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ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Iglesia Católica de Santiago Apóstol

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## CALENDAR

December 24, 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass  
December 24, 11:00pm Christmas Midnight Mass  
December 25, 9:00am Christmas Day Mass (English)  
December 25, 11am Misa de Navidad (Español)  
January 1, 9am Solemnity of BVM, Mother of God  
Enero 1, 11am Solemnidad de BVM, Madre de Dios  
January 15, Archbishop Sample's Visit  
January 15, Andrew Dinner

### Parish Mission and Vision

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

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

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

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

*Nothing should frighten or grieve you. Let not your heart be disturbed. Am I not here, who is your Mother? (Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego)*

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. If you have taken a tag from the giving tree, return the gift on or before Dec. 19. Place it under the tree. The bins will collect non-perishable items up to Christmas season. For more information, talk to Roy Salvetti or any of the St. Vincent or Knights members.



### VICARIATE ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE

Dec 14, 7:00pm St. Paul, St. Paul  
Dec 17, 7:00pm St. Paul, Silverton

Help us continue to deliver church services to all our parishioners by supporting our financial stability. Please donate online. Paypal is another way to donate. You can donate using Paypal [stjames2donate@gmail.com](mailto:stjames2donate@gmail.com). Thank you for your generosity.



### Collection Update for December 4-5 2021

General Collection \$ 4775.00  
Expenses (weekly estimate) \$ 4 316.00  
**Deficit \$ 0**

Thank you all for your constant support to the welfare of our parish family. We ask you to continue to help us as our parish is also experiencing financial stretch. If you are not comfortable doing online giving, the envelopes works fairly well. Please consider doing so. God bless you.

**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. Come and see.

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DECEMBER 12, 2021

## THE SCALLOP

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**Fr. Cit's Column** Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Latino Community. It is becoming common place in most parishes in the Archdiocese where Latinos live to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Remember that this Feast commemorates the Apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Juan Diego, a native, where the most famous miracle happened when he brought to the bishops who sought proof of the apparition fresh roses though it was winter time and the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary imprinted on his tilma. This feast is a grand celebration, especially in the Cathedral that was erected in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and wherever the Mexican devotees are, there we will find that lavish feast.

Together in that feast, we are catechized in a way of the beautiful message of God's salvation to all peoples. I believe this migration of our southern brethren involves a Godly intervention and realization of a divine plan. I am praying that this inspiration open our eyes and minds and let God and his message penetrate our hearts.

Through the 500 years of remembering the apparition, the celebration has inspired more devotees to pray to God. Many intentions for God did not fail to give them answered prayers, but the most wonderful miracle is the transformation of hearts of many devotees.

You may not know it but the Young Virgin who appeared to Juan Diego was pregnant with child. Many women prayed to Guadalupe for child-bearing and they testified that their prayers bore fruit. The help from Our Lady is not limited to this benefit for many families were secured from possible danger, or they were provided with sure ease of doing things they needed to fulfill, or success in many endeavors Christian families did for the whole community.

This beautiful presence of the Lady is also announcing the joy of God's sure help for his people and the coming of Jesus in the flesh. -30-

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y la Comunidad Latina. Se está convirtiendo en un lugar común en la mayoría de las parroquias de la Arquidiócesis donde viven los latinos para celebrar la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Recuerde que esta fiesta conmemora la Aparición de la Santísima Virgen María a Juan Diego, un nativo, Donde ocurrió el milagro más famoso cuando trajo a los obispos que buscaron la prueba de la aparición rosas frescas aunque era invierno y la imagen de la Santísima Virgen María impresa en su tilma. Esta fiesta es una gran celebración, especialmente en la Catedral que fue erigida en honor a la Santísima Virgen María, y dondequiera que estén los devotos mexicanos, allí encontraremos esa fastuosa fiesta.

Juntos en esa fiesta, estamos catechizados de manera que el hermoso mensaje de la salvación de Dios sea transmitido a todos los pueblos. Creo que esta migración de nuestros hermanos del sur implica una intervención divina y la realización de un plan divino. Estoy orando para que esta inspiración abra nuestros ojos y mentes y permita que Dios y Su mensaje penetren en nuestros corazones.

A través de los 500 años de recordar la aparición, la celebración ha inspirado a más devotos a orar a Dios Muchas intenciones de Dios no faltó en darles oraciones contestadas. Pero el milagro más maravilloso es la transformación de los corazones de muchos devotos.

Puede que no lo sepas, pero la joven virgen que se le apareció a Juan Diego estaba embarazada de un niño. Muchas mujeres le oraron por tener hijos y testificaron que sus oraciones dan fruto. Pero la ayuda derramada a través de la Señora no se limita a este beneficio, ya que muchas familias fueron aseguradas de un posible peligro, o fueron provistas con la facilidad segura de hacer las cosas que necesitaban cumplir, o éxito en muchos esfuerzos que las familias cristianas hicieron por toda la comunidad.

Esta hermosa presencia de la Señora anuncia también la alegría de la ayuda segura de Dios para su pueblo y la venida de Jesús en la carne. -30-

### MASS INTENTIONS:

DECEMBER

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Katy Zimmerman +  
St. James Parish

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Irene, Onnie Burch, family +

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Chris Maurer +

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### MASS SCHEDULE

M to F at 9:00AM

Sat at 5:30PM (Eng)

Sat at 7:00PM (Span)

Sun at 8:00AM and  
10:00AM (English) and  
12:00PM Adoration on  
Thursdays at 9:30AM to  
8:00PM

Confession Sat at 4:00-  
5:00PM but is always avail-  
able as needed.





# 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.

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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.

**RSVP BY JANUARY 12, 2022**  
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### Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



**Seminarian in Focus**  
**Mr. Zach Muñoz**  
Theology I  
St. Patrick's Seminary  
Menlo Park, CA

*"After the discernment retreat, I convinced myself that the priesthood was not for me, but the calling persisted. My prayer became, "Lord, I do not want this, but if it is your will, I will do it." I then asked if my priest would consider becoming my spiritual director, and despite my fears I began to discern seriously the priesthood."*

### 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](http://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](mailto:vocations@archdpdx.org) \* [archdpdxvocations.org](http://archdpdxvocations.org)

## The Third Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 12, 2021



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### Lighting the Rose Candle

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple, and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

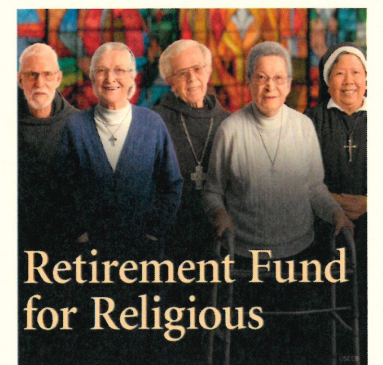
The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time.

The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

### Retirement Fund for Religious

Say thank you to the senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who devoted their lives to serving others. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious at Mass today. Learn more at [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).



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