



# St. Rita Catholic Church

**Fourth Sunday of Advent | Dec. 21, 2025**

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

### 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

### OFFICE CLOSURES

The Parish Office will be closed  
December 25 and 26.  
January 1st

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Food Pantry volunteers and Board would like to express our deepest appreciation to everyone who helped us with our Annual Christmas Food Box Delivery project this year. To every one who donated food, money, time, energy and ideas, THANK YOU SO MUCH. We represent our St. Rita Community and without you, we can do very little to alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters without food. We want you to know how appreciative they are for the Food Boxes. You are truly a gift of hope for them, and for us as well. Please continue to keep us all in your prayers.

***St. Vincent the Paul Closed December 20 & 27  
Opens January 3rd, 2026***

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
of every month. Starting at 5:30pm  
for Officers and general meeting at  
6:30pm till 7:00pm

### 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***

### 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*

## 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 Day Mass 10:00am

**NO FAITH FORMATION SESSION DEC. 21 & 28  
NO CONFIRMATION YEAR 2 SESSION DEC. 23 & 30**



**Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God  
January 1, 2026  
9:00am Mass**

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

### In Memory Of:

The Dang Family ancestors  
Pham Family ancestors  
Pham & Nguyen parents-in-law  
Priests and nuns  
Ken & Mary Jones  
Wayne, Slim, & Chris Jordan  
Jo Ann Ulrich  
John & Jane Schmidt

### In Honor Of:

The Jordan Children



## 4th Sunday of Advent — Enter Love

### ***Dear Parishioners,***

As we reach the final Sunday of Advent, the nearness of Christmas becomes unmistakable. The wreath is nearly full with light, the Scriptures grow quieter and more intimate, and the promise we have been waiting for stands at the threshold.

In this final week, our attention turns to Joseph. His story is often quiet, easily overlooked beside angelic choirs and the unexpected visit of shepherds who come from the fields. But Joseph reveals something essential about love: it is more than feeling. No. Love is fidelity, trust, and courageous faithfulness. When Joseph learns that Mary is to bear a child through the Holy Spirit, Matthew tells us he is a "righteous man." His first instinct is mercy. His discernment takes place in prayer, not in haste. And when God speaks through the angel, Joseph listens not just with his ears, but with his life.

Over and over, we are reminded that love enters the world through people willing to say yes. Mary's "yes" welcomed the Incarnation. Joseph's "yes" protected it. Our "yes" allows that same love to be born again in our homes, our relationships, and our world.

As we light the final candle on the Advent wreath, we are reminded that God's love is not distant or abstract. It has a name, a face, and a heartbeat. The God who formed galaxies has chosen to come among us as a child in need of welcome.

May this final week of waiting soften our hearts, steady our hope, deepen our peace, awaken our joy, and prepare us to allow love to enter. The name of this love is Emmanuel: God with us.

### ***In Christ,***

Fr. Tetzl Umingli

## Cuarto domingo de Adviento: Llega el amor

### ***Queridos feligreses:***

Al llegar al último domingo de Adviento, la cercanía de la Navidad se hace inconfundible. La corona está casi llena de luz, las Escrituras se vuelven más serenas e íntimas, y la promesa que hemos estado esperando se encuentra en el umbral.

En esta última semana, nuestra atención se centra en José. Su historia suele ser silenciosa, fácilmente pasada por alto junto a los coros angelicales y la visita inesperada de los pastores que regresan del campo. Pero José revela algo esencial sobre el amor: es más que sentimiento. No. El amor es fidelidad, confianza y una fidelidad valiente. Cuando José se entera de que María dará a luz un hijo por obra del Espíritu Santo, Mateo nos dice que es un "hombre justo". Su primer instinto es la misericordia. Su discernimiento se produce en la oración, no con prisa. Y cuando Dios habla a través del ángel, José escucha no solo con sus oídos, sino con su vida.

Una y otra vez, se nos recuerda que el amor entra en el mundo a través de personas dispuestas a decir sí. El "sí" de María dio la bienvenida a la Encarnación. El "sí" de José la protegió. Nuestro "sí" permite que ese mismo amor renazca en nuestros hogares, nuestras relaciones y nuestro mundo.

Al encender la última vela de la corona de Adviento, recordamos que el amor de Dios no es distante ni abstracto. Tiene nombre, rostro y latido. El Dios que creó las galaxias ha elegido venir entre nosotros como un niño necesitado de acogida.

Que esta última semana de espera ablande nuestros corazones, fortalezca nuestra esperanza, profundice nuestra paz, despierte nuestra alegría y nos prepare para dejar entrar el amor. El nombre de este amor es Emmanuel: Dios con nosotros.

### ***En Cristo,***

P. Tetzl Umingli

### **Readings for the week of December 21, 2025**

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

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28 | 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd | Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 | Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 | Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5 | Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 | Mt 1:1-25

Ti 2:11-14 | Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12 | Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 | Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4 | Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 | Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 | Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

### **Observances for the week of December 21, 2025**

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

Tuesday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Wednesday: Christmas Eve

Thursday: The Nativity of the Lord

Friday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Saturday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Next Sunday: The Holy Family

## 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.21: 4th Sunday of Advent

No Faith Formation

Mon.De.22: NO MASS

Tues.Dec.23: Mass 7:45am

No Confirmation Class Year 2

Wed.Dec.24: Mass 7:45am

Christmas Pageant 5:00pm

Family Mass 5:30pm

Spanish Mass 8:00pm

Thurs.Dec.25: Midnight Mass 12:00am

Christmas Mass 10:00am

Fri.Dec.26: Mass 7:45am

Sat.Dec.27: Food Pantry 10am-12pm

Confessions at 4pm

Mass at 5:30pm

Sun.Dec.28: The Holy Family of Jesus,  
 Mary and Joseph

## Mass Intentions



December 30, Tues +Alfredo Carlos  
 +Leonora Custodio

December 31, Wed +Eugenio Dasco  
 +David Posadas

January 1, Thurs  
 9:00am +Erlinda Posadas  
 +Albino Blanco

January 2, Fri +Eddie Alfaro  
 +Jessie Arrevillaga

January 3, Saturday  
 5:30PM +Bernando Sebastian  
 +Pepe Marquez

January 4, Sunday  
 7:30AM +Herminigilda Dasco  
 10:00AM +Isyang Custodio  
 12:30PM *For the People*

### STEWARDSHIP

#### 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
July'25-Nov'25	<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 December 6 & 7

Offertory	\$3,395.33
Online Given	\$3,200.50
Parish Improvement	\$70.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$360.00

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.