



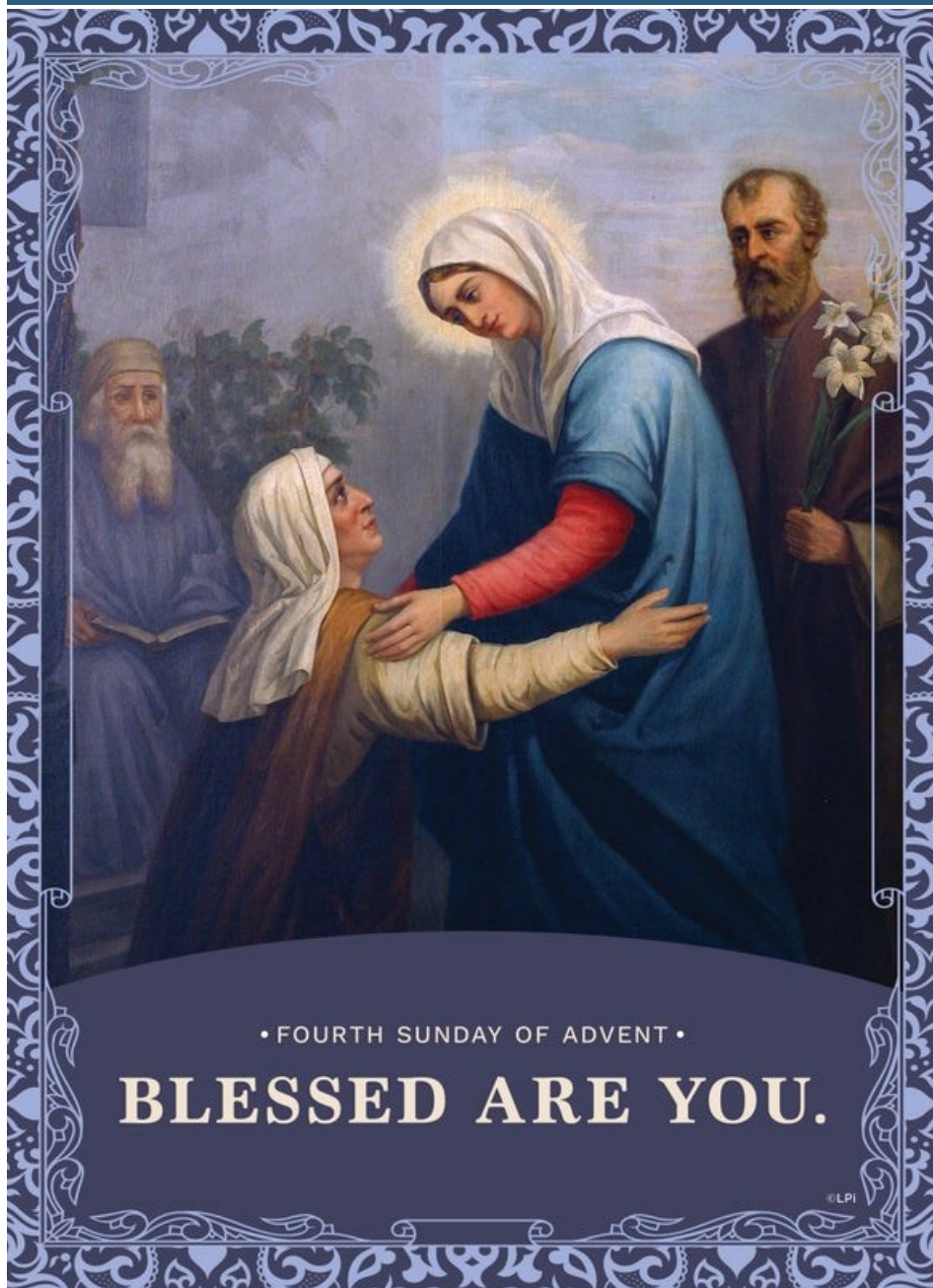
St. Rita Catholic Church

4th Sunday of Advent | December 22, 2024

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Website: stritapdx.org | Email: stritaparish@archdpdx.org



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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Monday-Thursday

9:00AM to 2:00PM

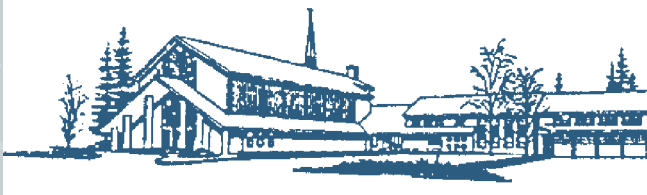
Sacramental Emergency Only

After Office Hours:

Call 503-908-4659



Merry
CHRISTMAS



Parish Updates

OFFICE CLOSURES

The Parish Office will be closed
December 25 and 26.
January 1st

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

A huge thank you to everyone who donated food and/or money to our St. Rita/St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Box effort. The Food Pantry will be closed December 28.

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 January 13 at 6:30PM in the REC in the back of the Church.** For more information, contact the Guild President: Evelyn Johnson 559-786-2199.

CHRISTMAS MASSES SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

5:30pm Family Mass
8:00pm Spanish

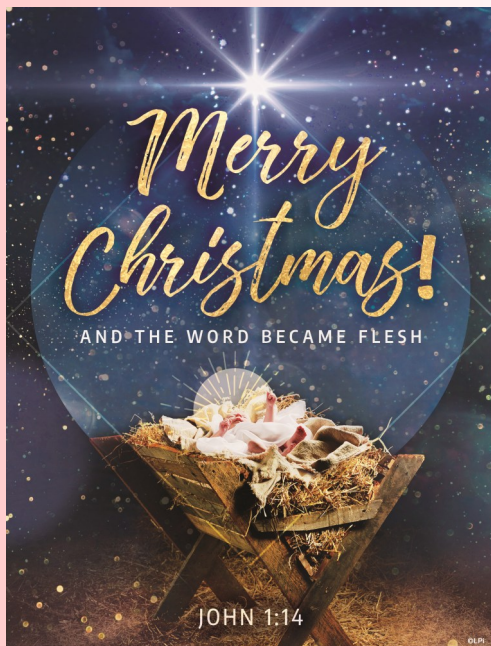
12am Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, Dec. 25

10am

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS, JAN. 1

8:30 AM



Faith Formation

NO FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS

Kindly take note that there will be no faith formation sessions on December 22 and 29. All the catechists wish you a blessed and Merry Christmas and New Year!

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. The Christmas Pageant will be on December at 5pm before the Christmas Eve Mass. Many thanks to our children and their parents for participating in this year's Christmas Pageant.

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

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!



GOSPEL MEDITATION 4th Sunday of Advent

The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary “blessed” for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady’s belief that *“there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord”* (Luke 1:45). Mary is “blessed” entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.



So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our “motherly” contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus’ presence. Pray: “Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her.”

— Father John Muir

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO 4º Domingo de Adviento



“Que los cielos manden de lo alto, como lluvia, y las nubes descarguen la justicia. Que se abra la tierra y produzca su fruto, que es la salvación, y al mismo tiempo florezca la justicia, porque soy yo, Yavé, quien lo envió” (Isaías 45:8). Y en la visita de María a su prima Isabel, el Evangelio nos narra el feliz encuentro entre las dos mujeres comprometidas con Dios en la salvación del mundo. *“¡Bendita tú eres entre las mujeres y bendito el fruto de tu vientre! ¿Cómo he merecido yo que venga a mí la madre de mi Señor? Apenas llegó tu saludo a mis oídos, el niño saltó de alegría en mis entrañas.*

¡Dichosa tú por haber creído que se cumplirían las promesas del Señor! (Lucas 1:42-46). Inmediatamente, María proclama lo que conocemos como el Magnificat, oración de la tarde, Vísperas en la Liturgia de las Horas. No necesitamos hacer grandes cosas para agradar a Dios en esta Navidad, él espera tan solo que lo busquemos en los enfermos, en los ancianos y en los más débiles de la sociedad. Y no hay que ir muy lejos, están a nuestro lado, en la misma familia. Sabemos perfectamente que a Dios le gusta realizar cosas grandes partiendo de lo pequeño. El ejemplo claro son María e Isabel, mujeres sencillas e insignificantes ante los ojos de la sociedad de su tiempo. Pero, grandes ante Dios por su fe y confianza en que se cumplirían los designios de Dios en ellas. Preparémonos como María con humildad y sencillez para recibir al Salvador que va a nacer.

Christmas Wish List for Updates to St. Rita's Social Hall

- Ceramic Pans for the Kitchen
- 8 ft. Rectangular Banquet Tables
- 60 in. Round Tables

The St. Rita year-end Christmas Wish List is to assist us in keeping our parish updated. If you are interested in donating toward or purchasing one of these items please contact the parish office at 503.252.3403.

Readings for the week of December 22, 2024

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a | Heb 10:5-10 | Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 | Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 | Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5 | Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 | Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6 | (Lk 2:11) | Ti 2:11-14 | Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12 | Ti 3:4-7 | Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10 | Heb 1:1-6 | Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 | Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4 | Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 | Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 | 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 | Lk 2:41-52

Observances for the week of December 22, 2024

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Tuesday: Christmas Eve

Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord

Thursday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Friday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Saturday: The Holy Innocents, martyrs

Next Sunday: The Holy Family



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

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



December 24, Tues

7:45am

5:30pm

8:00pm

Gloria Ochoa (healing)

+Mary Xuan Le

+Francis Chi Huynh

+Amada Acosta Zapien

December 25, Wed

Midnight

10:00am

All Souls in Purgatory

+Marylin Heikkila

December 26, Thu

+Joseph Nguyen Huynh

December 27, Fri

+Joseph Toan Huynh

Mary Vong Nguyen

(102nd Birthday)

December 28, Saturday

5:30pm

+Teresa Vien Nguyen

December 29, Sunday

7:30am

10:00am

12:00pm

+Joseph Giap Nguyen

+Anna Tuyen Nguyen

For the People

Stewardship

Offertory Update F.Y. 2024-25:

| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| September | \$23,837.93 | \$21,666.67 |
| October | \$20,819.50 | \$21,666.67 |
| November | \$22,154.49 | \$21,666.67 |

| Jul'24-Nov'24 | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | \$106,114.75 | \$108,333.35 |

| <u>Over/Under</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| \$2,218.60 | 97.95% |

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. December 22: 4th Sunday of Advent

No Faith Formation

Mon. December 23: No Mass

Tue. December 24: Mass 7:45am

Christmas Pageant 5:00pm

Christmas Eve Masses 5:30pm, 8pm, Midnight

No Confirmation Class

Wed. December 25: Christmas Day Mass: 10am

Office Closed

Thur. December 26: Mass at 7:45am

Office closed

Fri. December 27: Mass 7:45am

Sat. December 28: Mass 5:30pm

Food pantry Closed

Sun. December 29: THE HOLY FAMILY

No Faith Formation Classes

Subscribe to Our Email List

Name: _____

Email: _____

Cut and drop it in the offertory basket