



St. Rita Catholic Church

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 8, 2024

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He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

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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
9:00AM to 2:00PM

Sacramental Emergency Only

After Office Hours:
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



*Join us for the Parish
Picnic after the 10am
Mass!
St. Rita, pray for us!*

ST.VINCENT de PAUL NEWS

The Food Pantry Board has made the decision to change the days that the pantry is open. Beginning Sept.1, we will only be open on Saturdays from 10-noon. We hope to expand those hours if we can recruit more volunteers, but for now, the hours will remain the same as they have been. The pantry will no longer be open on Wednesday afternoons. If you are able to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Darlene Rivera at drivera1003@gmail.com or 503-750-2052 or Roger Rossman rrossman@mac.com or 503-256-6236.

Our pantry needs this month include: canned tuna, crackers, bar soap, mac & cheese and coffee or tea. Bags with lists of needed items are on the table by the baptismal font. Please take a bag, put your donated items in it and return it the church. And, as always, thank you for all your support.

WOMEN'S GUILD

All women of the parish are invited to join the Women's Guild.

Meetings are the second Monday of every month.

The next meeting is September 9.

For more information

Contact the Guild President: Evelyn Johnson
559-786-2199.

SENIOR RITAS

The next luncheon is: **September 19, 2024.**

Baba's Mediterranean Grill

10215 NE Cascades Pkwy.

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 (971) 409-1535 for reservations

ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR

The St. Rita Women's Guild is hosting our **Annual Fall Bazaar on November 1 & 2 from 9am to 4pm.** Come and discover the several vendors and their products. For vendors, to reserve a table, or for more information, kindly contact Ann Ezell at 503-989-8147 or ann.ezell@icloud.com.

Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS CURRENTLY ONGOING!

Backpack Blessing on Sunday, Sept 22 at the
10am Mass and 12pm Mass
Open House after the 10am & 12pm Masses.

CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 29

To register your child online, kindly go to
<https://stritapdx.org/faith>

Currently, our Faith Formation Program comprises the following:

Children's Liturgy of the Word (10am Mass)

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

3rd to 5th Grade

Middle School/Year 1 Confirmation (starting 6th grade)

Year 2 Confirmation (7th grade & up)

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Adult Confirmation

If you'd like to assist in any of the groups, whether it be as a catechist, aide, or assist with snacks and activities, kindly let our Faith Formation Coordinator know: John Johnson at john.johnson@archdpdx.org

BAPTISM PREPARATIONS

Baptisms at St. Rita Parish are generally celebrated at the fourth Sunday of the month during the Sunday Masses.

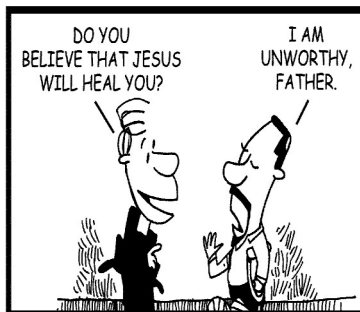
For inquiries on the baptism classes and other procedures, contact John Johnson at
john.johnson@archdpdx.org.

BIBLE STUDY—ONLINE!

Join us for weekly bible study starting in September. It is held on Zoom every Tuesday 6pm—7pm. The current topic is Deuteronomy. For more information, call:

Gregg Ennis (503)803-4829

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

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One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, **"Ephphata!"** The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

— *Father John Muir*

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of September 8, 2024

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a | Jas 2:1-5 | Mk 7:31-37

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8 | Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11 | Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31 | Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 | Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 | Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9 | Phil 2:6-11 | Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a | Jas 2:14-18 | Mk 8:27-35

Observances for the week of September 8, 2024

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Wednesday: Patriot Day

Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Friday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

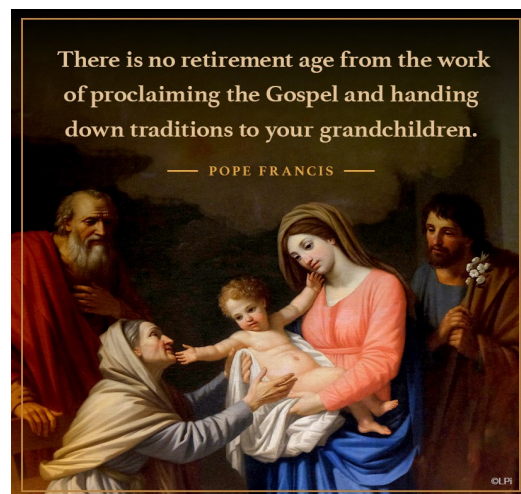
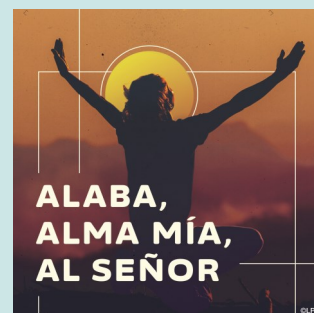
Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

23er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Se imaginan que, en la familia, papá y mamá con sus hijos, lo hicieran todo bien. Que los servidores públicos se esmeraran por el bien social y comunitario, en fin, que cada uno de nosotros nos preocupáramos por el bien de la otra persona. Les aseguro que el mundo sería diferente. No habría tanto problema familiar, ni tanta violencia en las calles de las ciudades, ni en el mundo. La Palabra de Dios nos dice hoy que la gente se expresaba de Jesús de la mejor manera y comentaban entre ellos lo siguiente: *"Todo lo ha hecho bien; hace oír a los sordos y hablar a los mudos"* (Marcos 7:37). Muchas veces, por evitar problemas, preferimos hacernos los desentendidos, fingiendo que no vemos y no podemos hablar. "No te metas en problemas, mejor no digas nada de lo que viste". Y así aceptamos la violencia familiar, los robos y las mentiras entre la familia y la sociedad.

Con esas actitudes, nunca llegaremos a un diálogo que permita conocer las situaciones que vive nuestro prójimo y comprender con la mente y el corazón lo que está pasando a nuestro alrededor, y lo más importante dejar que la persona sienta que nos importa. También nos puede pasar lo mismo cada domingo que asistimos a Misa, que, por estar distraídos en otros pensamientos y otras situaciones, evitamos escuchar la voz de Dios. Porque Dios nos habla de mil formas en nuestra vida. Un modo especial en el que Dios nos habla es por medio de la oración. ¿Lo escuchamos?



A Blessed & Happy Grandparents Day!
September 8, 2024



Pray For...

Constantino Martinez Martinez

Joseph Panowicz

Frances Gasca

Sergio Aguilera

Jo Betich

Ken Dobos

Dottie Griffin

Gary & Liz Heckman

Barbara Nisbet

Skye Porter

Felisa & Domingo Umingli

Antonio B. Gonzales

Daniel Lopez

Kelle Wilhelm

Don Wilhelm

Lydia Manibusan Manglona

Casey Yager

Cinda Soliz

Monica Brandt

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



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

Mass INTENTIONS

September 10, Tues

Repose of the Soul Maria
+Joseph Dang (Anniversary)
+Phyllis McCreary

September 11, Wed

For the Soul of Cham's ancestors

September 12, Thu

Christopher and Karina
(Wedding Anniversary)

September 13, Fri

For all Souls

September 14, Saturday

5:30pm

For the People

September 15, Sunday

7:30am

For the lonely and despair

10:00am

For Chan's health

12:00pm

Ester Garcia

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. 2024-25:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
July	\$18,965.48	\$21,666.67
August	\$20,337.35	\$21,666.67

Jul'23-Aug'23	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$39,302.83	\$43,333.34

<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
\$4,030.51	90.70%

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

Sun. September 8: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time

Mon. September 9: NO MASS

Tue. September 10: Mass 7:45am

Wed. September 11: Mass 7:45am

Thur. September 12: Mass 7:45am

Fri. September 13: Mass 7:45am

Sat. September 14: Mass 5:30pm

Food pantry 10:00am-12:00pm

Wedding 11am

Sun. September 15: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time

Sept. 8: PARISH PICNIC 11am
At the Parish Park behind the Church

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Cut and drop it in the offertory basket