



St. Rita Catholic Church

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 28, 2025

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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30PM
Sunday: 7:30AM; 10:00AM
12:30PM 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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Deacon/Diácono

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Parish Staff

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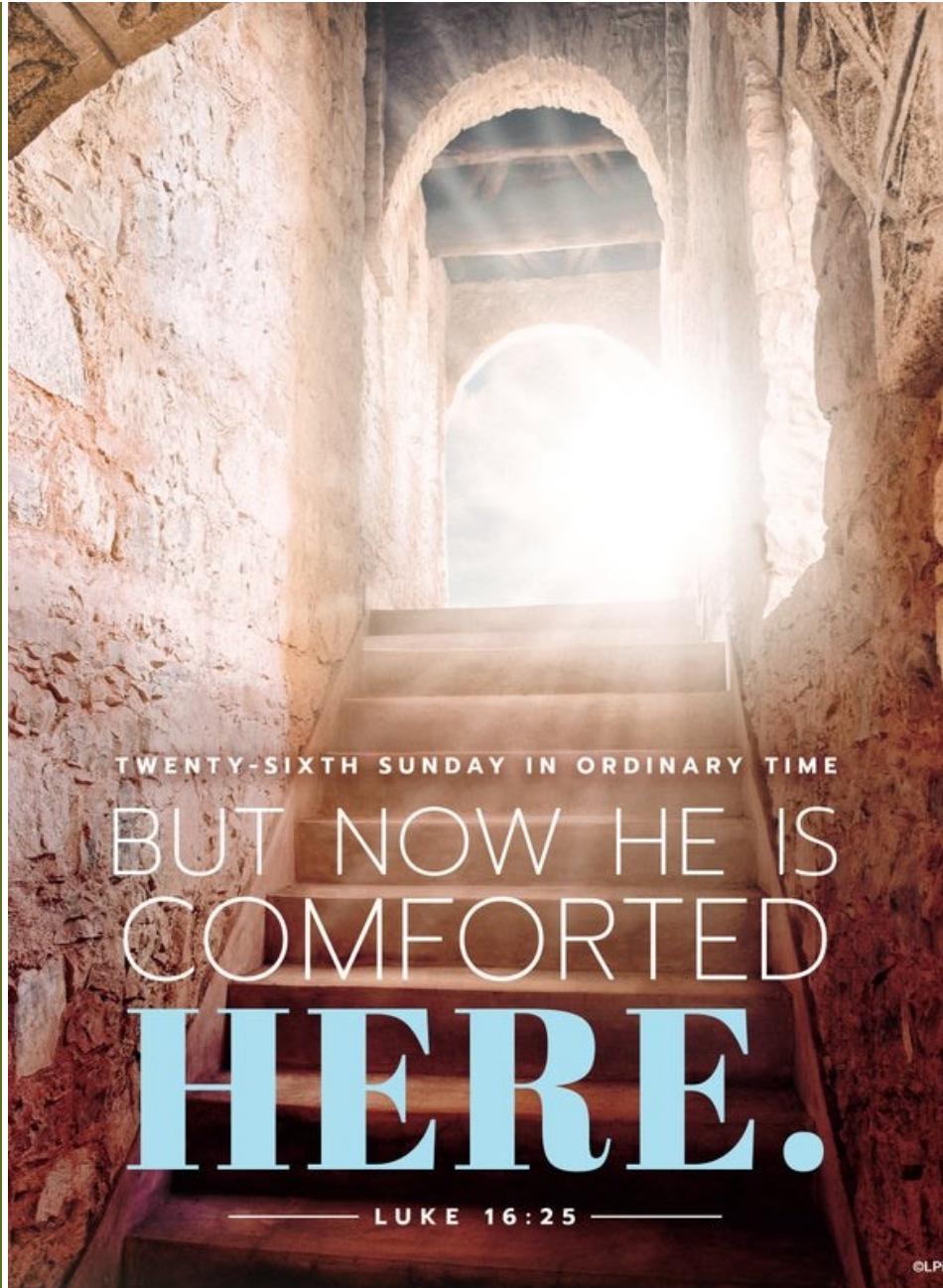
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Office Hours

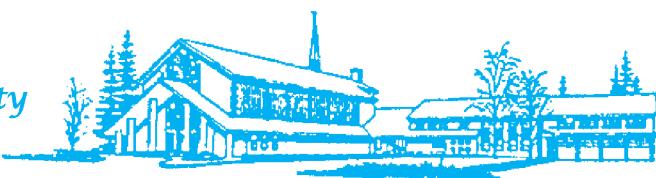
Monday-Thursday
9:00AM to 3:00PM

Sacramental Emergency Only

After Office Hours:
Call 503-908-4659



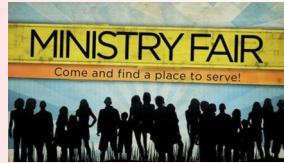
We are a people called to be Christ for one another through Prayer, Eucharist, Community Involvement and Social Justice



Parish Updates

St. Rita's Ministry Fair

Come and see what ministries we have and if you would like to join one. October 4 & 5 After the Saturday 5:30pm Mass, the 10am Mass and the 12:30pm Mass in the parish hall. For more information contact the parish office (503) 252-3403.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This month, we can use dry pasta, canned or dry soup, crackers/cookies, rice, coffee and razors. 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.

Please note: We are not able to use clothing donations due to our limited space. If you would like to donate clothing/shoes, please take them to PACS, 11020 NE Hasley ST., or the St Vincent de Paul Thrift store, 17108 SE Powell. Thank you.

Calling all Bakers and Makers!

St. Rita Women's Guild is hosting our Fall Bazaar on Friday - Saturday, November 7-8. If you are a crafter or artist and would like to rent a table to sell your wares, please contact Ann Ezell at (503) 989-8147 or ann.ezell@icloud.com. The Guild also has a Boutique and a Baked Goods table where Guild members sell items that we make. If you would like to donate items to be sold, please contact Evelyn Johnson at (559)786-22199 or ehjohnson0309@yahoo.com. All proceeds are used to benefit St. Rita Church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 15, in the Parish Hall.** Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Starting at 5:30pm for Officers and general meeting at 6:30pm till 7pm

Bingo night by the Knights of Columbus today at 4:30pm in the Parish Hall



Faith Formation

FOOD SALE FUNDRAISING

There will be a food sale on Sunday, October 12 From 8am onwards

Food to be sold include Vietnamese Beef stew, chicken flautas plate, tamales, esquites, gelatin, & tres leches cake.

Faith Formation registrations are now CLOSED!

Children's Liturgy of the Word(10am Mass)

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES START TODAY AFTER THE 10AM MASS! IN THE RE CENTER

YEAR 2 CONFIRMATION SESSIONS START TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 6:30PM-8PM IN THE RE CENTER

OCIA CLASSES ARE THURSDAYS 6:30PM - 8:00PM IN THE RE (BEHIND CHURCH) PLEASE ARRIVE BY 6:15PM

BIBLE STUDY – ONLINE!

Join us for weekly bible study. It is held on Zoom every Tuesday 6pm—7pm. The current topic is Isaiah. For more information, call: **Greg Ennis (503)803-4829**

INFORMATION DIRECTORY AT ST. RITA

Baptism. Infant Baptisms at St. Rita Parish are generally celebrated on the last Sunday of the month during the Sunday Masses. For inquiries on the baptism classes and other procedures, contact John Johnson at john.johnson@archdppdx.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. Tetzel for the initial marriage interview. Marriage classes are available in English & Spanish.

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

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.

Facilities Rental. The Parish Hall and RE Center Hall are available for rental. However, due to security concerns, they are rented during the **DAY ONLY**.

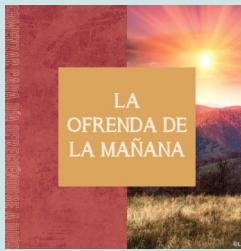
MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

XXVI Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Un abismo enorme sigue existiendo entre la línea del pobre y del rico, entre los Lázarus y los ricos de nuestro tiempo. ¿Quiénes son? ¿Dónde están? Están mezclados, porque existen ricos tan pobres que no los conocemos; ellos, de su riqueza, comparten sus bienes calladamente con quienes los necesitan. Y podemos encontrar pobres tan ricos por su modo de vivir egoístamente y por almacenar rencor en su corazón.

"Además, entre ustedes y nosotros hay un abismo tremendo, de tal manera que los que quieran cruzar desde aquí hasta ustedes no pueden hacerlo, y tampoco lo pueden hacer del lado de ustedes al nuestro" (Lucas 16:26). Aquí se trata de interiorizar la Palabra de Dios y darnos cuenta de que estamos representados en los dos personajes. Y lo importante es ayudar a la gente en sus diferentes necesidades, no hacernos sordos, como si no ocurriera nada.

San Agustín, en su Sermón 33 sobre el Antiguo Testamento, dice lo siguiente: "Escucha el evangelio, mira y examina los pensamientos de los dos hombres de la parábola: Había un hombre rico que se vestía de púrpura y lino y banqueteaba espléndidamente cada día... En cambio, un mendigo llamado Lázaro yacía a la entrada de su casa. No mencionó el nombre del rico, pero sí dijo el nombre del pobre. Dios calló el nombre del que andaba en boca de todos, mientras que mencionó el nombre del que todos callaban". ¿Crees que Dios menciona tu nombre? ¡O crees que lo calla?



Readings for the week of September 28, 2025

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7 | 1 Tm 6:11-16 | Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab | Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23 | Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8 | Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458) | Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Bar 1:15-22 | Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 | Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 | 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 | Lk 17:5-10

Observances for the week of September 28, 2025

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

Monday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Tuesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Saturday: St. Francis of Assisi

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Meditation for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C Introduction

In today's Gospel, Jesus paints a vivid scene of two men: one clothed in purple and fine linen, feasting every day, and another, a poor man named Lazarus, covered in sores and longing for crumbs from the rich man's table. At first glance, this seems like a simple morality tale about being charitable. But Jesus' story digs far deeper—into the eternal consequences of ignoring God's call to love the poor, into the dangers of complacency, and into the urgency of listening to His Word now.

The famous Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said:

"The rich man was not condemned because he was rich, but because he loved no one but himself."

Our readings today challenge us not simply to avoid cruelty, but to guard against the subtle sin of indifference—turning a blind eye to those whom God places at our gate.

First Reading – Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Amos delivers a sharp rebuke to the complacent leaders of Israel who live in luxury while the nation decays morally and spiritually. He warns that those "lying upon beds of ivory" will be the first to go into exile. Prosperity without compassion and without repentance becomes a curse, not a blessing.

Gospel – Luke 16:19-31

In Jesus' parable, the rich man's sin is not actively abusing Lazarus, but ignoring him. He sees Lazarus every day—right outside his gate—but does nothing. Even in the afterlife, he still sees Lazarus as someone to send on errands rather than as a brother.

The dialogue with Abraham emphasizes that salvation hinges not on spectacular miracles but on listening to "Moses and the prophets," which means obeying God's Word while we still have time.

Second Reading – 1 Timothy 6:11-16

St. Paul urges Timothy to "pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness" and to "fight the good fight of the faith." This is the antidote to the rich man's laziness: a life of active virtue, directed toward God and service to others.

Application to Our Life

The "Lazarus" at our gate may not be a beggar with sores. It could be:

- A lonely neighbor who longs for someone to talk to.
- A family member estranged from us.
- A co-worker quietly struggling with depression.
- A refugee family in need of a new start.

The challenge is to notice and act. Spiritual blindness can be worse than physical blindness, because we can walk past suffering every day without seeing it.

St. John Chrysostom warned:

"Not to share our own wealth with the poor is theft from the poor and deprivation of their means of life."

This week, the Lord calls us to examine not just what we do, but what we ignore. Are we seeking comfort while neglecting the demands of mercy? Are we relying on the hope of a "later" conversion that may never come?

Summary of Today's Theme

God has placed "Lazarus" at each of our gates—not to burden us, but to save us. Salvation is not just about avoiding evil, but about actively loving. The Word of God is already given to us; the time to respond is now.

Three Points to Take Home

1. Indifference kills love – The sin of the rich man was ignoring, not harming. Neglect is as deadly as cruelty.

2. God's Word is enough – We don't need miracles to know what to do; Scripture already calls us to love and justice.

3. Act now, not later – Our eternal destiny is shaped by the choices we make today toward the people God places before us.

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

—Deacon Paul Pham



Pray For...

Don Wilhelm
 Kelle Wilhelm
 Terry Carr-Wilson
 Frances Gasca
 Sergio Aguilera
 Jo Betich
 Dottie Griffin
 Gary & Liz Heckman
 Barbara Nisbet
 Felisa & Domingo Umingli
 Antonio B. Gonzales
 Daniel Lopez
 Lydia Manibusan Manglona
 Cinda Soliz
 Monica Brandt
 Keith Parker
 Ken Dobos
 Clementina Garcia



We pray for the eternal repose of the soul of **Judith Martell**. May she now rest in the eternal peace of God's kingdom in heaven.

THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

Sun. Sept.28: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Faith Formation Classes 11:10am- 12:20pm in the RE

Mon. September.29: No Mass

Tue. September:30: Mass 7:45am
 Confirmation Year 2 6:30pm in the RE

Wed.October.01: Mass 7:45am

Thur.October.02: Mass 7:45am

Fri.October.03: Mass 7:45am
 Adoration until 10am

Sat.October.04: Food Pantry 10am – 12pm
 Confessions at 4pm
 Mass at 5:30pm
 Ministry Fair after 5:30 Mass in the Parish Hall

Sun.October.05: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Ministry Fair after the 10am & 12:30 Mass

Mass Intentions

September 30, Tues	Patricia Haller
October 01, Wed	Souls in Purgatory
October 02, Thu	Souls in Purgatory
October 03, Fri	All souls in the Dang's family
October 04, Saturday 5:30pm	All souls in the Pham's family
October 05, Sunday 7:30am	+Anna Rutigliano
10:00am	The Women's Guild
12:30pm	For the people

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. 2025-2026:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
July	\$24,334.02	\$22,500.00
August	\$25,872.51	\$22,500.00
July'25-Aug'25	<u>Actual</u> \$24,334.02	<u>Budget</u> \$22,500.00
	<u>Over/Under</u> \$5,206.53	<u>Percentage</u> 111.57%

Collection for September 6 & 7

Offertory	\$4,295.00
Online Given	\$1,175.50
Parish Improvement	\$120.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$180.00

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

Second Collection Today
 September 28, 2025

Archdiocesan Seminarian Appeal