



# St. Rita Catholic Church

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 15, 2024

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## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,  
take up his cross, and follow me." - Mk 8:34

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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)

### Parish Staff

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### Office Hours

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



A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make our Parish Picnic such a wonderful event! Thank you to all who brought food and drinks, those who cooked the burgers and hotdogs, those who helped with the children's activities and everyone who helped set up and cleaned up. What a wonderful celebration of our parish family!

*Congratulations, Susan Clark, for winning the 50/50 Raffle Draw this year!*

### 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.

### ST. VINCENT de PAUL

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.

### 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

### 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 October 14.**

For more information

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

### ANNUAL ROSARY BOWL

For those interested, the Rosary Bowl this year will be on Saturday, October 5, 9am-3pm, at the East Salem Community Center. For more information visit [rosarybowl1nw.org](http://rosarybowl1nw.org)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

### THE GROTTO @ 100

We congratulate the National Sanctuary of Our Lady of Sorrows a.k.a. The Grotto for celebrating its 100 years as a sanctuary of peace in the heart of Portland.

A Centennial Mass will be celebrated at the Grotto Plaza on September 15 at 12pm.

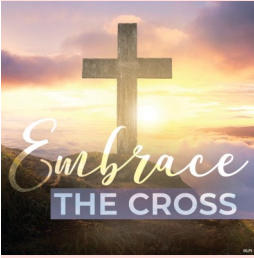


*Photo is of the dedication of the Grotto in 1924 by Archbishop Alexander Christie.*



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



This morning I received a text message that a member of my extended family will likely die of cancer within the next few hours. His name is Luke. He is a 45-year-old husband and father of six. Though I am not as close to him as my sister (she is his sister-in-law and knows him well), I wonder:

how can we, including Luke himself, manage such a terribly awful and unfair situation? The words of this Sunday's Gospel offer a powerful and challenging path. Jesus says, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). Today I see with new freshness the starkness and strangeness of the words take up. The cross stands for suffering which is unjust, absurd, seemingly hopeless, and humiliating. Jesus doesn't say "accept" or "endure" or "tolerate," but "take up." Embrace it, actively. Choose it and lift it up for others to see what terrifies and sickens us. But somehow, for Jesus, this is the path to "saving one's life." A new world is breaking in, one in which love is everything, when no relationship can be wounded or die. I trust that in the embraced suffering of Luke and his loved ones, Jesus is taking up his cross and saving us all. By the time you read this, barring a miracle, Luke will have died. He will be carrying his cross no longer. But we all still face suffering. This week let's not just endure, but take up our crosses, big and small. That's our only hope for saving our lives.

-Father John Muir

## MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

24º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



Este domingo, Jesús nos invita a tomar nuestra cruz y a seguirlo, e inicia su mensaje con la pregunta a sus discípulos: ¿Quién dice la gente que soy yo? Por supuesto que obtuvo varias respuestas. Pero, lo importante ahora, es lo que cada uno de nosotros respondamos a esa pregunta. Muchas personas se hacen un Jesús a su medida y hasta piensan que lo manipulan y lo compran a sus caprichos. Sin embargo, Jesús no está atado a nuestros gustos ni medida. Jesús se mostró siempre sincero proclamando la justicia y la verdad, y es en la Sagrada Escritura y en la Tradición de la Iglesia cimentada por él, que podemos conocerlo y amarlo cada día más. Después, llamó a toda la gente y les dijo: "El que quiera seguirme, que renuncie a sí mismo, tome su cruz y me siga. Pues el que quiera asegurar su vida la perderá, y el que sacrifique su vida (por mí y) por el Evangelio, la salvará" (Marcos 8:34-35). Aquí está el compromiso de querer salvar la vida, se refiere a evitar la cruz que nos toca llevar junto con Jesús. Entonces, no podemos evadirla, hay que poner todo de nuestra parte para que sea llevadera y con alegría. Seguir a Jesús es un camino seguro que nos llevará aquí en la tierra a buen puerto y en un futuro a la felicidad eterna. No perdamos el tiempo, vayamos presurosos hacia su misericordia con nuestras suplicas para nuestra salvación y la de nuestros hermanos y hermanas.

### WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

#### Readings for the week of September 15, 2024

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

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 | Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a | Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 | Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11 | Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20 | Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 | Mt 9:9-13

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20 | Jas 3:16—4:3 | Mk 9:30-37

#### Observances for the week of September 15, 2024

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Monday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

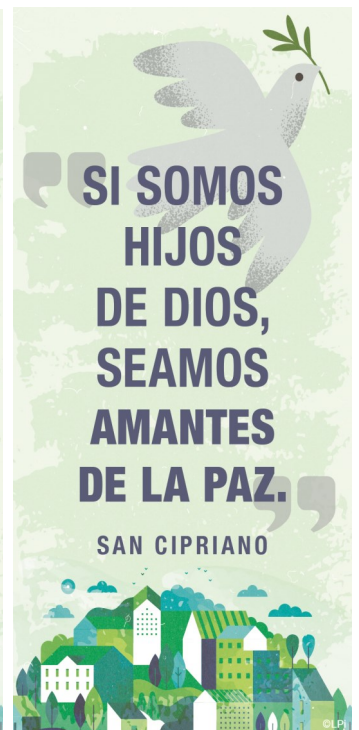
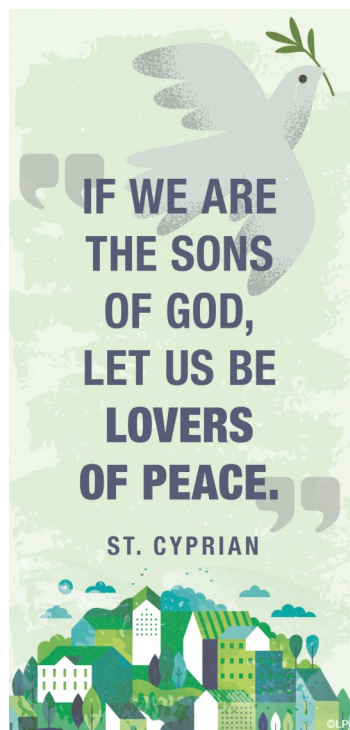
Tuesday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time





## 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.

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We pray for the eternal repose of the soul of **Ernie Haskell and Amy B. Deulen**. May they now rest in the eternal peace of God's kingdom in heaven.

## Mass INTENTIONS

September 17, Tues

For those who feel lost to seek God

September 18, Wed

In thanksgiving

September 19, Thu

For priestly and religious vocations

September 20, Fri

For the Church

September 21, Saturday

5:30pm

For all people to listen to the word of God

September 22, Sunday

7:30am

For the people

10:00am

Marta Santiago

12:00pm

Unborn Children

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

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Jul'23-Aug'23	\$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](http://stritchpdx.org) and click the *Donate* button to access our safe online giving portal.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

**Sun. September 15:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time

**Mon. September 16:** NO MASS

**Tue. September 17:** Mass 7:45am

Finance Council 6:30pm REC

**Wed. September 18:** Mass 7:45am

**Thur. September 19:** Mass 7:45am

OCIA 6:30pm-8pm (REC)

**Fri. September 20:** Mass 7:45am

Baptism 11am

**Sat. September 21:** Mass 5:30pm

Food pantry 10:00am-12:00pm

**Sun. September 22:** 24rd Sunday in Ordinary time

**-Backpack blessing during**

**10am & 12pm Mass**

**-Open House After 10am and 12 pm Mass in the Parish Hall then REC**

## Subscribe to Our Email List

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cut and drop it in the offertory basket