



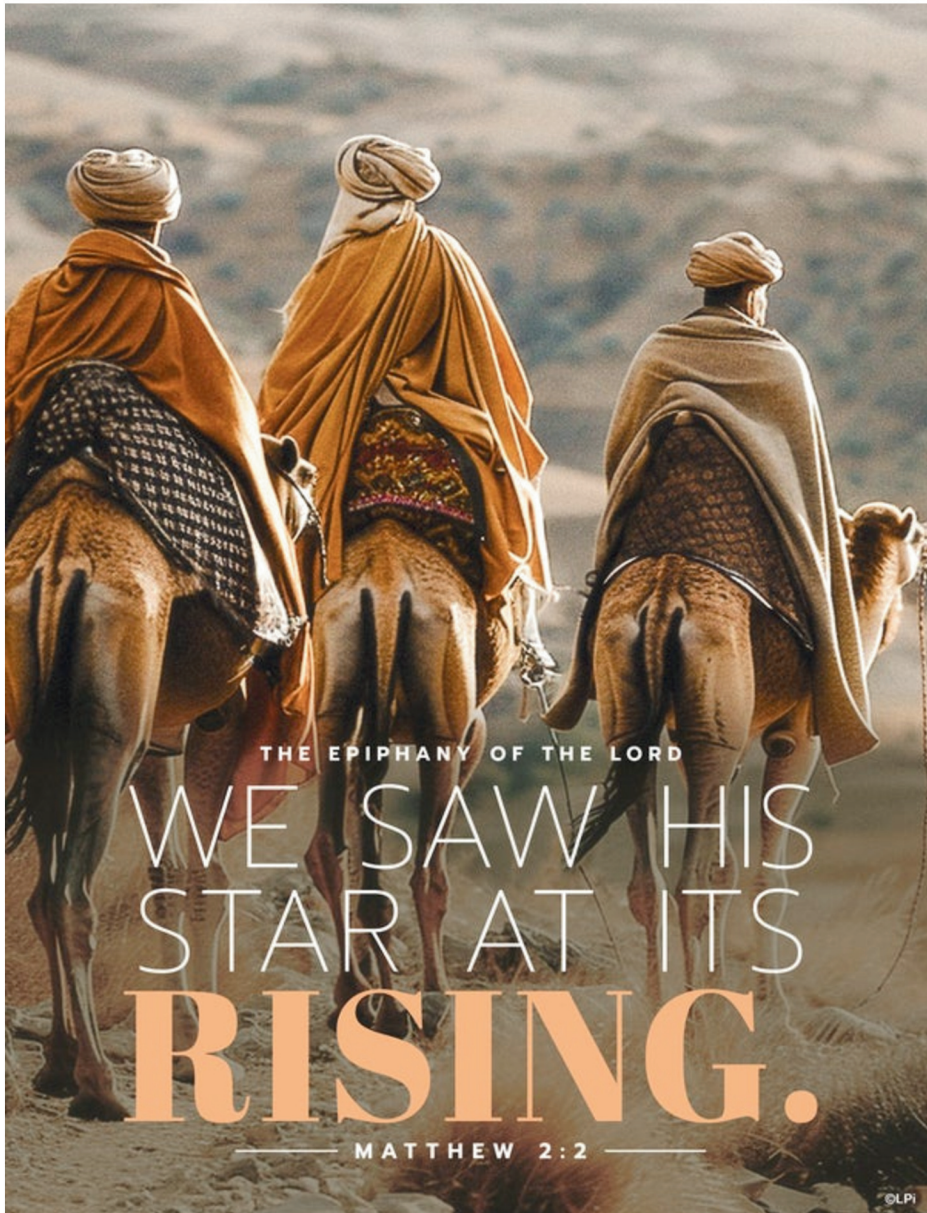
# St. Rita Catholic Church

**The Epiphany of the Lord | Jan. 4, 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

Fr. Tetzeli Umingli  
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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

### 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.

### 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

### DO YOU HAVE USED GLASSES, HEARING AIDS, OR CELL PHONES?

The Lions Club is accepting donations of used eyewear, hearing aids, cell phones and printer cartridges. There is a box in the vestibule where you can drop them off. Thank you!

### 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

Faith Formation Sessions will resume **today**, 1/4. There is also a Parent Meeting today in the RE Center.

Confirmation Classes resume Tuesday, January 6.



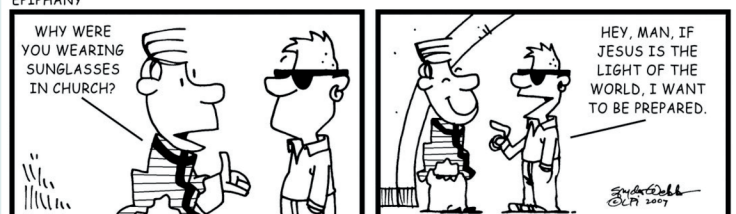
The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God's blessing on your home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart! The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home.

All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."



EPIPHANY





## The Epiphany of the Lord

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends. That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— Father John Muir

### Readings for the week of January 4, 2026

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 | Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10 | Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18 | Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 | Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13 | Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21 | Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 | Acts 10:34-38 | Mt 3:13-17

### Observances for the week of January 4, 2026

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Tuesday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Wednesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

## La Epifanía del Señor

Hoy celebramos la Solemnidad de la Epifanía, y el evangelio narra la presencia de tres reyes magos que buscaban a Jesús para adorarlo y llevarle regalos. *"Al entrar en la casa, vieron al niño con María, su madre; se arrodillaron y lo adoraron. Abrieron sus cofres y le ofrecieron regalos de oro, incienso y mirra" (Mateo 2:11).* Los magos representan a todos los pueblos y razas. La misericordia de Dios queda manifestada en su Hijo. "Señor Dios, que en este día manifestaste a tu Unigénito a las naciones guiándolas por la estrella, concede a los que ya te conocemos por la fe que lleguemos a contemplar la hermosura de tu excelsa gloria..." (Oración colecta).

El evangelio nos dice también que los magos, al ver la estrella de nuevo, se llenaron de alegría. ¿Qué estrella seguimos nosotros? ¿Quién nos orienta? Cabe reflexionar un poco sobre la misión de la Iglesia, que es llevar la luz del Evangelio a todos y a todas las culturas. Entonces, ¿cuál es mi misión específicamente? Será favorecer la Epifanía, es decir, manifestar a Dios desde nuestro entorno y vocación con sencillez y humildad. Vivimos en un mundo de retos y de mucha violencia, donde los derechos y la dignidad humana son pisoteados por los Herodes de nuestro tiempo. Nuestra tarea es seguir luchando para que tu Luz brille en las tinieblas y la esperanza siga viva en cada hijo e hija tuya que te busca con fe para adorarte. Porque Tú eres para todos.

### 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  
 Julie Honey

### THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

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

Faith Formation 11:10am

Mon. Jan 5: NO MASS

Tues. Jan. 6: Mass 7:45am

Confirmation Class Year 2

Wed. Jan. 7: Mass 7:45am

Thurs. Jan. 8: Mass 7:45am

Fri. Jan. 2: Mass 7:45am

Sat. Jan. 3: Food Pantry 10am-12pm\_

Confessions at 4pm

Mass at 5:30pm

Sun. Jan. 4: **The baptism of the Lord**

## Mass Intentions



January 6, Tues +Lee Nicholas  
 +Charles Zuniga  
 January 7, Wed +Juan Custodio  
 +Purissima E. Custodio  
 January 8, Thurs +Florentina E. Custodio  
 +Querubin Custodio  
 January 9, Fri +Edita Custodio  
 +Zenaida Custodio  
 January 10, Saturday  
 5:30PM +Wilermin Custodio  
 +Tony Hui  
 January 11, Sunday  
 7:30AM +Fortunato Custodio  
 10:00AM +Maria Galman  
 12:30PM +Souls in Purgatory  
 +Moises Santiago

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 20 & 21

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Offertory          | \$4,714.46 |
| Online Given       | \$465.00   |
| Parish Improvement | \$65.00    |
| St Vincent de Paul | \$35.00    |

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.