



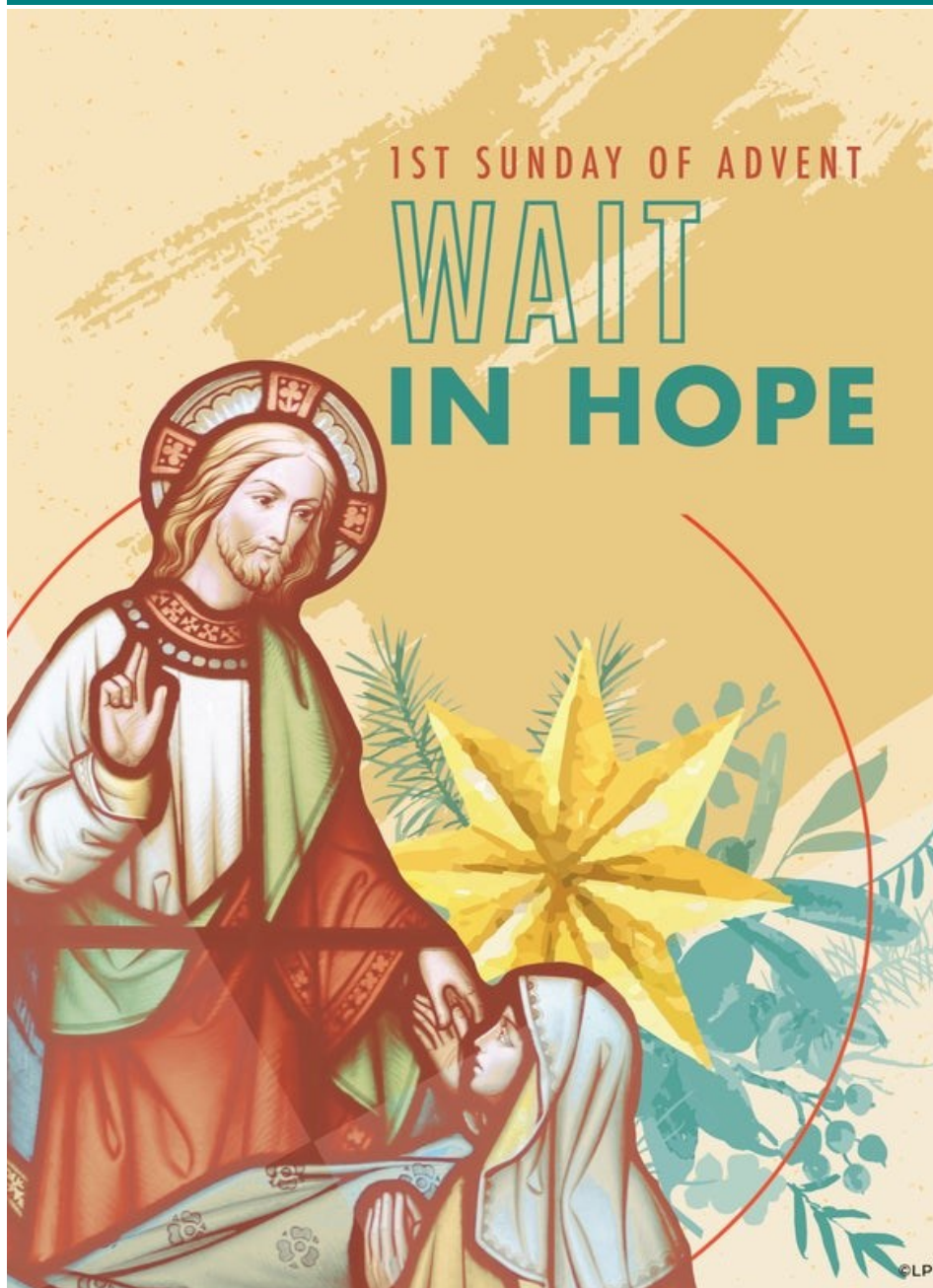
St. Rita Catholic Church

First Sunday of Advent | December 1, 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

9:00AM to 2:00PM

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



Thank You to everyone that helped make the Food Sale Fundraising possible. Thank You to all of you that came to support the sale! We have raised \$4,417.00 for the ceiling repair!

ST.VINCENT de PAUL

We are now collecting food for our Annual Christmas Food Box distribution. Each year, we distribute Christmas Food Boxes to over 100 families from our area. This year we need: *Canned olives, Canned Mushroom soup, Hot chocolate Mix, Peanut Butter, Jam/Jelly, Pancake mix and/or syrup, and Christmas Candy.* Donations of these items can be made anytime between now and December 10th. We prefer regular sized items, rather than large. Please bring your donation to the church and place it in the vestibule using the marked grocery bags found next to the Baptismal Font. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



St. Rita Council Knights of Columbus is officially formed! To all men 18 y/o and older and wanting to be a Knight, join the next meeting on Thursday, **December 12 at 6pm** in the RE Center.

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 December 9 at 6:30PM in the REC in the back of the Church.** It is our annual cookie exchange. **Bring 2 dozen of one cookie recipe and go home with a variety of cookies.** For more information, contact the Guild President: Evelyn Johnson 559-786-2199.

YEAR END GIVING

Please BE GENEROUS this Christmas! ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH is fully funded on the generosity of our faithful parishioners.

Please consider an end of year gift to ST. RITA CHURCH and help our parish meet budget this Fiscal Year! Your gifts and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Faith Formation

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

If your child would like to participate in the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve at 5:00PM please contact, Diane Anthony (503) 703-0236

POSADAS

Las posadas commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to baby Jesus. Join us for the posadas for chants, rosary and refreshments. On **December 15 at 1:30PM, December 16 and 17 at 6:00PM** 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 John Johnson at john.johnson@archdpdx.org.

PREPARACIÓN PARA EL BAUTISMO

Los bautismos en la Parroquia Santa Rita se celebran generalmente el cuarto domingo del mes durante las misas en Domingo. Para consultas sobre las clases de bautismo y otros procedimientos, comuníquese con John Johnson a john.johnson@archdpdx.org o 503-252-3403 x104.

BIBLE STUDY – ONLINE!

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

Greg Ennis (503)803-4829



CONGRATULATIONS!

To the Newly Baptized & family

Antonella Dimas Rojas

Isabella Dimas Rojas

Vanessa Lizveth Higuera Bahena



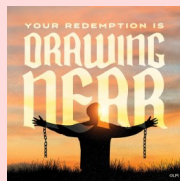
THE FEAST OF OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

Join us celebrate *The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*, **Thursday December 12., 4:30AM Mañanitas, Mass at 5AM.** There will also be a reception in the parish hall following Mass.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

1st Sunday of Advent

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, "Don't be afraid." She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, "Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen." A few days later she died.



Christians face the ending of our personal various "worlds" in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves *"fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world"* (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to "look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." He then compares what's coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That's what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you're troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: *"Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming."*

— Father John Muir

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

1er Domingo de Adviento



Damos comienzo en este Domingo al Tiempo de Adviento, que es un tiempo de espera alegre y activa de la fiesta del nacimiento del Señor. Hay mucha actividad litúrgica que nos prepara alegremente a algo que con certeza es muy bueno y que nos atrae a dar regalos y a recibirlos también. Este tiempo de espera nos mueve y lleva a ordenarlo todo, sobre todo en casa, hay movimiento de limpieza y organización. Ponemos el árbol de Navidad y preparamos un lugar para el nacimiento del Niño Jesús. Es un gran encuentro entre familia y amigos celebrando las posadas y otros eventos religiosos.

El Adviento nos ayuda porque es un espacio de espera del Señor, nos reconciliamos y preparamos para recibirlo en la Eucaristía, es también tiempo de reflexionar en su venida definitiva, que llamamos Parusía o manifestación. El Evangelio de San Lucas, con el que hoy iniciamos, nos recuerda que el Señor, en su mensaje principal, nos invita a permanecer en vela y oración. A estar atentos, a no estar dormidos. A llenarnos de amor, a llevar el gozo anunciado de descubrir un nuevo comienzo de justicia y de paz para todos. También, se invita a dejar los vicios, el egoísmo y las preocupaciones que nos alejan de lo importante que es la cercanía de Dios a cada uno de nosotros. Velar, estar atentos, orar y seguir luchando por una sociedad mejor. *"Ven, Señor Jesús"* (Apocalipsis 22:20), sea nuestra suplica constante en este Adviento.



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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Readings for the week of December 1, 2024

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16 | Thes 3:12—4:2 | Lk 21:25-28,34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5 | Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10 | Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a | Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6 | Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24 | Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 | Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9 | Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Observances for the week of December 1, 2024

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Wednesday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Nicholas, Bishop

Saturday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is moved to Monday, December 9 this year.

It remains a Holy Day of Obligation!

Masses are at

**7:45am English
& 7PM Bilingual**



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

Jesus Santiago

Diana Ramirez

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



THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

Sun. December.1: First Sunday of Advent

Mon.December.2: NO MASS

Tue.December.3: Mass 7:45am

Confirmation Class 6:30pm REC

Wed.December.4: Mass 7:45am

Thur.December.5: Mass 7:45am

Fri.December.6: Mass 7:45am

Adoration until 10am

Sat.December.7: Mass 5:30pm

Food pantry 10:00am-12:00pm

Sun.December.8: 2nd Sunday of Advent

OCIA 2pm -3:30pm REC



December 3, Tues

+Rodolfo Eusebio

December 4, Wed

+Crisanta & Reynaldo Cruz

+Artemio, Susana, &

Ruben Sebastian

December 5, Thu

Nicole, Marco, &

Nayeli Arandia

December 6, Fri

Thanksgiving for what we receive

+Eugenio & Hermi Dasco

**December 7, Saturday
5:30pm**

For the People

December 8, Sunday

7:30am

+Joseph Nguyen

10:00am

+Anthony Quan Nguyen

12:00pm

+Marilyn Heikkila

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>
August	\$20,337.35	\$21,666.67
September	\$23,837.93	\$21,666.67
October	\$20,819.50	\$21,666.67

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Jul'23-Oct'23	\$83,960.26	\$86,666.68

<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
\$2,706.42	96.88%

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.

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