



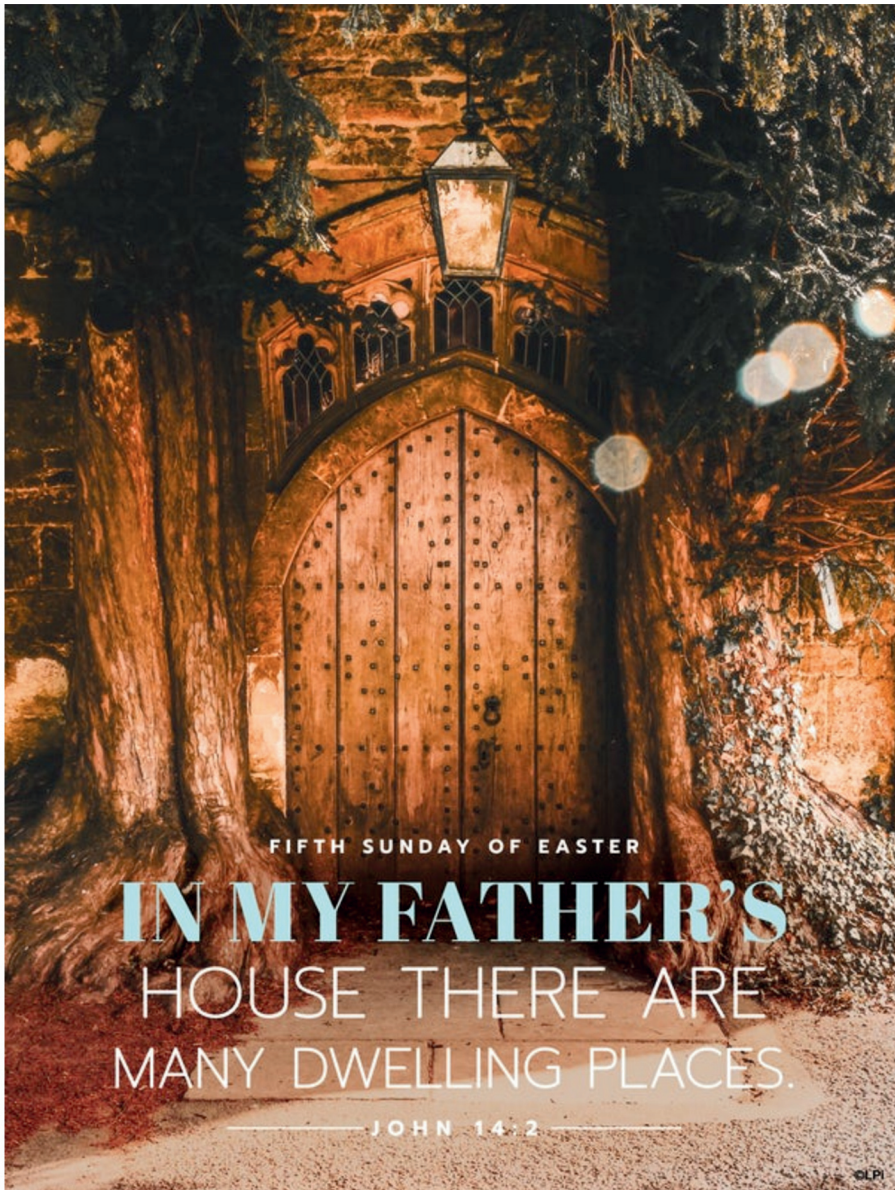
St. Rita Catholic Church

5th Sunday of Easter | May 3, 2026

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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

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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



WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild continues to have a *pre-sale of the Mother's Day Roses* this weekend in the church vestibule after the Masses. Pick up date is May 9th in the RE Center.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This month, we can use **cookies, saltine crackers, cooking oil, coffee, toothpaste and shampoo**. Bags with lists of needed items are on the table by the Baptismal Font. Please take a bag, fill it and bring it back next week. Thank you to everyone who brought 12-count egg cartons. We have a great supply now and no room for any more. And, thank you to all of you who continue to support our pantry with food items and/or money. We also benefit from the deposit on returnable bottles and cans. That money is used to supplement our fresh produce needs.

If you would like to donate clothing/shoes, please take them to PACS, 11020 NE Hasley ST., or the St Vincent de Paul Thrift store, 17108 SE Powell. Thank you.

RUMMAGE SALE

St. Rita Rummage Sale: June 12-13

We're having another rummage sale this year and we need your donations! We'll take items that are in good condition - vintage (cool pre-1975 garments, kitchenware, etc.), tchotchkes, tools, books (fiction ONLY), furniture in good condition that's not super dated, kitchen items, small appliances, art and craft supplies, jewelry, etc. (please no clothing, bedding, electronics, mattresses, exercise equipment, baby furniture, medical equipment - if in doubt, ask!). Please email Ann Ezell at ann.ezell@icloud.com if you'd like to donate or if you have any questions. All money raised will be used to update the social hall kitchen!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday, **May 20**, 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

Faith Formation Potluck today!

Thank you so much to all our catechists, aides and all our parents.

CONFIRMATION MASS

May 7 at 6pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

May 17 at the 10am Mass



Do you know of an adult who's never been baptized and would like to be baptized?

Do you know an adult who's been baptized in another faith tradition and has thought about joining the Catholic Church?

If they would like more information about becoming a Catholic, have them contact:

John Johnson at
john.johnson@archdpdx.org or
503-252-3403.

GRUPO DE ORACION EN ESPANOL

Acompañanos cada Viernes de 7:00pm - 8:30pm en los salones de atras de la Iglesia.

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



PENTECOST SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for our annual **Pentecost Potluck on May 24th** after the bilingual 10am Mass. Please note that there will no 12:30pm Spanish Mass.

Feast of St. Rita

May 22, 2026
7:45am & 6pm (bilingual)



Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year A

“Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled: Living Stones on the Way to the Father” (Acts 6:1-7 · 1 Peter 2:4-9 · John 14:1-12)

We live in a world of troubled hearts. Even in one of the wealthiest societies, many people carry deep anxiety about their future. We have more than ever—and yet we worry more than ever.

Into that restless world, Jesus speaks a powerful command: “Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

Not a suggestion—a command. Why? Because the real problem is not outside of us—it is inside us. Our hearts become troubled when we lose sight of God.

In the Gospel, the disciples are afraid. Their world is collapsing as Jesus speaks of leaving them. Yet He does not promise an easy life. Instead, He gives them something deeper: “Believe in God, believe also in me... I go to prepare a place for you.”

We are not wandering aimlessly. We are going somewhere.

Heaven is not an idea—it is a home, prepared by Christ Himself.

Then Jesus makes one of the most powerful statements in Scripture: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”

He does not say, “I will show you the way.” He says, “I am the way.”

Faith is not about knowing directions—it is about knowing a Person. If you are walking with Christ, you are already on the right path, even when you do not understand everything.

The second reading tells us we are “living stones... built into a spiritual house.” God is building something—and you are part of it. But stones are shaped before they are placed. The struggles in our lives are not signs that God has abandoned us, but that He is forming us. Every trial, every act of faith, is part of something eternal.

The first reading shows the early Church facing conflict and tension. Yet instead of falling apart, they served one another and grew stronger. “The word of God continued to spread.” Growth came not from perfection, but from faithfulness.

Here is the truth that should make us stop and think:

You can have everything in this world and still have a troubled heart. Or you can have Christ and have peace in the middle of everything.

The world says happiness comes from more—more success, more control. But the Gospel says peace comes from trust.

Trust that Christ is the way.

Trust that your life has meaning.

Trust that there is a place prepared for you.

In the end, the Christian life is not about having all the answers, but staying close to the One who is the Answer.

Three takeaways:

First, when your heart is troubled, return to trust: “Jesus, I trust in You.”

Second, stop trying to control everything—let Christ lead.

Third, remember where you are going. You are not just living here—you are going home.

Christ is the way in your confusion, the truth in your uncertainty, and the life in your struggle. And He is preparing a place for you.

Lord Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Calm our troubled hearts and strengthen our faith. Shape us into living stones for Your glory. Help us trust Your promises and follow Your path, until we reach the home You have prepared for us. Amen.

MEDITACION DEL EVANGELIO

V Domingo de Pascua

El amor de Jesús es tan grande por nosotros que quiere que estemos donde Él está. Cada una de sus palabras está llena de esperanza. Él se va a preparar un lugar para cada uno de nosotros: *“Y después de ir a prepararles un lugar, volveré para tomarlos conmigo, para que donde yo esté, estén también ustedes”* (Juan 14:3-4). Luego sigue mostrando su amor al decir: “Yo soy el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida”. No tenemos ninguna excusa para decir que no sabemos por dónde ir en la búsqueda de ser mejores. El único Camino es Jesús. Sin embargo, también existe la oportunidad de preguntar, como lo hicieron Tomás y Felipe. La tarea de Jesús es conducirnos al Padre; sus palabras nos dan serenidad y esperanza en la vida futura.

Es importante aprender, en nuestra vida cotidiana, que para llegar al Padre es por medio de Jesús. Jesús y el Padre son uno. Entonces, como bautizados, ¿cuál es nuestra tarea? Desde el tiempo de las primeras comunidades cristianas hasta nuestros días, la Iglesia ha tratado de seguir las enseñanzas de Jesús. Tenemos un Padre que nos ama, y confiar en Él nos da paz, aunque haya guerra y mucho sufrimiento en el mundo. Estamos llamados a luchar por la justicia y la paz, con acciones concretas cuando sea posible y con la oración, como nos lo recuerda el Papa León XIV: *“En verdad les digo: el que crea en mí hará las mismas obras que yo hago, y como ahora voy al Padre, las hará aún mayores”* (Juan 14:12).

Readings for the week of May 3, 2026

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 | Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 | Pt 3:15-18 | Jn 14:15-21

Observances for the week of May 3, 2026

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day



Pray For

Ana Mabeti Mateaki
 Don Wilhelm
 Kelle Wilhelm
 Terry Carr-Wilson
 Frances Gasca
 Sergio Aguilera
 Jo Betich
 Dottie Griffin
 Gary & Liz Heckman
 Felisa & Domingo Umingli
 Antonio B. Gonzales
 Daniel Lopez
 Cinda Soliz
 Monica Brandt
 Keith Parker
 Ken Dobos
 Clementina Garcia
 Julie Honey
 Jasmin Gomez Carrillo
 Gustavo Adolfo Urieta Gomez
 +Jason and his family
 Cynthia Bjore



THIS WEEK AT ST. RITA

Sun.May.3: **5th Sunday of Easter**

Faith Formation 11:10am

Mon.May.4: NO MASS

Tues.May.5: Mass 7:45am

Wed.May.6: Mass 7:45am

Confirmations Reherarsal 6:30PM

Thurs.May.7: Mass 7:45am

Confirmations at St Rita 6PM

Fri.May.8: Mass 7:45am

Prayer Group in Spanish 7pm RE

Sat.May.9: Food Pantry 10am-12pm

Mother's Day Flower Pick Up

Confessions at 4pm

Sun.May.10: **6th Sunday of Easter**

Mass Intentions



May 5, Tues +Florentina Custodio

May 6, Wed +Purissima Custodio

May 7, Thurs George Pippy

May 8, Fri +Maria Nguyen

May 9, Saturday

5:30PM *For the people*

May 10, Sunday

7:30AM +Salvador Rubio

10:00AM +Salvador Rubio

12:30PM +Salvador Rubio

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>
January	\$21,559.60	\$22,500.00
February	\$22,713.38	\$22,500.00
March	\$29,435.47	\$22,500.00

July'25-Mar'26	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$225,497.82	\$202,500.00

<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
\$22,997.82	111.36%

Collection for weekend of April 11 & 12

Offertory	\$3,969.31
Online Given	\$730.25
Parish Improvement	\$10.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$245.00

MARCH 2026

Income \$37,320.94

Expense \$28,563.92

Thank you for your generous support of St. Rita Parish.
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 and click the **Online Giving** button to access our safe
 online giving portal.