



St. Rita Catholic Church

Feast of The Holy Family | Dec. 28, 2025

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• THE HOLY FAMILY •

**TAKE THE CHILD
AND HIS MOTHER.**

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



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

**The Parish Office will be closed
January 1st**

LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A NEW ADDRESS

Kindly update the parish office if you moved to a new address or have a new contact information. We will be mailing out the annual contribution reports for your tax purposes.

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



FAITH FORMATION

NO FAITH FORMATION SESSION TODAY
NO CONFIRMATION YEAR 2 SESSION DEC. 30

Faith Formation Sessions will resume Sunday, January 4. There will also be a Parent Meeting on January 4.

**All our Catechists and Aides wish you all a
Blessed and Merry Christmas & New Year!**

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



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!

Christmas Day: Enter Wonder

Today the waiting ends, and the promise of Advent takes flesh among us. The Word has become flesh. God has entered our world not with thunder or display, but with the soft breath of an infant resting in a manger. On this holy day, heaven bends close to earth, and love becomes visible, touchable, and real.

The Gospel tells us of angels filling the sky with song and shepherds rushing to Bethlehem in awe. Yet the heart of this day unfolds in utter simplicity: a child, a mother, a quiet husband, and a stable. The very ordinariness of the scene reveals a mystery beyond measure: the God who created the universe has chosen vulnerability. God does not demand we climb to heaven. Instead, He lowers Himself into the fragile rhythms of human life and into hunger, cold, need, and hope.

God saves us not by overpowering us, but by drawing near in love.

Christmas teaches us that God's love looks like belonging. The Christ Child is laid in a manger—a feeding trough—because He comes as nourishment for the world. The angels announce peace because God's presence restores what fear has broken. The shepherds rejoice because God chooses the overlooked and the uncertain. The light of Christmas shines into every shadow, reminding us that nothing in our lives is too small, too poor, or too broken for Christ to enter.

As we celebrate the beauty and wonder of this holy day, may our joy go deeper than sentiment and become a way of living: receiving Christ, revealing Christ, and sharing His love with the world.

Merry Christmas! Christ is born. Come, let us adore Him.

-Fr. Tetzl Umingli

Readings for the week of December 28, 2025

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

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11 | Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17 | Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21 | Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27 | Gal 4:4-7 | Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28 | Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 | Jn 1:29-34

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

Observances for the week of December 28, 2025

Sunday: The Holy Family

Wednesday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Thursday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day

Friday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

La Sagrada Familia

Jesús y su familia saben lo que es emigrar, cambiar de lugar y moverse con rapidez porque son perseguidos. Ellos vivieron en carne propia los efectos de esta situación. Quizá nosotros tenemos algún familiar o amigo que actualmente sufre las penurias de dejar su hogar, su escuela o su trabajo. José y María huyen por la amenaza de peligro que pesaba sobre ellos: *"Levántate, toma al niño y a su madre, y huye a Egipto. Quédate allí hasta que yo te avise, porque Herodes buscará al niño para matarlo"* (Mateo 2:13). Padre, madre e hijo huyeron hacia donde Dios les indicó, para salvar al niño. Este es un fiel reflejo de lo que representa la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret. Celebrar la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia durante la Navidad debe animarnos con esperanza, deseando que nuestras propias familias sean un lugar donde se respire amor y alegría entre sus miembros. ¿Cómo recibo hoy a las familias de mis hermanos y hermanas? ¿Cómo es mi convivencia con ellos?

"Ustedes, familias, son la esperanza de la Iglesia y del mundo. Con su testimonio del Evangelio pueden ayudar a Dios a realizar su sueño; pueden contribuir a acercar a todos los hijos de Dios, para que crezcan en la unidad y aprendan qué significa para el mundo entero vivir en paz como una gran familia" (Papa Francisco). Oremos por nuestras familias, deseando que, en este día dedicado a la Familia de Nazaret, imitemos su esperanza en Dios y su unidad en todo momento.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

In Memory Of:

Paul Gasca

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



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
 Julie Honey

THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

Sun.December.28: **Solemnity of the Holy Family**
 No Faith Formation

Mon.De.29: NO MASS

Tues.Dec.30: Mass 7:45am
 No Confirmation Class Year 2

Wed.Dec.31: Mass 7:45am

Thurs.Jan.1: **Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**
Mass 9:00 am

Parish Office Closed

Fri.Jan.2: Mass 7:45am

Sat.Jan.3: Food Pantry 10am-12pm_
 Confessions at 4pm
 Mass at 5:30pm

Sun.Jan.4: **Epiphany of the Lord**

Mass Intentions



December 30, Tues +Aldredo Carlos
 +Leonora Custodio
 December 31, Wed +Juan Custodio
 +Purísima E. Custodio
 January 1, Thurs +Erlinda Posadas
 +Albino Blanco
 January 2, Fri +Eddie Alfaro
 9:00am +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*

If you would like a Mass offering, please contact the
 Parish Office. The suggested amount is \$10.00

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 13 & 14

Offertory	\$3,611.00
Online Given	\$1,304.50
Parish Improvement	\$90.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$285.00

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.