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Collection Update for November 27-28, 2021

Repair & Maint Fund	\$	
General Collection	\$	4,086.00
AVG weekly expense	\$	4,019.00
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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 of Easter Sunday.
Call 503-829-2080 for more information.

VICARIATE ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE
Dec 7, 6:00pm St. Patrick, Canby
Dec 9, 7:00pm St. James, Molalla
Dec 14, 7:00pm St. Mary's, Mt. Angel
Dec 14, 7:00pm St. Paul, St. Paul
Dec 17, 7:00pm St. Paul, Silverton



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Fr. Cit's Column

Uneven pavement. It was an unexpected surprise, and at the same time a frustration. I was driving on the southwest end of Southeast Salem enjoying the country feel when I suddenly felt the paved road ended. I had to drive slowly. The dust billowed from the rear of my car and the wind tossed it in all directions. I was enveloped in smoke dust. Then I felt a little drop on the right front wheel and then another one, a much bigger drop on the right rear wheel. I sighed in dismay. Salem is the Capital City of Oregon; being so, I expected much. I could not believe I was driving on dirt road.

Uneven pavements are a source of frustrations. Or are they really? Maybe, they actually provoke the heart and mind to discern deeper the meaning of those irregularities, since life as a whole is not smooth and even. We experience many bumps all the time. And without those bumps, life would not be as exciting and fruitful.

In faith, the bumps we encounter in life becomes powerful motivators to be strong and steadfast. I, like any normal people, had resisted the bumps, but in the end accepted them well for they made me a stronger and faithful believer.

One of the bumps that changed my outlook was the hindrance in staying in the seminary until I became a priest. I was not bothered about myself as a seminarian. I was confident I had the necessary values and skills needed to stay in the seminary. I was worried about my finances. I had no benefactors to support my seminary education.

I started to believe that my parents' reason they would not want me to join the seminary was right. I already dismissed the hope that one day I would be ordained. I was ready to do something else.

But when hope seemed to be bleak, there came a personal realization. When man's plan does fail, one works well, and that is God's plan. -30-

Pavimento irregular. Fue una sorpresa inesperada y, al mismo tiempo, una frustración. Estaba conduciendo por el extremo suroeste del sureste de Salem disfrutando de la sensación de campo cuando de repente sentí que el camino pavimentado terminaba. Tuve que conducir despacio. El polvo se elevaba desde la parte trasera de mi coche y el viento lo lanzó en todas direcciones. Estaba envuelto en polvo de humo. Luego sentí una pequeña caída en la rueda delantera derecha y luego otra, una caída mucho más grande en la rueda trasera derecha. Suspiré consternado. Salem es la capital de Oregon; siendo así, esperaba mucho. No podía creer que estaba conduciendo por un camino de tierra.

Los pavimentos irregulares son una fuente de frustraciones. ¿O lo son realmente? Tal vez, en realidad provocan que el corazón y la mente disciernen más profundamente el significado de esas irregularidades, ya que la vida en su conjunto no es suave y uniforme. Experimentamos muchos baches todo el tiempo. Y sin esos baches, la vida no sería tan emocionante y fructífera.

En la fe, los baches que encontramos en la vida se convierten en poderosos motivadores para ser fuertes y firmes. Yo, como cualquier gente normal, había resistido los golpes, pero al final los acepté bien porque me hicieron un creyente más fuerte y fiel.

Uno de los baches que cambió mi perspectiva fue el obstáculo para permanecer en el seminario hasta que me convirtiera en sacerdote. No me preocupaba por mí mismo como seminarista. Confiaba en que tenía los valores y habilidades necesarios para permanecer en el seminario. Estaba preocupado por mis finanzas. No tenía benefactores para apoyar mi educación en el seminario.

Comencé a creer que la razón por la que mis padres no querían que me uniera al seminario era correcta. Ya descarté la esperanza de que algún día sería ordenado. Estaba listo para hacer otra cosa.

Pero cuando la esperanza parecía ser sombría, llegó una realización personal. Cuando los esfuerzos del hombre fracasan, uno trabaja bien, y ese es el plan de Dios. -30-



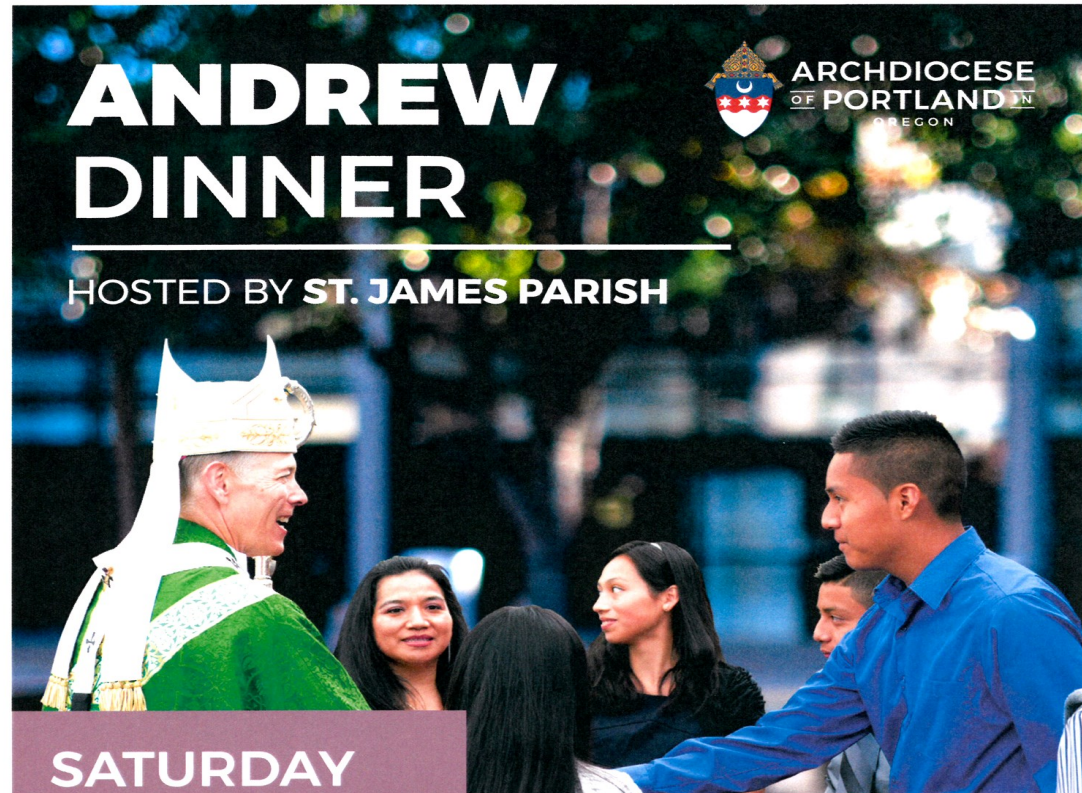
Mass Schedule

- 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

December

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Katy Zimmerman+ St. James Parish	5
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Irene, Onie Burch + Family Katy Zimmerman+	8
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ANDREW DINNER

HOSTED BY ST. JAMES PARISH



**SATURDAY
JAN. 15, 2022**

Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner with Archbishop Sample and priests of the vicariate at 6:30 pm.

St. James Parish
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THE ANDREW DINNERS provide young men ages 16-30 the opportunity for prayer, conversation and discussion about vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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St. James Council, Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree and Advent Food Drive

Please support this charity project of our St. Vincent de Paul by taking a tag from the Giving Tree and Knights of Columbus by donating to the Food Drive. The Tree is up and take a tag. Follow the tag's details and return the gift when ready. The bins will begin collecting food donations on November 28. Only non-perishable food donations are accepted in the bins. For more information, talk to Roy Salvetti or any of the St. Vincent or Knights members.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day

December 11-12, 2021

Join us here in St. James Parish as our Hispanic community celebrates the feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Everyone is invited.

The Feast schedule is as follows:

- Dec 11, 7:00PM Vigil Mass
- Dec 11, 8:00PM Prayers
- Dec 11, 9:00PM Rosary
- Dec 11, 10:15PM Preaching by Cesar Delgado
- Dec 11, 11:45PM Hymns to the Mother
- Dec 12, 5:00AM Mañanitas
- Dec 12, 12:00PM Mass
- Dec 12, 1:00PM Lunch, music, entertainment

PRAYERS FOR THE SYNOD

The Vatican recently launched a website and smartphone app to help Catholics pray for the success of the two-year process culminating in the 2023 synod on *synodality*. At prayforthesynod.va, Catholics can find information in English, Spanish, and other languages about how to support the synod through prayer. "This website, together with the app, aims to accompany the synodal way for prayer," the website says on its "About us" page. "In order to 'walk together' and listen to the Holy Spirit we need to pray. There can be no synodal way without personal and community prayer. Prayer prepares our hearts to listen carefully to others and helps us to discern the action of the Holy Spirit throughout the world." One way the Vatican has suggested that Catholics and their communities can pray for the synod is by reciting a prayer to the Holy Spirit, a simplified version of the "Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus." The "Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus," according to the "Pray for the Synod" website, was prayed at the beginning of every session during the Second Vatican Council. The prayer was revised "so that any group or liturgical assembly can pray more easily," the website states. The synodal process, launched by Pope Francis earlier this month, is a two-year, worldwide undertaking during which Catholics will be encouraged to submit feedback to their local dioceses. A synod is a meeting of bishops gathered to discuss a topic of theological or pastoral significance, to prepare a document of advice or counsel to the pope. The Vatican has also unveiled version 2.0 of the app, first launched in 2019. The app connects Catholics to a global network to share prayer intentions via their smartphones — and will be another way to pray with others during the synodal process. Speaking at a presentation on Oct. 19, Msgr. Lucio Adrián Ruiz, an official of the Vatican communications dicastery, said: "The novelties of the new platform propose a greater interaction with various networks and ecclesial communities, a new possibility for accompanying each other in a personalized way in our spiritual life."

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"I prayed in front of the Blessed Sacrament at the retreat. I asked God, 'How can I keep this feeling of peace and not lose it?' At that point, in my heart, I felt a strong attraction to the priesthood. That was when I started discerning."

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.

If possible, please refrain from sending cash through the mail. If you did not receive a commitment card, pledge envelopes are available at your parish. You can also visit our website advance.archdpdx.org to securely make your commitment online. You will receive an immediate confirmation via email for your records in addition to an acknowledgement letter in the mail. To join us in support seminarian education in western Oregon in any other way, please contact the Office of Vocations: 503-233-8368 * vocations@archdpdx.org * archdpdxvocations.org