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**Parish Mission and Vision**

We are a Christian community from varied roots, united by God, guided by St. James the Greater, worshiping, evangelizing and helping each other toward holiness.

We form our young, adults, and families to develop Christian values, that all may serve the church and community through faith.

*Somos una comunidad Cristiana de raíces variadas, unidas por Dios, guiada por Santiago el mayor, adorando, evangelizándo y guiando mutuamente.*

*Formamos a nuestros jóvenes, adultos y familias para desarrollar valores cristianos, que todos pueden server a la Iglesia y a nuestra comunidad.*



**C A L E N D A R**

January 31 Rite of Acceptance (RCIA) at Masses  
February 17 Ash Wednesday (*Miercoles de Ceniza*)  
Masses at 9:00am English, 12:00nn English, 7:00pm Spanish  
Imposition of ashes outside Mass 10:00am to 11:30am, 2:00pm to 6:30pm  
Drive by the front door of the church to receive the ash.  
*La ceniza será impuesta durante todo el día fuera de Misa en las siguientes: 10:00am a 11:30am, 2:00pm a 6:30pm. Conduzca a través de la puerta principal de la Iglesia para conseguir la ceniza.*  
February 21, Rite of Sending (RCIA) at Masses  
February 21, Rite of Election (RCIA) here in the parish



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on January 18! This year's theme is "Abide in my love...you shall bear much fruit," from John 15.

*¡La Semana de Oración por la Unidad Cristiana empieza el 18 de enero! El tema de este año es "Permanece en mi... y darás fruto abundante", de Juan 15.*



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St. James Catholic Church,  
Molalla, OR

Please tune-in to our Facebook group and webpage for the link to join us in our livestreamed Masses.

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Thank you for your generosity.



**RCIA** If you are an adult, not baptized or baptized other than the Catholic baptism, and would like to join the Catholic Church, the RCIA is a venue to learn the Catholic faith more and eventually get initiated or fully accepted in the Catholic faith. The instruction/formation runs about a year (10 months). If you are interested, join us anytime. Normally, initiation happens at Easter Vigil. Easter Vigil is on the eve on Easter Sunday. Call 503-829-2080 for more information. Come and see.

**Collection Update for January 9-10, 2020**

Collection \$ 3 339.10  
Estimated Expense for the Week \$ 3 100.00  
**Deficit 0**

Thank you all for your constant support to the welfare of our parish family. Please continue to help us in the best way possible that you can.

Show your love to our parish. Be generous of your time, talent and treasure. For volunteers and donations, contact the office 5038292080.



January 17, 2021

II Ordinary Time



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**Fr. Cit's Column**

Come and see. In the time of the pandemic, the physical distancing protocols limit us to gather in large groups, disabling our community gatherings. We miss those normal times when we can just be free to meet each other and be with each other.

One of those things that we were challenged to continue the ways we express our faith at liturgy is to be present. The Mass cannot be celebrated virtually. It is an absurdity to attend Mass remotely as there is no fulfillment of the benefits of Mass, especially the partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, from a distance. One has to be physically present in order to partake.

It is from this perspective that we can already realize that the Mass is not just another social gathering. The Mass is the expression of the community's love for God, for the service to the people of God, for the salvific work of God made concrete in the altar with the priest and the people gathered as one community.

Sometimes we are so consumed by the enticements of a happy life we work so hard to fulfill them. In fact, we replace those seemingly dark rooms in our daily lives over the easy accessed happiness from sports, gambling, sex, social networks, money and success. We spend less with family, seldom talk to them, but we spend a lot of time with friends, and sometimes friends we do not personally know or have not personally met. We give more effort time honing our skills in sports or music or arts, but we forget prayer and we leave the Mass to the "holier" ones.

Brent, young and healthy, is full of spirit to reach his goals. But the pandemic decisively turned his ways of thinking when, at a very remote possibility, he got Covid. In a matter of two-weeks, he spiraled downwards. He was fighting for life, alone, without the security of his money, career, and loved ones. While he was lying in the hospital bed, he mustered calling God, in deep prayer. He survived. The first thing he did after leaving the hospital is to call his loved ones and talked for hours, making up for the lost opportunities. He, too, did not lose chance to praise God for giving him a new lease of life. He wants to attend Mass at church when opportunity permits. -30-

Ven a ver. En el momento de la pandemia, los protocolos de distanciamiento físico nos limitan a reunirnos en grandes grupos, inhabilitando nuestras reuniones comunitarias. Extrañamos esos momentos normales en los que podemos ser libres de conocernos y estar juntos.

Una de esas cosas que se nos retó a continuar las formas en que expresamos nuestra fe en la liturgia es estar presentes. La misa no se puede celebrar virtualmente. Es absurdo asistir a la Misa a distancia, ya que no se cumplan los beneficios de la Misa, especialmente el participar del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, desde la distancia. Uno tiene que estar físicamente presente allí para participar. <br>Es desde esta perspectiva ya podemos darnos cuenta de que la Misa no es sólo otro encuentro social. La Misa es la expresión del amor de la comunidad por Dios, por el servicio al pueblo de Dios, por la obra salvífica de Dios concretada en el altar con el sacerdote y el pueblo reunido como una sola comunidad.

A veces estamos tan consumidos por las tentaciones de una vida feliz que trabajamos tan duro para cumplirlas. De hecho, reemplazamos esas habitaciones aparentemente oscuras en nuestra vida diaria por la felicidad de fácil acceso de los deportes, los juegos de azar, el sexo, las redes sociales, el dinero y el éxito. Pasamos menos con la familia, rara vez hablamos con ellos, pero pasamos mucho tiempo con amigos, y a veces amigos que no conocemos personalmente o no nos hemos conocido personalmente. Damos más tiempo de esfuerzo perfeccionando nuestras habilidades en deportes o música o artes, pero olvidamos la oración y dejamos la Misa a los "santos".

Brent, joven y saludable, está lleno de espíritu para alcanzar sus metas. Pero la pandemia deslizó decisivamente sus formas de pensar cuando, a una posibilidad muy remota, consiguió a Covid. En cuestión de dos semanas, se escórtil hacia abajo. Estaba luchando por la vida, solo, sin la seguridad de su dinero, su carrera y sus seres queridos. Mientras estaba acostado en la cama del hospital, se reunió llamando a Dios, en profunda oración. Sobrevivió. Lo primero que hizo después de salir del hospital fue llamar a sus seres queridos y hablar durante horas, compensando las oportunidades perdidas. También él no perdió la oportunidad de alabar a Dios por darle un nuevo contrato de vida. Quiere asistir a la misa en la iglesia cuando la oportunidad lo permita. -30-

**MASS INTENTIONS**

January 16, 5:30  
January 17, 8:00  
January 17, 10:00  
January 17, 12:00 St. James Parish,  
January 17, 2:00  
January 18, 9:00/10:00  
January 19, 9:00/10:00  
January 20, 9:00/10:00  
January 21, 9:00/10:00  
January 22, 9:00/10:00 Irene Burch + family

**MASS TIMES**

**M-F 9:00AM & T 5:30PM  
Sat 5:30PM  
Sun 8:00AM, 10:00AM,  
12:00PM, 2:00PM(Span)  
Adoration 9:30AM—8:00PM  
Confession Sat 4:00-5:00PM  
but always available as needed**

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PRAYERS TO SAINT JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.



**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Motu proprio "*Aperuit illis*", published on 30 September, establishes that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time" (in 2021 this is 24 January) is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. The timing of the document is significant: 30 September is the Feast of Saint Jerome, the man who translated most of the Bible into Latin, and who famously said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ". This year also marks 1600 years since his death. The title of the document, "*Aperuit illis*", is equally important. They are its opening words, taken from St Luke's Gospel, where the Evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to His disciples, and how "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures". Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope Francis says he wrote this Apostolic Letter in response to requests from the faithful around the world to celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God. Pope Francis invites local communities to find ways to "mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity". He suggest that the sacred text be enthroned "in

order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God's Word". In highlighting the proclamation of the Word of the Lord, it would be appropriate "to emphasize in the homily the honor that it is due", writes the Pope. "Pastors can also find ways of giving a Bible, or one of its books, to the entire assembly as a way of showing the importance of learning how to read, appreciate and pray daily with Sacred Scripture". The Bible is not meant for a privileged few, continues Pope Francis. It belongs "to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words". The Bible cannot be monopolized or restricted to select groups either, he writes, because it is "the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity". "Pastors are primarily responsible for explaining Sacred Scripture and helping everyone to understand it", writes Pope Francis. Which is why the homily possesses "a quasi-sacramental character". The Pope warns against improvising or giving "long, pedantic homilies or wandering off into unrelated topics". Rather, he suggests using simple and suitable language. For many of the faithful, he writes, "this is the only opportunity they have to grasp the beauty of God's Word and to see it applied to their daily lives". The Pope uses the scene of the Risen Lord appearing to the disciples at Emmaus to demonstrate what he calls "the unbreakable bond between Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist".

Since the Scriptures everywhere speak of Christ, he writes, "they enable us to believe that His death and resurrection are not myth but history, and are central to the faith of His disciples". When the sacraments are introduced and illumined by God's Word, explains the Pope, "they become ever more clearly the goal of a process whereby Christ opens our minds and hearts to acknowledge His saving work". "The role of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures is primordial", writes Pope Francis. "Without the work of the Spirit, there would always be a risk of remaining limited to the written text alone". The Pope continues: "This would open the way to a fundamentalist reading, which needs to be avoided, lest we betray the inspired, dynamic and spiritual character of the sacred text". It is the Holy Spirit who "makes Sacred Scripture the living word of God, experienced and handed down in the faith of His holy people". Pope Francis invites us never to take God's Word for granted, "but instead to let ourselves be nourished by it, in order to acknowledge and live fully our relationship with Him and with our brothers and sisters".

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**21 al 29 de enero de 2021**

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Imagen: Un mosaico de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe decora un altar lateral de la Iglesia Santa Maria Regina della Famiglia en Ciudad del Vaticano, 15 de diciembre (foto: CNS/Paul Haring.)

**JANUARY 21-29, 2021**

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