



# St. Rita Catholic Church

5th Sunday of Easter | May 18, 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

Rosary at 7:15 am

## Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00PM-5:00PM

(or by appointment)

## Pastor/Párroco

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## Office Hours

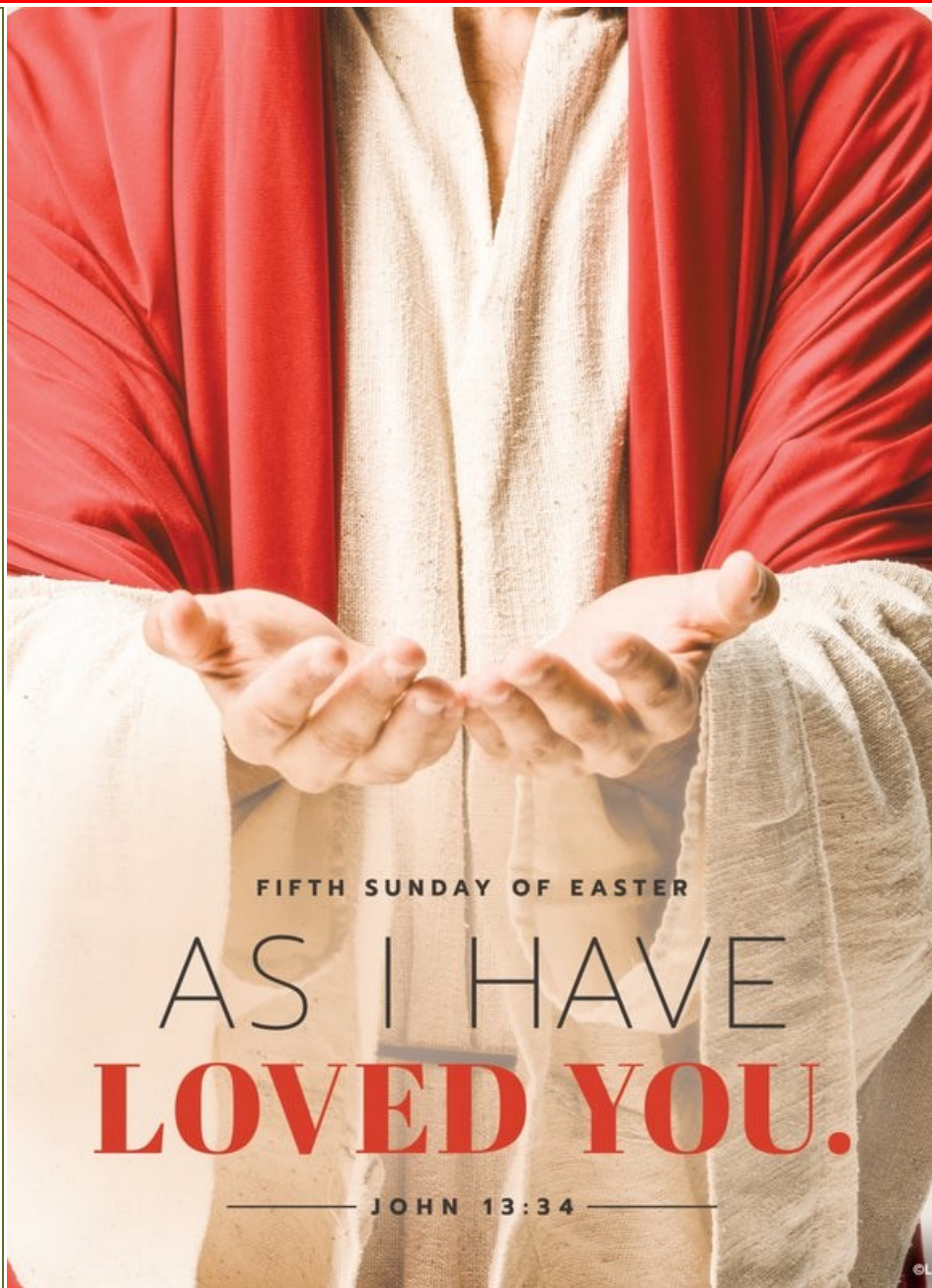
Monday-Thursday

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



*Join us in celebrating the Feast of  
St. Rita, our Patron  
May 22 | 7:45AM & 6:30PM (bilingual)  
Reception in the Parish Hall after the  
6:30pm Mass*

### ST.VINCENT de PAUL

This month, we can use **pasta, condiments, canned black or pinto beans, baking mixes, granola bars and toothpaste**. 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. And, as always, thank you to all of you who continue to support our pantry with food items and/or money. We also benefit from the deposit on returnable bottles and cans. That money is used to supplement our fresh produce needs.

### 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 **June 9, 2025 at 6:30pm in the REC** (in the back of the church) **June's Circle is Little Flower**. 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 Wednesday, **May 28, in the Parish Hall**. Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of every month. Food and drinks 5-5:30pm, Rosary begins at 5:45pm and meeting begins at 6:15pm.

## Faith Formation

A Huge *Thank You* to all our catechists and aides for their faithfulness in this very important work of Faith Formation, in forming disciples of Jesus. To anyone who is inspired to be part of this wonderful team, kindly approach Fr. Tetzl or John Johnson.

### *Youth Confirmations*

*at St. Peter Catholic Church | May 29 at 6:30 PM*

Many many thanks to Abbie and Joshua Clark, our Confirmation catechists for many years. We are planning to form a Year 2 Confirmation team this coming Faith Formation Year 2025-2026. If you feel called to be part of the Confirmation team, let Fr. Tetzl know. Thank you.

### 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)803-482**



ALL FUNDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE RENOVATIONS OF THE PARISH HALL



### *Yard Clean up*

*May 24 from 9am-12pm*

*Please join us if you're available. Many hands will make the work lighter and faster. Thank You.*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### 5th Sunday of Easter

#### A New Commandment: Love as I Have Loved You

An old priest once said, “Christianity is not rocket science—it’s harder.” Why? Because Christianity doesn’t just ask us to believe certain truths—it calls us to live them out in love. And not just any kind of love, but a love modeled on Jesus Himself. In today’s Gospel (John 13:31–35), Jesus gives us a commandment that sounds simple but is incredibly demanding: *“Love one another as I have loved you.”*

This moment takes place at the Last Supper, just after Judas leaves to betray Jesus. With the cross just hours away, Jesus does not speak of revenge or fear. He speaks of glory. “Now is the Son of Man glorified,” He says. Why? Because He knows that love expressed through sacrifice—love that endures suffering—is the doorway to true glory. As we often say: “No cross, no crown.”

Jesus then gives His disciples what He calls “a new commandment.” Love, of course, is not a new concept—the Old Testament commanded it too. What’s new is the measure of love: *“as I have loved you.”* Jesus is raising the bar from loving our neighbor as ourselves to loving others as *He* loved us—completely, unconditionally, and sacrificially. This kind of love forgives, serves, and endures. It’s not a feeling; it’s a decision. Not sentimental, but cruciform.

Today, we joyfully celebrate with 29 of our young parishioners as they receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time. What a fitting day for them to encounter the One who is Love Himself. In receiving Communion, they are not only receiving Jesus—they are being invited to live like Jesus. Every Eucharist is both a gift and a mission: to become what we receive. For our First Communicants, this is a beautiful beginning of a lifelong journey of faith, service, and love.

The saints show us what this kind of love looks like in real life. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux once said, “I understood that love comprises all vocations... My vocation is love.” She didn’t do big, dramatic things. She simply loved deeply in small, everyday ways. Saint Maximilian Kolbe offered his life in place of another man’s at Auschwitz—a radical imitation of Christ’s love. Mother Teresa reminds us: “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

Love like this changes the world—but first, it must change our hearts. Jesus said, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples: if you love one another.” Not by how often we go to church, not by how many prayers we say, but by how we treat each other. In our families, it might mean listening more patiently. In our parish, it could mean showing kindness to someone we find difficult. In our world, it might mean standing up for the forgotten or choosing mercy over judgment.

Today, let’s ask ourselves:

- Do I love only when it’s easy, or even when it’s hard?
- Is my love visible in action—at home, at work, online?

What new step can I take this week to love someone as Jesus does?

And especially to our First Communicants: Jesus is now even closer to you. Let Him teach you how to love. Let Him be your strength when it’s hard, and your joy when it’s easy.

Let us all pray for the grace to love not only in word, but with our lives. May others recognize us as disciples of Jesus by the way we love. And may today’s celebration renew in all of us the desire to love like Christ—sincerely, sacrificially, and joyfully. Amen.

-Deacon Paul

## MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

### V Domingo de Pascua



La palabra amor está muy trillada, es usada con mucha facilidad en nuestro lenguaje. Al decirla, quizá no pensamos en lo profundo de esta palabra. Hacemos tantas promesas de amor falsas. A la esposa, al esposo, a los hijos, a los amigos y a

tanta gente le decimos que la amamos cuando en realidad no es cierto. En este Domingo de Pascua, Jesús nuevamente lanza su invitación al amor, a dar la vida por el ser amado.

*“Les doy un mandamiento nuevo: que se amen los unos a los otros. Ustedes deben amarse unos a otros como yo los he amado” (Juan 13:34).* Y agrega una frase más para que quede bien cimentado en nuestros corazones el significado de la palabra amor: *“En esto reconocerán todos que son mis discípulos: en que se aman unos a otros” (Juan 13:35).*

Esto es el amor evangélico; esto distingue mucho el significado de decir simplemente la palabra amor. El amor evangélico se vive en las dificultades más difíciles de la vida. Cuando los percances nos obligan a hacer cosas, aunque no queramos. Para así glorificarte en el sufrimiento de cualquier índole. Esta es la entrega que sublima tu Evangelio. Así es como se va aprendiendo a amar: la vida nos enseña a girar el corazón al amor. Reflexiona en lo siguiente: ¿En qué área de tu vida has experimentado el amor de Jesús? Si Jesús te dijera: “ama como yo te he amado”, ¿cuál sería tu respuesta? En concreto, solo Jesús puede ayudarnos a renovar nuestra forma de amar a los demás.

#### Readings for the week of May 18, 2025

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27 | Rv 21:1-5a | Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18 | Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28 | Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6 | Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21 | Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31 | Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 | Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 | Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 | Jn 14:23-29

#### Observances for the week of May 18, 2025

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

Tuesday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Wednesday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter



## Pray For...

Don Whelgem  
Kelle Whelgem  
Terry Carr-Wilson  
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  
Lydia Manibusan Manglona  
Casey Yager  
Cinda Soliz  
Monica Brandt  
Keith Parker  
Ken Dobos  
Clementina Garcia



## THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

**Sun. May.18:** 5th Sunday of Easter

**Mon.May.19:** No Mass

**Tue.May.20:** Mass 7:45am

**Confirmation Class 6:30pm**

**Wed.May.21:** Mass 7:45am

**Thur.May.22:** Mass 7:45am

**St. Rita Mass 7:45am Eng 6:30pm Bilingual**

**Potluck after 6:30pm Mass in the hall**

**Fri.May.23:** Mass 7:45am

**Sat.May.24:** Food Pantry 10am – 12pm

**Yard clean up 9am-12pm**

Confessions at 4pm

Mass at 5:30pm

**Sun.May.25:** 6th Sunday of Easter



**May 20, Tues** +Maria Pham  
**May 21, Wed** +Christian Soto and Enrique Soto  
**May 22, Thu** +Gilda Pacis Nera  
**May 23, Fri** +Christian Soto and Enrique Soto  
+Luiza Fernandes

**May 24, Saturday**

**5:30pm**

*For the People*

**May 25, Sunday**

**7:30am**

+Marissa Barron

**10:00am**

+Carmelita de la Cruz

**12:00pm**

+Christian Soto and Enrique Soto

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>
February	\$19,277.19	\$21,666.67
March	\$25,109.61	\$21,666.67
April	\$26,531.70	\$21, 666.67
July'24-Apr'25	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$230,833.97	\$216,666.67
	<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	\$14,167.27	106.54%

### Collection for May 10 & 11

Offertory	\$4,486.27
Online Given	\$1,187.00
Parish Improvement	\$160.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$120.00

Thank you for your generous support of St. Rita Parish. To donate online, go to our parish website [stritapdx.org](http://stritapdx.org) and click the **Online Giving** button to access our safe online giving portal.

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Second Collection coming up  
May 25 – Catholic Charities  
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**Thank you for Supporting the  
Archbishop's Catholic Appeal 2025**

St. Rita Parish Goal: \$25,000.00