



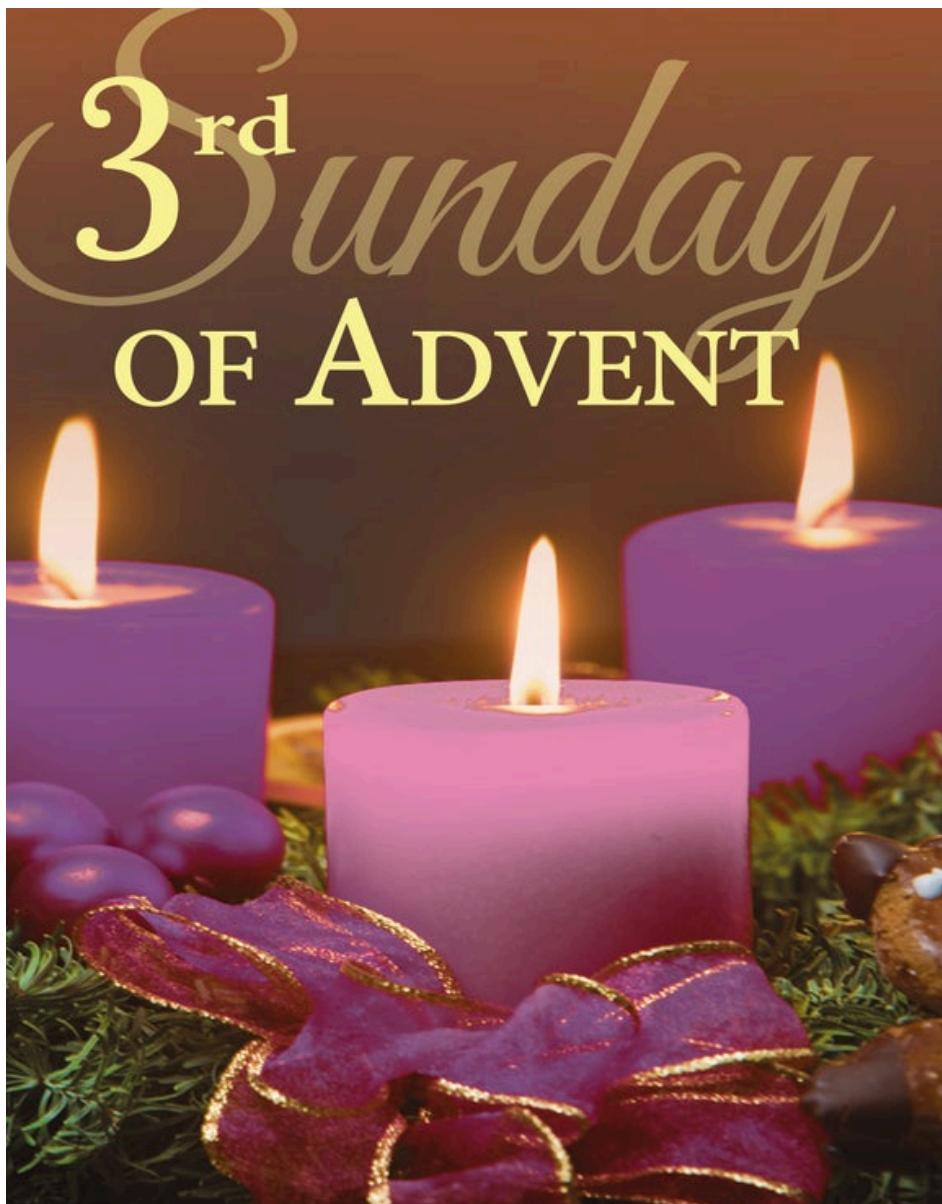
St. Rita Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Advent | Dec. 14, 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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OFFICE HOURS

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

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY

ONLY AFTER OFFICE HOURS

Call 503-908-4659

Parish Updates

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!

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 **January 12, 2026 at 6:30pm in the REC** (in the back of the church)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Next Meeting will be on Wednesday, **January 21**, 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 7:00pm

Faith Formation

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



DECEMBER 24

Christmas Pageant 5:00pm



Christmas Eve (Family Mass) 5:30PM

Spanish Mass 8:00PM

Midnight Mass 12:00AM

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Mass 10:00AM

NO FAITH FORMATION SESSION DEC. 21 & 28

POSADAS

Join us for the *Posadas*, commemorating the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, on 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.

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

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@archdpdx.org

BIBLE STUDY—ONLINE!

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

3rd Sunday of Advent — Enter Joy

Dear Parishioners,

Today the Church pauses in the middle of Advent and invites us to rejoice. This Sunday has a unique name, Gaudete, which is Latin for Rejoice! The candles, vestments, and tone shift gently. We are still waiting, still preparing, but today the waiting is filled with joy because the Lord is near.

The readings for Year A echo this theme beautifully. Isaiah speaks a vision almost impossible to imagine: deserts blooming, the lame leaping like deer, and the mute singing for joy. It is a picture of creation restored, healed, and overflowing with life. This is not shallow optimism; it is a promise grounded in God's fidelity. Joy takes root when we trust that nothing is beyond the reach of grace.

Joy in Advent is not the same as holiday cheer or temporary happiness. Joy is the quiet strength that comes from knowing that God is faithful even when life feels unfinished. Joy grows in the spaces where hope has learned to endure.

As we light the rose candle this week, we are reminded that even in waiting, even in uncertainty, God is already at work. The desert is beginning to bloom. The promise is unfolding. The Lord is near.

May this week open our hearts to the joy that comes not from circumstance, but from Christ—our joy, our healer, and our coming Savior.

In Christ,
Fr. Tetzel Umingli

Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

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

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a | Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 | Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10 | Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8 | Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a | Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14 | Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14 | Rom 1:1-7 | Mt 1:18-24

Observances for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

3er Domingo de Adviento — Entrá la alegría

Queridos feligreses:

Hoy la Iglesia hace una pausa en pleno Adviento y nos invita a la alegría. Este domingo tiene un nombre singular: Gaudete, que en latín significa ¡Alégrate! Las velas, los ornamentos y el tono cambian suavemente. Seguimos esperando, preparándonos, pero hoy la espera está llena de alegría porque el Señor está cerca.

Las lecturas del Año A reflejan este tema con belleza. Isaías nos presenta una visión casi imposible de imaginar: desiertos florecientes, cojos saltando como ciervos y mudos cantando de alegría. Es una imagen de la creación restaurada, sanada y rebosante de vida. No se trata de un optimismo superficial; es una promesa cimentada en la fidelidad de Dios. La alegría se arraiga cuando confiamos en que nada está fuera del alcance de la gracia.

La alegría en Adviento no es lo mismo que la alegría navideña o la felicidad pasajera. La alegría es la fortaleza serena que surge de saber que Dios es fiel incluso cuando la vida parece inconclusa. La alegría crece en los espacios donde la esperanza ha aprendido a perdurar.

Al encender la vela rosa esta semana, recordamos que incluso en la espera, incluso en la incertidumbre, Dios ya está obrando. El desierto comienza a florecer. La promesa se está desplegando. El Señor está cerca.

Que esta semana abramos nuestros corazones a la alegría que no proviene de las circunstancias, sino de Cristo: nuestro gozo, nuestro sanador y nuestro Salvador venidero.

En Cristo,
P. Tetzel Umingli

YEAR END GIVING

Please BE GENEROUS this Christmas!

ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH is fully funded on the generosity of our faithful parishioners.

Please consider an end-of-year gift to ST. RITA CHURCH and help our parish meet budget this Fiscal Year! Your gifts and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Thank you so much for your generosity!



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 14: **3rd Sunday of Advent**
 Faith Formation 11:10am
 Posada 1:30pm

Mon. Dec. 15: NO MASS
 Posada 6pm in the parish hall

Tues. Dec. 16: Mass 7:45am
 Confirmation Class Year 2
 Posada 6pm in the parish hall

Wed. Dec. 17: Mass 7:45am

Thurs. Dec. 18: Mass 7:45am
 OCIA RE 6:30pm

Fri. Dec. 19: Mass 7:45am

Sat. Dec. 20: Food Pantry 10am-12pm
 Confessions at 4pm
 Mass at 5:30pm

Sun. Dec. 21: **4th Sunday of Advent**

Mass Intentions



December 23, Tues +Artemio Sebastian
 +Ruben Sebastian

December 24, Wed 7:45am +Susana Sebastian
 5:30pm For All Priests
 8:00pm +Jose Custodio

December 25, Thurs 12:00am +Moises Santiago
 10:00am +Eulogia Garcia Nuñez

December 26, Fri +Gregorio Custodio
 +Santiago Custodio

December 27, Saturday 5:30PM +Purification Carlos
 +Rolando Carlos

December 28, Sunday 7:30AM +Cristina Cruz
 +Reynaldo Cruz
 10:00AM +Angel Custodio
 +Jaime Custodio
 12:30PM *For the People*

STEWARSHIP

Offertory Update F.Y. 2025-2026:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
September	\$22,126.36	\$22,500.00
October	\$21,703.57	\$22,500.00
November	\$27,211.97	\$22,500.00
<i>July'25-Nov'25</i>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$121,248.43	\$112,500.00
	<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	\$8,748.43	107.78%

Collection for Nov 29 & 30

<i>Offertory</i>	\$3672.80
<i>Online Given</i>	\$833.00
<i>Parish Improvement</i>	\$110.00
<i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	\$280.00

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.