



# St. Rita Catholic Church

**Second Sunday of Advent | Dec. 7, 2025**

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## OUR MISSION

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



## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30PM

*Rosary 30 min before Mass*

Sunday: 7:30AM, 10:00AM

*Rosary 30 min before Mass*

12:30PM Spanish

*Rosario a las 11:45AM*

## WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday-Friday 7:45AM

*Rosary at 7:15am*

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 4:00pm- 5:00pm  
or by appointment

## Pastor/Parroco

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## PARISH STAFF

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday

9:00AM to 3:00PM

## SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY ONLY AFTER OFFICE HOURS

Call 503-908-4659

## Parish Updates

*Join us for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Friday, December 12. Mañanitas at 4:30am, Rosary, Mass at 5am followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.*



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We are 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.**

Bring your redeemable bottles and cans to help our Food Pantry raise money to feed our hungry neighbors. Between November 15 and December 1, the Bottle Drop where we redeem bottles and cans for cash is giving a 20% bonus for all returns. Bring your cans and bottles to Mass on Sunday, or to the Pantry on Wednesday or Saturday morning and help us raise our goal of \$2000. If you are a green bag user, you can donate your proceeds to the St. Rita Food Pantry for us. Thanks for your support!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday, **December 17**, in the parish hall. Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Starting at 5:30pm for Officers and general meeting at 6:30pm till 7:00pm



### 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 **December 8, 2025 at 6:30pm in the REC** (in the back of the church)

## Faith Formation

### Faith Formation Session Resumes Today

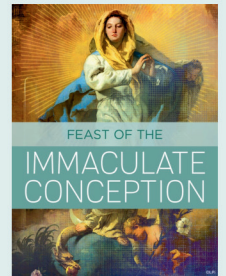
Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

*Holy Day of Obligation*

**Monday December 8,**

**7:45am English**

**7:00PM Bilingual**



### PENANCE SERVICE

**Thursday, December 11, at 6PM**

#### ROSARY MINISTRY

*All are invited to join in praying the Rosary before Mass. If you would like to lead the Rosary, please contact Therese Wolfe: (402) 981-5675*

#### POSADAS

Join us for the posadas. Sunday, **December 14** after the 12:30pm Mass in the parish Hall. Monday - Tuesday **December 15 & 16** at 6PM in the Parish Hall. Rosary, chants and snacks.



#### SPONSORS AND GODPARENTS

*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@archdpx.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*

## 2nd Sunday of Advent: Enter Peace

*Dear Parishioners,*

The Second Sunday of Advent invites us to “Enter Peace,” and yet the Gospel seems to offer us anything but a peaceful scene. No matter the liturgical cycle—A, B, or C—the figure placed before us is John the Baptist. On one hand, John is the opposite of calm: he calls out from the wilderness, his voice urgent and alive, his message sharp and insistent. He is loud, he is bold, he is uncompromising. At first glance, he seems like the least likely guide into the quiet peace we long for in Advent.

And yet, beneath his urgency lies a deep and abiding peace. John does not proclaim himself; he points entirely beyond himself. His whole life is anchored in the promise of the One who is to come. John’s confidence is not rooted in his own words or work, but in the nearness of God’s saving presence.

Advent peace is not the absence of noise or the end of all struggle. It is the steady assurance that God is drawing close. John’s cry in the wilderness of “Prepare the way of the Lord!” is not meant to unsettle us but to awaken us. Peace comes when we reorient our hearts, clear away what is unnecessary, and make room for Christ.

In a world anxious for stability and weary from violence, division, and constant noise, John the Baptist reminds us that peace is not something we manufacture. It is Someone we receive. The One who comes after John brings the peace the world cannot give: a peace that heals, reconciles, and restores.

As we light the second candle of Advent, we enter peace not by silencing the world around us, but by letting Christ speak within us. May this week’s journey draw us closer to the Prince of Peace who is already on the way.

*In Christ,*

Fr. Tetzl Umingli

### Readings for the week of December 7, 2025

Sunday: Is 11:1-10 | Rom 15:4-9 | Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 | Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 | Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11 | Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31 | Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab | Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 | Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 | Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 | Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10 | Jas 5:7-10 | Mt 11:2-11

### Observances for the week of December 7, 2025

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin

Wednesday: Our Lady of Loreto

Thursday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Friday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

## II Domingo de Adviento: Entrando en Paz

*Queridos feligreses:*

El Segundo Domingo de Adviento nos invita a “Entrar en la Paz”, y sin embargo, el Evangelio parece ofrecernos cualquier cosa menos una escena de paz. Independientemente del ciclo litúrgico —A, B o C—, la figura que se nos presenta es Juan el Bautista. Por un lado, Juan es lo opuesto a la calma: llama desde el desierto, con una voz urgente y viva, un mensaje agudo e insistente. Es fuerte, audaz e inflexible. A primera vista, parece el guía menos probable hacia la paz serena que anhelamos en Adviento.

Y, sin embargo, bajo su urgencia yace una paz profunda y duradera. Juan no se proclama a sí mismo; señala más allá de sí mismo. Toda su vida está anclada en la promesa de Aquel que ha de venir. La confianza de Juan no se basa en sus propias palabras ni en sus obras, sino en la cercanía de la presencia salvadora de Dios.

La paz del Adviento no es la ausencia de ruido ni el fin de toda lucha. Es la firme certeza de que Dios se acerca. El grito de Juan en el desierto: “¡Preparad el camino del Señor!” no pretende inquietarnos, sino despertarnos. La paz llega cuando reorientamos nuestros corazones, desechamos lo innecesario y damos paso a Cristo.

En un mundo ansioso de estabilidad y cansado de la violencia, la división y el ruido constante, Juan el Bautista nos recuerda que la paz no es algo que fabricamos. Es Alguien a quien recibimos. Aquel que viene después de Juan trae la paz que el mundo no puede dar: una paz que sana, reconcilia y restaura.

Al encender la segunda vela de Adviento, entramos en la paz no silenciando el mundo que nos rodea, sino dejando que Cristo hable en nuestro interior. Que el camino de esta semana nos acerque al Príncipe de la Paz que ya está en camino.

**En Cristo,**

P. Tetzl Umingli

### 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. 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.

**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.

**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.



## 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.December.7: **Second Sunday of Advent**  
 Faith Formation 11:10am  
 Blessing of the Nativity Sets

Mon.De.8: **Immaculate Conception Mass**  
**7:45am MASS | 7:00pm Mass**

Tues.Dec.9: Mass 7:45am  
 Conformation Class Year 2

Wed.Dec.10: Mass 7:45am

Thurs.Dec.11: Mass 7:45am  
**Penance Service 6pm**  
 OCIA RE 6:30pm

Fri.Dec.12: **Our Lady of Guadalupe 4:30am**  
 Mass 7:45am

Sat.Dec.13: Food Pantry 10am-12pm  
 Confessions at 4pm  
 Mass at 5:30pm

Sun.Dec.14: **3rd Sunday of Advent**  
 second Collection

## Mass Intentions



December 8, Tues  
 7:45AM All Souls  
 7:00PM *For the People*

December 9, Tues  
 Billy Childress  
 +Anna Tran

December 10, Wed  
 Dominic Quinter

December 11, Thurs  
 +Souls in Purgatory

December 12, Fri  
 5:00AM For All Priests and their spiritual needs  
 7:45PM Maria Blanca Santiago Gutierrez

December 13, Saturday  
 5:30PM +Souls in Purgatory

December 14, Sunday  
 7:30AM *For the People*  
 10:00AM +Maria C. Eusebio  
 12:30PM +Souls in Purgatory  
 +Modesta Lopez  
 +Maria Emedia Gonzalez

### STEWARDSHIP

#### Offertory Update F.Y. 2025-2026:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
August	\$25,872.51	\$22,500.00
September	\$22,126.36	\$22,500.00
October	\$21,703.57	\$22,500.00
July'25-Oct'25	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$94,036.46	\$90,000.0
	<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	\$4,036.46	104.48%

#### Collection for Nov 22 & 23

Offertory	\$4,769.75
Online Given	\$530.00
Parish Improvement	\$85.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$130.00

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

December 13 & 14  
*Retirement Fund for Religious*