: Stations of the Cross
 6pm (Eng), 7pm (Spa)

Sat. March.9: Food pantry 10am-12pm

Funeral for Jim Malone 11am

Alexa's Quinceañera 1pm

Sun. March.10: 4rd Sunday of Lent

LWC | FF 11am

Thank you for your generous support of our **Ash Wednesday Collection** which will go to help support the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. As a parish, we raised
\$1,828.25