



St. Rita Catholic Church

7th Sunday on Ordinary Time | February 23, 2025

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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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Office Hours

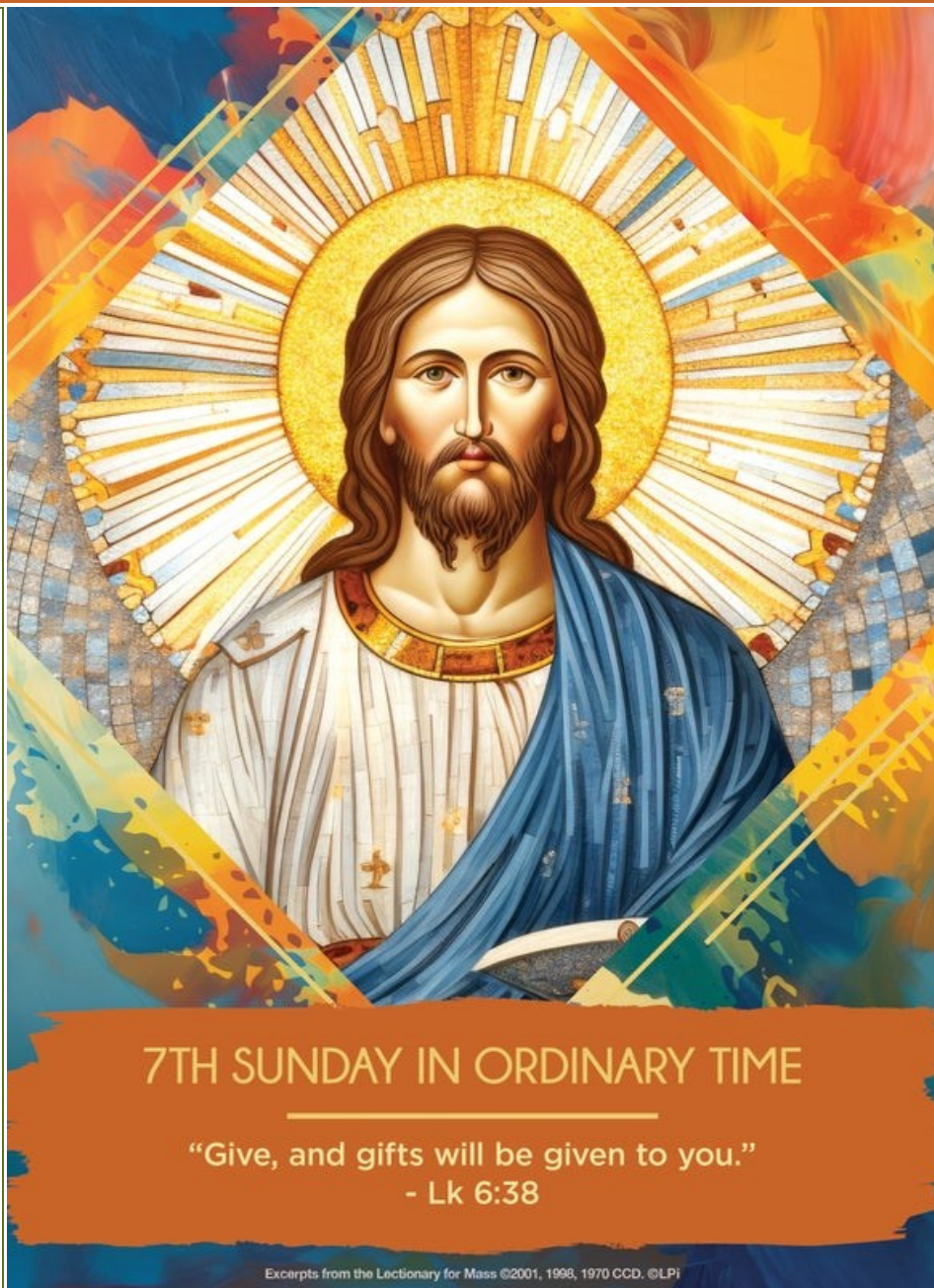
Monday-Thursday

9:00AM to 2:00PM

Sacramental Emergency Only

After Office Hours:

Call 503-908-4659



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you."

- Lk 6:38

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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

MARDI GRAS PARISH APPRECIATION PARTY

We want to Thank You for being a part of our St. Rita Community. Please join us for lunch including music by The New Iberians in the Parish hall. **Sunday, March 2 at 1PM.** All Parishioners are welcomed.

ST.VINCENT de PAUL

This month the Pantry needs are **canned tuna, crackers, canned fruit, mac & cheese, ramen noodles and dish soap** . 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. Thank you for your continued generosity to our Food Pantry.



ST. RITA RUMMAGE SALE MAY 30-31

We're having another rummage sale this year and we need your donations! We'll take items that are in good condition - vintage, tchotchkes, tools, books (fiction ONLY), furniture in good condition that's not super dated, kitchen items, art and craft supplies, jewelry, 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 raised will be used to continue to renovate St. Rita's social hall bathrooms.

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 **March 10, 2025 at 6:30pm in the REC** (in the back of the church) For more information Contact the Women's Guild President: Evelyn Johnson 559-786-2199.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All men 18 y/o and older and wanting to be a Knight, join the next meeting on **Thursday, March 13, at 6pm in the RE Center.** Rosary begins at 5:45pm in the REC.



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**

Faith Formation

AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE DIVINE MERCY OF JESUS

Join us for an evening of reflection on *Jesus and the Sacrament of Reconciliation – Confession* with our Faith Formation Coordinator, John Johnson on Wednesday February 26, at 6:30PM – 7:30PM in the Parish hall. Bring your Bible.

OCIA 2025

Please keep in your prayers several of our children and adults who will be going through the Rite of Sending and Rite of Election this March 2 & 9 respectively. They are preparing to receive their sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

LENT 2025



Ash Wednesday
March 5!

Masses:
7:45am(English)
7:00pm (Bilingual)

Stations of the Cross (Lenten Fridays)

6:00pm English
7:00pm Spanish

INFORMATION DIRECTORY AT ST. RITA

Baptism. Infant 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. Baptism classes are available in English & Spanish.

Marriage. A minimum of six months is needed for the marriage preparation. Couple needs to contact Fr. Tetzl for the initial marriage interview. Marriage classes are available in English & Spanish.

Homebound Ministry. For parishioners who can no longer come to Mass due to illness or mobility issues, we have ministers who can bring Holy Communion to them. Contact the office for more information.

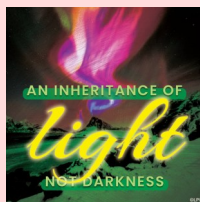
Quinceñera. There are no Quinceñera Masses at St. Rita but are "blessings" or celebration outside of Mass. Contact the parish office for more information. For parishioners only.

Facilities Rental. The Parish Hall and RE Center Hall are available for rental. However, due to security concerns, they are only available for rent during the day and are primarily available for parishioners. For more information, contact parish office.

MEDITATION

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.



But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect that perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of God's life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.

— Father John Muir

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of February 23, 2025

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, | 1 Cor 15:45-49 | Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Sir 1:1-10 | Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11 | Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19 | Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8 | Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17 | Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15 | Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7 | 1 Cor 15:54-58 | Lk 6:39-45

Observances for the week of February 23, 2025

Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

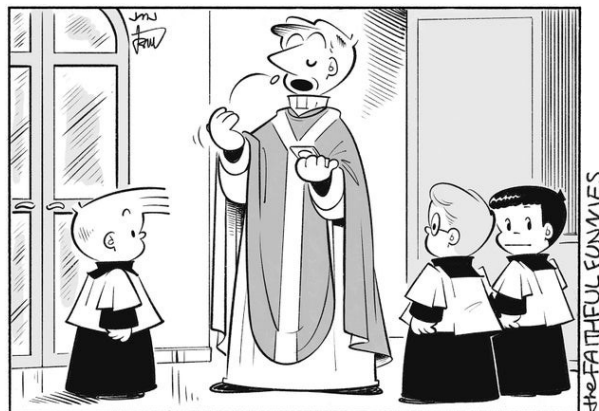
7º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



Hoy el Evangelio nos propone una catequesis de amor que obliga a estirar el corazón, para rendir al máximo al pedido de Jesús. Nos impulsa a pensar distinto, a interesarnos por los demás. Llama al perdón, a la nobleza, la humildad y, lo más importante, a saber, compartir lo que poseemos materialmente y darse uno mismo. Es algo difícil lo que pide el Señor en este pasaje del Evangelio. Eso, de amar a los enemigos, hacer el bien a quien no nos quiere, de orar por los que nos persiguen, es fuera de serie, no se usa en la sociedad actual. Y agrega Jesús lo siguiente: "Traten a los demás como quieren que ellos les traten a ustedes" (Lucas 6:31). No se trata de que estemos siempre con la cabeza baja y humillados, mas bien se trata de luchar por la justicia, de no entrar en la violencia de tú me la haces, entonces, yo te respondo igual.

"Porque si ustedes aman a los que los aman, ¿Qué merito tienen? Hasta los malos aman a los que los aman (Lucas 6:32). Por el contrario, bendecir a los amigos y enemigos es lo que nos hace dignos hijos e hijas de Dios. Pidamos el don de perdonar, de no ser vengativos, de tener un corazón de compasión, rebotante de ternura para hacer el bien. "Sean compasivos como es compasivo el Padre de ustedes" (Lucas 6:36). Ser semejantes al que siempre es bueno con nosotros. ¡Ese es el reto a cumplir!

"How is a priest required to freshen his breath before Mass?"



"With a vestMINT."



When celebrating the Sacrifice of the Mass, priests wear special garments known as vestments. They wear the Amice, the Alb, the Cincture, the Stole, and finally the Chasuble, the colorful outer garment.

OLPI



Constantino Martinez Martinez
 Joseph Panowicz
 Frances Gasca
 Sergio Aguilera
 Jo Betich
 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
 Norma Lopez
 Keith Parker
 Ken Dobos
 Clementina Garcia

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



February 25, Tues Souls in Purgatory
February 26, Wed +George and Petronilla Krantz
February 27, Thu Souls in Purgatory
February 28, Fri
March 1, Saturday
5:30pm For the People
March 2, Sunday
7:30am +Souls in Purgatory
10:00am +Souls in Purgatory
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>
November	\$22,154.49	\$21,666.67
December	\$33,879.48	\$21,666.67
January	\$19,921.24	\$21,666.67
July'24-Jan'25	<u>Actual</u> \$159,915.47	<u>Budget</u> \$151,666.69
	<u>Over/Under</u> \$8,248.78	<u>Percentage</u> 105.44%

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. February.23: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Food Sale 8:30am-2pm

Faith Formation 11am REC & OCIA 2pm

Mon.February.24: No Mass

Tue.February:25: Mass 7:45am

Confirmation Class 6:30pm REC

Wed.February.26: Mass 7:45am

Jesus in the Sacrament 6:30pm-7:30pm Hall

Thur.February.27: Mass 7:45am

OCIA 6:30pm REC

Fri.February.28: Mass 7:45am

Sat.March.1: Mass 5:30pm

Food Pantry 10am—12pm

Sun.March.2: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation & OCIA 2pm

Mardi Gras 1pm Parish Hall