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Collection Update for October 9-10, 2021

Repair & Maint Fund	\$	
General Collection	\$	3,127.15
AVG weekly expense	\$	4,019.00
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>891.85</b>

**Thank you very much for your usual support to our parish!**  
**Please continue to help us in the best way possible that you can to support our parish's needs.**

**The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.**

Mk 10:45



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WWW.STJAMES.ORG



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

- Oct 20, Blood Drive
- Nov 1. All Saints Day (Not a Holy day of obligation this year)
- Nov 2 All Soul's Day
- Nov 6 Sausage Dinner

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 of Easter Sunday.

Call 503-829-2080 for more information.

Come and see.



Use PayPal to donate to St. James Parish. Our account: Stjames2donate@gmail.com  
Your debit or credit card is accepted in the office too. Thank you.



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**Wanted: pianist/ choir director**  
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**Wanted: children/ youth coordinator**  
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OCTOBER 17, 2021

Year of **ST. JOSEPH THE SCALLOP**



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**Fr. Cit's Column**

*Padrino* system and red tape. In a very fair playing field, where each person has equal opportunity, the *padrino* system and red tape don't work. Now, if you do not know that concept, let me give a little explanation. In communities like Jesus', the patronage system validates largely the effects of the one who vouches for another. That means, the *padrino* (middleman) is honorable to the patron. That honor can be based on the knowledge that this man is skillful, trustworthy and faithful. Sometimes good relationship with the patron is enough.

I am not ashamed to disclose to the world that I was a beneficiary of the *padrino* system. One big favor it gave me was employment (but just to be clear, I, as others do, went through the usual hiring process). Sad to say, this system also involves commensurate favor to the middleman. For example, if one needs to get through the process more speedily, he has to pay the price. Now, we are not talking only of some change here. We are talking of big sum of money here. To illustrate: applicant A for a public school teaching position placed first in all the placement examinations she took. In order for her to secure an employment in any of the district's schools, she talked to an official in the school's district office. When the deal was sealed, applicant A got the teaching job; school district official got the teacher's first three months' salary as payment for the favor.

The system is so viable for vultures. They take advantage of the system for plenty are those who are at the mercy of the powerful and fortunate.

How the abuse started? Greed. In the beginning the system was honorable. No one was fueled by greed to take advantage of the disadvantaged, and it was evident in economy of man's salvation. Jesus was humanity's broker for the Father to grant the favor of mercy to sinners. In the devotions we do today, that *padrino* system is its philosophical backbone. We pray to the saints and to Mary because we know, by their example of holiness, they are closer to God. They can take our prayers to God, however, ours is the perseverance that through our prayers to the saints and Mary, we are edified towards reforming our lives. -30-

Sistema Padrino y burocracia. En un campo de juego muy justo, donde cada persona tiene las mismas oportunidades, el sistema padrino y la burocracia no funcionan. Ahora, si no conoces ese concepto, déjame darte una pequeña explicación. En comunidades como la de Jesús, el sistema de mecenazgo valida en gran medida los efectos de quien da fe de otro. Eso significa que el padrino (intermediario) es honorable para el patrón. Ese honor puede basarse en el conocimiento de que este hombre es hábil, digno de confianza y fiel. A veces una buena relación con el patrón es suficiente.

No me avergüenzo de revelar al mundo que fui beneficiario del sistema padrino. Un gran favor que me dio fue el empleo (pero para ser claros, yo, como otros también, pasé por el proceso de contratación habitual). Es triste decir que este sistema también implica un favor proporcional al intermediario. Por ejemplo, si uno necesita pasar por el proceso más rápidamente, tiene que pagar el precio. Ahora, no estamos hablando sólo de algún cambio aquí. Estamos hablando de una gran suma de dinero aquí. Para ilustrar: el solicitante A para un puesto de trabajo en una escuela pública ocupó el primer lugar en todos los exámenes de colocación que tomó. Para que el asegurara un empleo en cualquiera de las escuelas del distrito, habló con un funcionario de la oficina del distrito de la escuela. Cuando se selló el trato, el solicitante A obtuvo el trabajo; el funcionario del distrito escolar recibió el primer salario de tres meses del maestro como pago por el favor.

El sistema es tan viable para los "buitres". Se aprovechan del sistema para la abundancia son los que están a merced de los poderosos y afortunados.

¿Cómo comenzó el abuso? Codicia. Al principio el sistema era honorable. Nadie fue alimentado por la codicia para aprovecharse de los desfavorecidos, y era evidente en la economía de la salvación del hombre.

Jesús fue el intermediario de la humanidad para que el Padre concediera el favor de la misericordia a los pecadores. En las devociones que hacemos hasta hoy, ese sistema padrino es su columna vertebral filosófica. Oramos a los santos y a María porque sabemos, por su ejemplo de santidad, que están más cerca de Dios. Pueden llevar nuestras oraciones a Dios, sin embargo, la nuestra es la perseverancia de que a través de nuestras oraciones a los santos y a María, somos edificados hacia la reforma de nuestras vidas. -30-



**Mass Schedule**

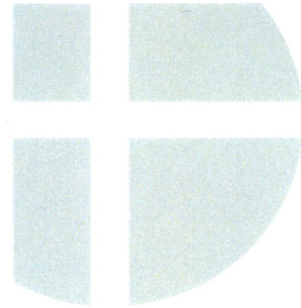
- M to F at 9:00AM**
- Sat at 5:30PM (Eng)**
- Sat at 7:00PM (Span)**
- Sun at 8:00AM & 10:00AM (English) and 12:00PM (Spanish)**
- Adoration on Thursdays at 9:30AM to 8:00PM**
- Confession Sat at 4:00-5:00PM but is always available as needed.**

**Mass Intentions**

October

Vicente Tomas Vera +	16
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St. James Parish	18
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Irene, Onie Burch + family	20
Fran & Tom Chauvan health	21
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# The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 17, 2021

## A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,  
 at the word of an angel,  
 you lovingly took Mary into your home.  
 As God's humble servant, you guided  
 the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,  
 welcomed Jesus as your own son  
 in the shelter of a manger,  
 and fled far from your homeland  
 for the safety of both Mother and Child.  
 We praise God that as their faithful protector,  
 you never hesitated to sacrifice  
 for those entrusted to you.  
 May your example inspire us also  
 to welcome, cherish, and safeguard  
 God's most precious gift of life.  
 Help us to faithfully commit ourselves  
 to the service and defense of human life  
 —especially where it is  
 vulnerable or threatened.  
 Obtain for us the grace  
 to do the will of God in all things.  
 Amen.



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

October 18

Early historians said this author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles was born to a pagan family in Antioch (Turkey) and converted to Christianity. According to Paul's letters and Acts, he was a doctor and Paul's companion during his later journeys and imprisonment in Rome. Luke's New Testament writings in Greek were for gentiles, extending to them the salvation promised to Israel. He is the patron of physicians and surgeons and, because of a legend that he painted a Marian icon, of painters.



### Sausage and Sauerkraut Dinner

Knights of Columbus St. James Council is holding its Annual Sausage and Sauerkraut Dinner on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 3:00-7:00PM.



**Meals TO GO only!**

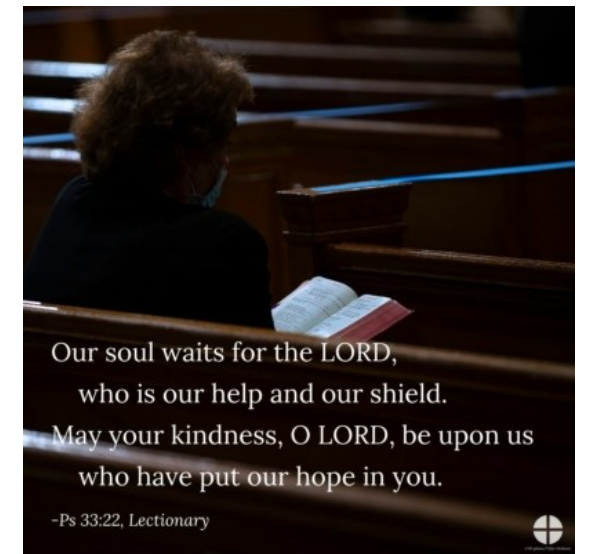
Come to our convenient Drive Thru line and pick up your delicious dinner for \$14.00 only. We also offer prepacked sausage for \$8.00 only.

Candies for Halloween. If you are considering to give our children a spike of sugar, place your candy donations in the box in the narthex. Thank you!



### ALL SAINTS DAY RETREAT

Monday, November 1 2021  
 Our Lady of Peace Retreat in Beaverton  
 Please join us in person with Bishop Peter Smith  
 His conferences for the day will consider  
 "Some Secrets of the Saints."  
 Doors open at 8:15 am, and the retreat is from 9 am – 2:30 pm.  
 Pre-registration required. Please call 503-649-7127 or  
 email: [sisters@olpretreat.org](mailto:sisters@olpretreat.org)  
 Suggested Donation is \$40, includes lunch  
 Virtual option available also, please visit [www.olpretreat.org](http://www.olpretreat.org) for  
 more information



Our soul waits for the LORD,  
 who is our help and our shield.  
 May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us  
 who have put our hope in you.

-Ps 33:22, Lectionary



Mr. Chi-Nan Vo  
 Pastoral Year  
 Christ the King Parish, Milwaukie, Oregon

*"One day with God's grace, I hope that my vocation will reveal itself naturally through my studies, and maybe one day I'll be worthy of calling myself a priest of Jesus Christ for His people."*

### SEMINARIAN APPEAL

The Seminarian Appeal provides substantial financial support to our Archdiocese seminarians and vocational discernment at all levels. This year's theme is, Remain in Me: Rooting our identity in Christ. We are truly blessed to be so intimately related to Christ through the sacraments administered by His priests. Considering the importance of the priesthood in your own sacramental life, please prayerfully reflect on how you can invest in our future priests. As the Lord has made us and anointed us as His children, let us praise Him through our generosity of the gifts we have received. A personalized commitment card may have arrived in your mail. Please prayerfully consider your gift and mail in your contribution directly to the Archdiocese.

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