



# St. Rita Catholic Church

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 19, 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

Fr. Tetzel Umingli  
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## Deacon/Diácono

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## Parish Staff

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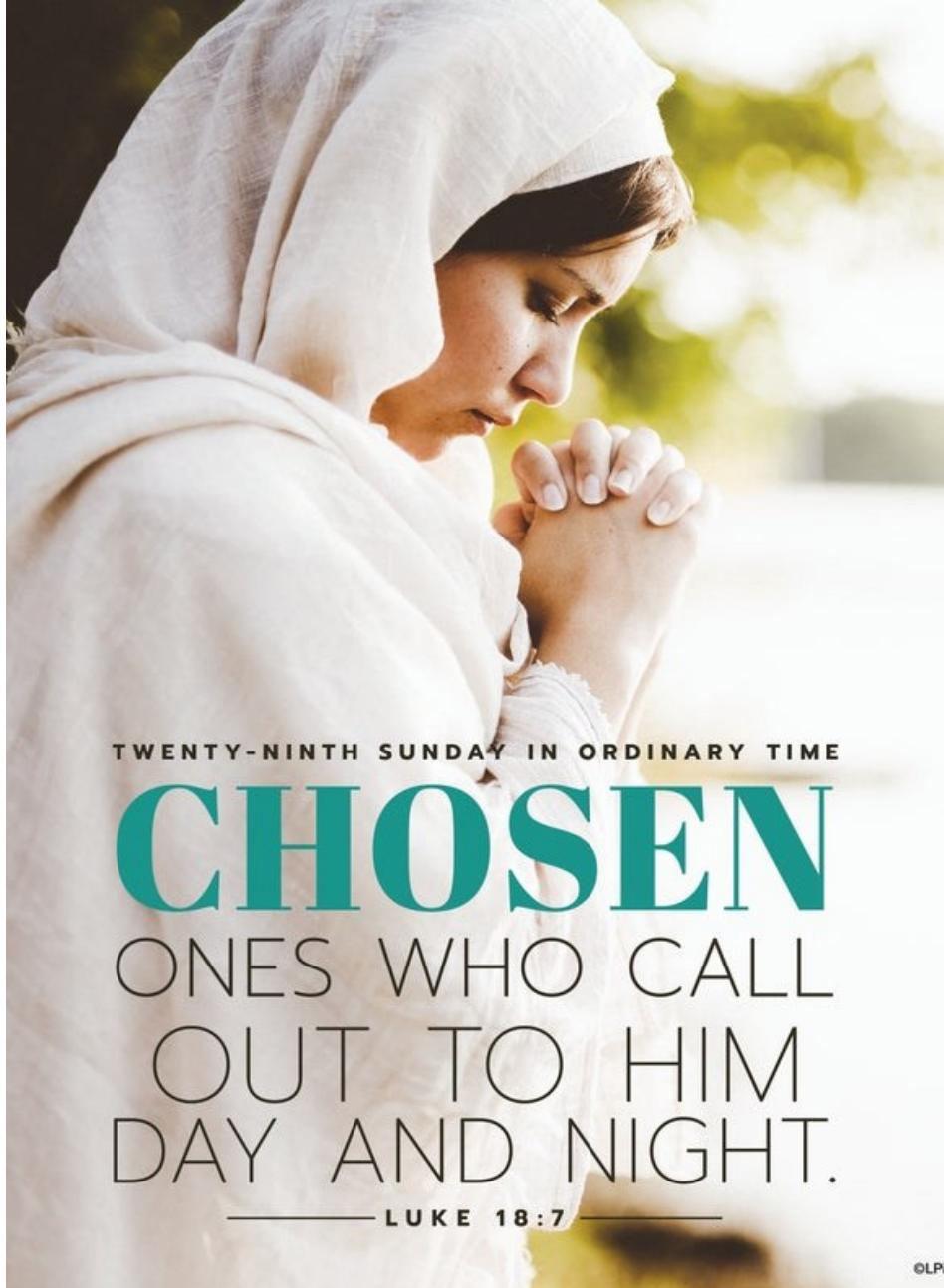
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## Office Hours

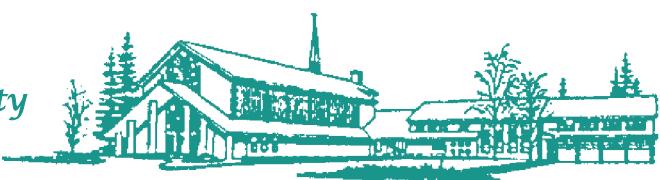
Monday-Thursday  
9:00AM to 3:00PM

## 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

Thank you to all that made the Food Sale possible! We raised \$4,470.00 Thank You!



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We now begin collecting food for our Christmas Food Boxes distributed on December 20th to 80-100 households in our area. This collection of food helps us to provide what a family will need for Christmas breakfast and dinner. Your contributions of non-perishable items enable us to focus on the purchase of fresh and perishable items for those families. The items we need are Canned

Chicken Broth, Olives, Canned mushroom soup, Hot chocolate mix, Jam/Jelly, Coffee Cake Mix, Boxed Pasta Salad Mix, Pancake mix and/or syrup and Christmas Candy.

### St. Rita Women's Guild

is hosting our Fall Bazaar on Friday - Saturday, November 7-8 from 9 AM to 4 PM. If you have Baked Goods or Boutique items to donate, please bring them on Thursday, Nov. 6 between 10 AM and 2 PM. Our vendors are selling a variety of homemade and quality goods. We also serve tasty breakfast and lunches at our Cafe. Please plan on visiting the Bazaar, and tell your friends too! Questions? Contact Evelyn Johnson at (559)786-2199 or [ehjohnson0309@yahoo.com](mailto:ehjohnson0309@yahoo.com)



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 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

### 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 **November 13, 2025 at 6:30pm in the REC (in the back of the church)**

## Faith Formation

We have 68 children registered in Faith Formation and 14 adults registered in OCIA. Please keep them in your prayers.

We are also looking for sponsors to walk with the adult candidates in the OCIA program as well as our youth Confirmation Year 2. If you are interested please contact

John Johnson (503)252-3403 X 104  
[john.johnson@archdpdx.org](mailto:john.johnson@archdpdx.org)

### 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**

### **Pictorial Directories are here!**

**You can pick up yours in the Parish Office. The fee is \$5 if you did not have your picture taken.**

**“Love is never defeated.”**

St. John Paul II

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### **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@archdpdx.org](mailto: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. 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 XXIX Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La forma de actuar de Dios es muy diferente a la nuestra. A veces, con nuestras súplicas, queremos moldear a nuestro modo el actuar de Dios. Es por eso que muchas veces se pierde la esperanza: porque deseamos que las cosas sucedan cuando queremos y como queremos. Sin embargo, la Palabra de Dios nos invita a ser perseverantes en la oración: *"Predica la Palabra, insiste a tiempo y a destiempo, corrige, reprende y exhorta con toda paciencia y doctrina"* (2 Timoteo 4:2).

En lo que respecta a la injusticia, se necesita una tenacidad descomunal; es decir, no desmayar ante las adversidades, como lo demuestran los personajes de la parábola de hoy. San Efrén (306–373), en su Comentario al Diatesarón, escribe: "De hecho, la perseverancia de la viuda humilló la iniquidad del juez rebelde a Dios y la insolencia arrogante contra los hombres. La voluntad de la viuda las sometió, y de esta manera pudo encontrar justicia ante su adversario. La oración inoportuna transformó las dos ramas amargas para que dieran frutos dulces, ajenos a su naturaleza... El fruto de la justicia es la correcta atribución de los oprimidos, y el fruto de la bondad es el consuelo de los afligidos". Oremos hoy por todas las personas que buscan justicia, luchando día a día hasta encontrarla. Tengamos la seguridad de que Dios, en su infinita bondad, escucha sus ruegos, porque Él es justo y su misericordia no tiene límites.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A little boy once asked his grandmother: "Grandma, why do you keep praying every day? Doesn't God already know what you need?" The wise grandmother smiled and replied: "Yes, child, God knows. But prayer isn't about informing God—it's about transforming me."

Today's readings invite us into that same truth: prayer is the breath of our faith, the strength of our perseverance, and the anchor of our hope.

### **Gospel (Luke 18:1–8)**

Jesus tells us a parable about a persistent widow who kept pleading for justice from a judge who "neither feared God nor respected man." Her persistence finally wore down the unjust judge, who granted her request just to get her off his back.

If such a corrupt man could be moved by persistence, how much more will our loving Father respond to His children who cry out to Him day and night?

Jesus concludes with a sobering question: "When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?" (Lk 18:8). The parable is not simply about getting what we want, but about persevering in faith until the end, never losing heart in prayer.

**First Reading (Exodus 17:8–13):** Moses raises his hands in prayer as Israel battles Amalek. When his arms grow weary, Aaron and Hur support him. As long as his hands remain raised in prayer, Israel prevails. This teaches us that victory in life's struggles depends on unceasing prayer and the support of the faith community.

**Second Reading (2 Timothy 3:14–4:2):** Paul urges Timothy to remain steadfast in the Scriptures and to "proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient." The perseverance in teaching mirrors the perseverance in prayer.

Together, the readings show us: prayer sustains us in our battles, Scripture strengthens our faith, and persistence keeps us united with God's will.

· St. Monica prayed for over 20 years for the conversion of her son Augustine. Her perseverance bore fruit beyond her imagination—Augustine became a great saint and Doctor of the Church.

· Mother Teresa of Calcutta spent hours daily in prayer before serving the poorest of the poor. She often said, "I cannot spend one day without prayer."

### **Application to Our Life**

Like Moses, our arms often grow tired. We grow weary when prayers seem unanswered, when family struggles persist, when illness continues, when injustice seems to prevail. Yet Jesus tells us today: "Do not lose heart."

· When a parent keeps praying for a wayward child.

· When a sick person clings to prayer despite pain.

· When families pray the Rosary together, even amid busy lives. These are modern signs of faith Jesus seeks when He returns. Prayer is not about changing God's mind but about changing our hearts, giving us endurance and hope.

### **Conclusion & Take-Home Points**

Today, we are reminded that faith lives or dies through prayer. Prayer is our weapon, our shield, and our hope. The readings unite in one voice: Pray without ceasing, persevere in faith, trust in God's Word.

Three points to take home:

1. Prayer is persistence – Like the widow, never give up; God hears every prayer.

2. Prayer is power – Like Moses' uplifted arms, prayer brings strength and victory in life's battles.

3. Prayer is faith – It keeps us rooted in God until Christ returns, so that He will indeed find faith on earth.

Let us pray today for the grace of perseverance, so that we may never lose heart but always remain faithful in prayer.

**Deacon Paul Pham**

### **Readings for the week of October 19, 2025**

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13 | 2 Tm 3:14—4:2 | Lk 18:1-8

Monday: Rom 4:20-25 | Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 | Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 | Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23 | Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a | Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11 | Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 | Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 | Lk 18:9-14

### **Observances for the week of October 19, 2025**

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Monday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Wednesday: St. John Paul II, Pope

Thursday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Friday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Pray For...

Ana Mabeti Mateaki  
 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  
 Casey Yager



## THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

**Sun. Oct.19:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**2nd Collection**  
**Faith Formation 11:10am & parent meeting**  
**Mon.Oct.20:** No Mass  
**Tue.Oct.21:** Mass 7:45am  
**Confirmation Year 2 6:30pm – 8pm**  
**Wed.October.22:** Mass 7:45am  
**Thur.October.23:** Mass 7:45am  
**OCIA 6:30pm RE**  
**Fri.October.24:** Mass 7:45am  
**Sat.October.25:** Food Pantry 10am – 12pm  
     Confessions at 4pm  
     Mass at 5:30pm  
**Sun.October.26:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**No Faith Formation – Catechist Mtg**  
**SVdP Luncheon RE**



## Mass Intentions

October 21, Tues	+Leticia Orense Valdefiera
October 22, Wed	+Leticia Orense Valdefiera
October 23, Thu	+Leticia Orense Valdefiera
October 24, Fri	For the intentions of Kim Vu
October 25, Saturday 5:30pm	+Michael Le Tiep
October 26, Sunday 7:30am	Michele Thompson (surgery)
10:00am	For the people
12:30pm	For the Santiago Family

*Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to have Mass offered 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
September	\$22,126.36	\$22,500.00
July'25-Sept'25	<u>Actual</u> \$72,332.89	<u>Budget</u> \$67,500.00
	<u>Over/Under</u> \$4,832.89	<u>Percentage</u> 107.16%

### Collection for October 11 & 12

Offertory	\$3,743.17
Online Given	\$1,062.00
Parish Improvement	\$70.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$125.00

*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.*

### Upcoming Second Collection

*Collection for Archdiocese of Military Services*  
November 8 & 9, 2025