



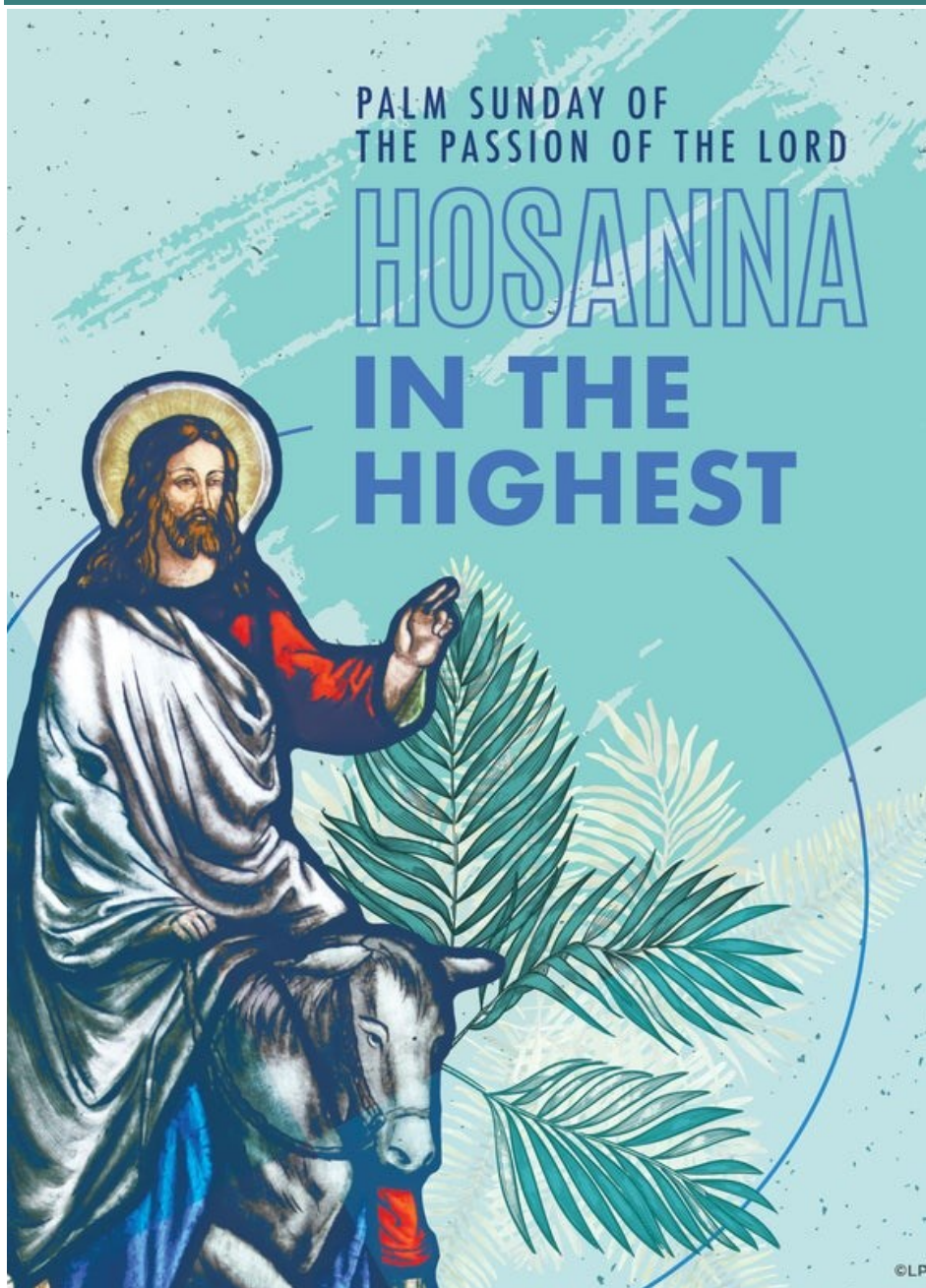
St. Rita Catholic Church

Palm Sunday | March 24, 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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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

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 renovation of the bathrooms in the Parish Hall!



ST. VINCENT de PAUL

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.

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 **April 8, 2024 at 6:30pm**. For more information Contact the Women's Guild President: Evelyn Johnson (559)786-2199.

Join us in thanking Barbara Stanton, our DRE with a Send off Party in the parish hall on Sunday, April 7 after the 10am Mass.

There will be an exemplification for the new members of the Knights of Columbus at St. Therese Church on March 26 at 5:30pm. Men 18y/o and over who are interested to be a Knight for the St. Rita Council, please contact Fr. Tetzl.

Faith Formation

DATES TO REMEMBER

***May 1st, Wednesday at 7PM:
Adult Confirmations at the Cathedral***

***May 12, Sunday at 10AM:
First Communion Mass at St. Rita Church***

***June 1st, Saturday at 10AM:
Youth Confirmation Mass at St. Rita Church***

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**

BOOK STUDY GROUP

"Rediscover Catholicism" Starting Thursday April 18, 7PM to 8PM at St. Rita REC. For more information contact Bud Abraham (503)816-7304.

HIRING FOR FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR!

With our current DRE, Barbara Stanton, retiring by April 7th, we are looking to hire a part-time Faith Formation Coordinator. The general responsibilities of the position include overseeing the whole of the parish's faith formation programs – K-12th, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children, as well as faith formation opportunities for adults and families. The FF Coordinator also assists with the sacramental preparations for Baptism and Confirmation. A more detailed job description is available in our parish website. Please spread the word. Those interested, kindly contact Fr. Tetzl Umingli at tumingli@archdpdx.org.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The color red is the color of Palm Sunday. It's a sharp turn from five weeks of deep purple, a color that draws into penance and conversion. Of course, as Catholics, the color red has its own symbolism. While not worn often, it's worn on two occasions in particular: Pentecost and days of remembrance for martyrs.

We wear red on Pentecost because of the image of tongues of fire being associated with the Spirit of God. And of course we wear this same color on feast days of martyrs as a reminder of the blood spilled when they gave their lives for the work of the Gospel. It is this later usage that identifies most closely with Palm Sunday: Christ, in his passion and death, spilled his blood for the work of the Gospel and the gift of salvation.

In my Ifugao tribe in northern Philippines, the color red has been steeped in meaning too. It too, unsurprisingly, symbolizes blood. But also, freedom. And bravery.

I've been reflecting on this last word: bravery or courage. And I can't help consider how the red we wear this Sunday is not only a symbol of God's sacrifice but of Christ's courage. Our God, chose to become one among us. And in becoming flesh, he bore - courageously - the cross. He wore - courageously - the thorns upon his head. When framed not just as a color of sacrifice, but of courage, it might change how we witness the Gospel unfold on this day. Our God looked at death and did not back down.

So whatever the meaning of the color red, maybe today, we can wear the red mantle of courage as we walk the hill of Calvary this Holy Week. Take heart and bear the cross of Christ courageously.

-Fr. Tetzel

El rojo es el color del Domingo de Ramos. Es un giro brusco tras cinco semanas de púrpura intenso, un color que atrae hacia la penitencia y la conversión. Por supuesto, como católicos, el color rojo tiene su propio simbolismo. Aunque no se usa a menudo, se lleva en dos ocasiones en particular: Pentecostés y los días de recuerdo de los mártires.

Nos vestimos de rojo en Pentecostés por la imagen de las lenguas de fuego asociadas al Espíritu de Dios. Y, por supuesto, llevamos este mismo color en las fiestas de los mártires, como recuerdo de la sangre derramada cuando dieron su vida por la obra del Evangelio. Es este uso posterior el que más se identifica con el Domingo de Ramos: Cristo, en su pasión y muerte, derramó su sangre por la obra del Evangelio y el don de la salvación.

En mi tribu Ifugao, en el norte de Filipinas, el color rojo también está impregnado de significado. Como era de esperar, también simboliza la sangre. Pero también la libertad. Y valentía.

He estado reflexionando sobre esta última palabra: valentía o coraje. Y no puedo evitar pensar en cómo el rojo que vestimos este domingo no sólo es un símbolo del sacrificio de Dios, sino también de la valentía de Cristo. Nuestro Dios, eligió hacerse uno entre nosotros. Y al hacerse carne, llevó - valientemente - la cruz. Llevó - valientemente - las espinas sobre su cabeza. Si lo consideramos no sólo como un color de sacrificio, sino de valentía, podría cambiar la forma en que presenciamos el Evangelio en este día. Nuestro Dios miró a la muerte y no retrocedió.

Así que, sea cual sea el significado del color rojo, quizá hoy podamos llevar el manto rojo de la valentía mientras caminamos por la colina del Calvario esta Semana Santa. Ánimo y llevad la cruz de Cristo con valentía.

-P. Tetzel



Holy Week

SEMANA SANTA

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HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

7:00PM (BILINGUAL)

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

6:00PM (ENGLISH)

7:30PM (SPANISH)

EASTER VIGIL, MARCH 30

8:30PM (BILINGUAL)

EASTER SUNDAY

7:30AM 10:00AM

12PM (SPANISH)



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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Mass INTENTIONS

March.26, Tues
 March.27, Wed
 March.28, Thu
 7:00pm For the People
 March.29, Fri
 6:00pm
 7:30pm +Moises Santiago
 March.30, Saturday,
 8:30pm For the People
 March.31, Sunday
 7:30am For the People
 10:00am
 12:00pm Eliana Hernandez Barrera
 (Birthday)

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>
December	\$31,673.26	\$21,200.00
January	\$18,905.39	\$21,200.00
February	\$18,108.23	\$21,200.00
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Jul'23-Feb'24	\$174,718.79	\$169,600.00
	<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	\$5,118.79	103.02%

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.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

Sun. March 24: Palm Sunday-Holy week begins

LWC | FF 11am

Mon. March.25: 7:45AM Mass

Tue. March.26: Confirmation Class 6:30pm REC

Wed. March.27: Food pantry 3pm-5pm

Thur. March.28: 5:30PM Soup Supper

Holy Thursday 7PM Bilingual Mass

Fri. March.29: Stations of the cross 12PM

Good Friday Mass

6:00PM (English) 7:30PM (Spanish)

Sat. March.30: Food pantry 10am-12pm

Easter Vigil 8:30PM Bilingual

Sun. March.31: Easter Sunday

7:30 & 10am (English), Noon (Spanish)