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**ST. JAMES THE GREATER CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**IGLESIA CATOLICA DE SANTIAGO APOSTOL**

Mission: 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.

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

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

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

**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 into the Catholic church. The instruction/formation runs about a year (10 months). If you are interested, join us any time. Normally, initiation happens at Easter Vigil. Easter vigil is on the eve of Easter Sunday. For more information call us at 503.829.2080.

### CALENDAR

December 24, 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass with Live Nativity  
December 24, 11:00pm Christmas Midnight Mass  
December 25, 9:00am Christmas Day Mass  
Diciembre 25, 11:00am Misa del Día de Navidad  
January 1, 9:00am BVM Mother of God  
Enero 1, 11:00am BVM Madre de Dios  
January 15, Archbishop Sample's Visit

*Behold, I come to do your will, O God.*  
Heb 10:7

Help us continue to deliver church services to all our parishioners by supporting our financial stability. Please donate online using the Church's Paypal.

account [stjames2donate@gmail.com](mailto:stjames2donate@gmail.com).

Thank you for your generosity.

### Collection Update

December 11-12, 2021

General Collection \$ 4,464.17  
Expenses (weekly estimate) \$ 4,316.00  
**Deficit \$ 0**

Thank you all for your constant support for the welfare of our parish family. May God reward you a hundredfold.

# FORMED®

A St. Augustine online parish resource. Formed is available for all parishioners of St. James Catholic Church, Molalla and it is for free.

To access the resources from FORMED: <https://signup.formed.org/>  
Enter St. James Catholic Church, Molalla  
Enter your name and email. You are signed up. Start browsing and enjoying its contents.

### Schedule for the Archbishop's Visit January 15, 2021

1:00pm Meet with parish Staff and Parish Council  
2:30pm Town Hall Meeting with parishioners with snacks  
5:00pm Preparation for Mass  
5:30pm Mass  
7:00pm Andrew Dinner

We are engendering excitement among parishioners for this very special visit. Mark your calendar. If you would like to help in the preparation for the visit, we need you.

**Live Nativity Play**  
We are looking for children who would like to join the Nativity play (December 24, 5:30pm Mass). Please arrive at 4:30pm on Christmas Eve to be fitted for your costume and a dry run for instructions on what to do.  
Please call Leanne Brusseau (971-762-7698) to sign up and join the angels and shepherds as we welcome Christ the newborn King.

As a parish, first, our task is to pray pleading to God grace so that we may be inspired by the Holy Spirit in our participation in the Synod. When we are required to join discussions next year, we may have the courage to do so.



## St. James the Greater Catholic Church

# The Scallop

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Dec 19, 2021

### MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER

Marilyn Earsley +	18
Katy Zimmerman + St. James Parish	19
Barbara Pinto-Choate Mary Johnstone (healing)	20
Mark Salvetti +	21
Onnie, Irene Burch, family+	22
Barbara Pinto-Choate Mary Johnstone (health)	23
For all children	24

## Mass Schedule

**M-F 9:00AM (Eng)**

**Saturday 5:30PM (Eng)**

**Saturday 7:00PM (Span)**

**Sunday 8:00AM (Eng)**

**10:30AM (Eng)**

**12:30PM (Esp)**

**Adoration Thursdays  
9:30AM to 8:00PM**

**Confession Saturday 4:00-5:00PM but is always available as needed.**



Perfect Timing. Watching the flying trapeze performers, I thought, they always executed their routine in the most perfect timing. Their connections are seamless, the time each has to fly in the air and be caught by another just come together so perfectly that no mistake can be allowed. It is going to be disastrous should the connections fail.

They rehearsed their routines a million times (or maybe only a couple of times), I do not really know. But I am sure, there must be some degree of repetitions needed in order to perfect the acts for the greater quality of the show and for the safety of all performers.

Parkour is another art skill in which I am overly impressed. The coordination of the body with the elements around that body fall in perfect timing. The flow does not even show transitions because they are so seamless a spectator would have his eyes open wide and jaws drop in awe.

The acts of God are more awesome there is plenty of reason for our eyes to bulge out and our jaws to drop. God's handiwork is always in perfect sync the timing is always right. When I laid eyes on Bryce Canyon, I thought, the natural artwork is flawless its artist put together the masterpiece for a long time and yet not any of its pieces are out of place.

Can God make an imperfect work? Well, this is a question of faith; anyone who believes would certainly agree that God is perfect, and he does perfect work too.

Jesus' incarnation was God's plan, and his birth was in sync with the plan of salvation. Nothing was out of place. Nothing was kept a secret for the birth of the Messiah was foretold. Many prophets announced his coming and prepared Israel for his birth.

The birth of the Messiah made this distant God become so near and yet we always have the opportunity for an encounter. These sacraments Jesus gave the Church are a testament that indeed God's plan is ever beautiful and effective. We have to be in sync with God's perfect timing.-30-

Sincronización perfecta. Viendo a los trapezistas voladores, pensé, siempre han ejecutado su rutina en el momento más perfecto. Sus conexiones son perfectas, el tiempo que cada uno tiene para volar en el aire y ser atrapado por otro simplemente se unen tan perfectamente que no se puede permitir ningún error. Va a ser desastroso si las conexiones fallan.

Ensayaron sus rutinas un millón de veces (o tal vez solo un par de veces), realmente no lo sé. Pero estoy seguro de que debe haber algún grado de repeticiones necesarias para perfeccionar los actos para la mayor calidad del espectáculo y para la seguridad de todos los artistas.

El parkour es otra habilidad artística que me impresiona demasiado. La coordinación del cuerpo con los elementos alrededor de ese cuerpo caen en el momento perfecto. El flujo ni siquiera muestra transiciones porque son tan fluidas que un espectador tendría los ojos bien abiertos y las mandíbulas caerían de asombro.

Los actos de Dios son más impresionantes, hay muchas razones para que nuestros ojos sobresalgan y nuestras mandíbulas caigan. La obra de Dios siempre está en perfecta sincronía, el momento siempre es el correcto. Cuando puse los ojos en Bryce Canyon, pensé, la obra de arte natural es impecable, su artista armó la obra maestra durante mucho tiempo y, sin embargo, ninguna de sus piezas está fuera de lugar.

¿Puede Dios hacer una obra imperfecta? Bueno, esto es una cuestión de fe; cualquiera que crea ciertamente estaría de acuerdo en que Dios es perfecto, y él también hace una obra perfecta.

La encarnación de Jesús fue el plan de Dios, y su nacimiento estuvo en sincronía con el plan de salvación. Nada estaba fuera de lugar. Nada se mantuvo en secreto porque el nacimiento del Mesías fue predicho. Muchos profetas anunciaron su venida y prepararon a Israel para su nacimiento.

El nacimiento del Mesías hizo que este Dios distante se volviera tan cercano y, sin embargo, siempre tenemos la oportunidad de un encuentro. Estos sacramentos que Jesús le dio a la Iglesia son un testimonio de que el plan de Dios es siempre hermoso y efectivo. Tenemos que estar en sincronía con el tiempo perfecto de Dios.-30-





O, come!  
O, come, Emmanuel!



# 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**  
301 Frances St.  
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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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## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 19, 2021



### Blessing of a Christmas Manger

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.

When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R/. Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 2:1 (lines 1-8) or Isaiah 7:10 (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people,  
from the very beginning of creation  
you have made manifest your love:

when our need for a Savior was great  
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.

To our lives he brings joy and peace,  
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,  
bless all who look upon this manger;  
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,  
and raise our thoughts to him,  
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,  
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R/. Amen.



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### Seminarian in Focus

Mr. Erik Morris  
Pre-Theology II  
Mt. Angel Seminary,  
St. Benedict OR

*"Life went on and I worked toward my life goals, but I experienced multiple breaking points where God worked on my intrinsic desires and fears. Eventually, God led me to a state of peace about following Him further."*

### 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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### Oración por el Sínodo sobre la Sinodalidad

Estamos ante ti, Espíritu Santo, reunidos en tu nombre. Tú que eres nuestro verdadero consejero: ven a nosotros, apóyanos, entra en nuestros corazones. Enséñanos el camino, muéstranos cómo alcanzar la meta. Impide que perdamos el rumbo como personas débiles y pecadoras. No permitas que la ignorancia nos lleve por falsos caminos. Concédenos el don del discernimiento, para que no dejemos que nuestras acciones se guíen por prejuicios y falsas consideraciones. Condúcenos a la unidad en ti, para que no nos desviemos del camino de la verdad y la justicia, sino que en nuestro peregrinaje terrenal nos esforcemos por alcanzar la vida eterna. Esto te lo pedimos a ti, que obras en todo tiempo y lugar, en comunión con el Padre y el Hijo por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

