

ST. JAMES PARISH OFFICE

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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.



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.

C A L E N D A R

Abril 3, 12:00pm Tercer Escrutinio (RICA)
April 8, 6:00pm Soup Supper
April 8, 7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Office Staff)
April 10-17 Holy Week
April 17, 9:30am Easter Egg Hunting
Abril 17, 1:30pm Kermes
May 7, 7:00pm Annual Dinner and Auction
May 9-13, 6:00pm First Confessions

Marion Vicariate Lenten Penance Service

April 5, 7:00pm St. Paul Parish, St. Paul

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Masses April 9, 5:30pm English Abril 9, 7;00pm Español April 10, 8:00am English (principal Mass) April 10, 10:00am English April 10, 12;00pm Español Mass of the Last Supper and Washing of the Feet Misa de la Ultima Cena y Lavado de los Pies April 14, 6:00pm Reposition and Vigil of the Blessed Sacrament April 14, 8:00pm to 12:00am Stations of the Cross El Via Crucis April 15, 12:00pm The Lord's Passion Passion del Nstro. Seňor April 15, 6:00pm Easter Vigil Vigilia Pascual April 16, 8:30pm



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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.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to donate Easter flowers and offer a Mass for your deceased loved ones, you may drop an offering. Envelopes are on the counter in the narthex. Return before Holy Week either through the office or collection basket.



EASTER EGG HUNTING

Is open to all children and children at heart alike. St. James Church ground. After the 8:00am Mass. Invite friends.

Individually wrapped candies and egg shells are accepted. Place them in the narthex.



KERMES ON EASTER SUNDAY

After the 12:00pm Mass, St. James Hall/Ground

There will be food, music and entertainment. Join us and let's celebrate Family Easter feast.

Bring your appetite. It's okay if you do not speak Spanish. Love is the lan-

guage.



Fr. Cit's Column

April 3, 2022

V Lent

St. James

Catholic Church

For a synodal Church

On new things. After the old has served its purpose, the new order emerges, bringing to fulfillment the vision of God's new heaven and

new earth to fruition. That is something every Christian looks forward to but with so much quandary as to what, how and when it is going to occur.

We only can assume that there is ceasing and from what ceased the new emerges. Others think it is not quite a ceasing but a transformation, that from the existing old, a new form is going to emerge. However it is, the only truth that matters is that this newness completes the divine revelation. Christ will be as he is.

That newness is a call to transformation. Every slavery to the old must begone if we only believe that our change of mind and heart would realize that new form. Sin no more. We leave our old self behind to embrace our new life. The old self dies and the new self is born. That new life is a life in Christ, a consistent and constant living the Christian virtues expected of a disciple. And that is fundamentally a serious realization of God's love both lived and shared.

So, if there is one thing that needed to be obvious, it should be for the other to experience Christ through me. It is a daily struggle. Sins continue to prevent us to be faithful to God and to be responsible in our daily Christian work.

To be new (or renewed) we must be washed by the cleansing water of baptism. For us who are already baptized, we have to continue our cleansing through our contrition from sins, confessing our errors and repenting from our misdeeds. In other words, we go to the person who changes us; we make Christ our life's "food". When we fill our life with the richness of Christ's person, we become full of him and we empty ourselves with the unnecessary, the worldly, the sinful.

Change is not as easy as changing our clothes. But it is doable when we put our heart to Christ's transformative work.-30-

Sobre cosas nuevas. Después de que lo viejo ha servido a su propósito, el nuevo orden emerge, trayendo a la realización la visión del nuevo cielo de Dios y de la nueva tierra. Eso es algo que cada cristiano espera con tanto dilema en cuanto a qué, cómo y cuándo va a ocurrir. Sólo podemos asumir que hay cese y de lo que dejó emerge lo nuevo. Otros piensan que no es un cese, sino una transformación, que a partir de lo antiguo existente, va a surgir una nueva forma. Sin embargo, la única verdad que importa es que esta novedad completa la revelación divina. Cristo será como Él es.

Esa novedad es un llamado a la transformación. Toda esclavitud a lo viejo debe ser perseguida si solo creemos que nuestro cambio de mente y corazón se daría cuenta de esa nueva forma. No peques más.

Dejamos atrás a nuestro viejo yo para abrazar nuestra nueva vida. El viejo yo muere y el nuevo yo nace. Esa nueva vida es una vida en Cristo, una vida constante y constante de las virtudes cristianas esperadas de un discípulo. Y esa es fundamentalmente una seria realización del amor de Dios, tanto vivido como compartido.

Así que, si hay algo que necesitaba ser obvio, debería ser que el otro experimentara a Cristo a través de mí. Es una lucha diaria. Los pecados continúan impidiéndonos ser fieles a Dios y ser responsables en nuestro trabajo cristiano diario.

Para ser nuevos (o renovados) debemos ser lavados por el agua de limpieza del bautismo. Para nosotros que ya somos bautizados, tenemos que continuar nuestra limpieza a través de nuestra contrición de pecados, confesando nuestros errores y arrepintiéndonos de nuestras malas obras. En otras palabras, vamos a la persona que nos cambia; hacemos de Cristo el "alimento" de nuestra vida. Cuando llenamos nuestra vida con la riqueza de la persona de Cristo, nos llenamos de Él y nos vaciamos con lo innecesario, lo mundano, lo pecaminoso.

Cambiar no es tan fácil como cambiar nuestra ropa. Pero es factible cuando ponemos nuestro corazón en la obra transformadora de Cristo.—30-

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 2, 5:30pm Apr 2, 7:30pm Apr 3, 8:00am

Apr 3, 10:00am Apr 3, 12:00pm

Apr 4, 9:00am Apr 5, 9:00am

Apr 6, 9:00am Apr 7, 9:00am Apr 8, 9:00am Irene Burch, Onnie Burch + family

Pat Curran +

MASS TIMES

M-F 9:00AM (English)
Sat 5:30PM (Eng),
7:00PM (Span)
Sun 8:00AM, 10:00AM, (Eng)12:00PM,
(Span)
Adoration 9:30AM—8:00PM
Confession Sat 4:00-5:00PM but always
available as needed



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

<u>Visiting the Homebound:</u> Making visits to people who cannot get to Mass is a special ministry. It involves a social time for many and a chance to pray with and for the needs of that person. There is also a short rite used when the Holy Eucharist is given. If you would like to be a part of this team, call the office 503-829-2080.

Youth Ministry: This important ministry is in need of an energetic and charismatic leader with a great crew of volunteers to organize a program attractive to young people in building their faith. Contact the office (503-829-2080) if you can help in organizing this ministry.

Religious Education: We always need good people to teach our children about the Catholic Faith and to prepare them for receiving the Sacraments. No formal training is needed but some in-house training will be given. If interested, but unsure, at least think about becoming a teacher's aide. You will get a lot out of this ministry - it's fun and enlightening. Contact Miguel Serrano at 503-829-2880.

Adoration: Every Thursday, starting with 9:00am Mass and ending with Benediction at 8:00pm. You are welcome whenever it's convenient for you or volunteer for a specific time to spend one hour with Our Lord. Call the office 503-829-2080 if you would like to be a volunteer.

Altar Society: The Altar Society oversees the reverent care of the altar as well as maintaining the plants and flower arrangements that grace the sides of the tabernacle. The Altar Society also sponsors fundraising events as well as community gathering events. We meet each month on the 1st Tuesday at 10:30am and the 1st Thursday at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. All the ladies of the church are members and invited to come!

Knights of Columbus: Is a national fraternity group of men who share with others in the parish. We have activities and events throughout the year. We are involved in the parish and community. For more information contact Doug Walkup 503-702-3603.

St. Vincent de Paul: Is a food distribution to those families in need. Distribution is once a month on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the parish hall. Volunteers set up on the previous Monday night. For more information call Roy Salvetti at 503-829-6404.

Music: We always need people to join our choirs. They practice on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. Call Steve or Claire Ferlan 503-829-9402 or Jim or Janell Casey 503-730-1900 for more information.

Weeding, pruning, mowing or planting: The Church grounds (the Campus) are always in need of help. You can choose a portion of the campus to do your thing in. Or, if you have equipment you can help maintain the larger grassy areas. Call the office (503-829-2080) to discuss the seasonal needs.

The Auction: We always need a good leader and a strong auction committee. But there are almost a hundred other volunteers needed to help prepare and serve the meal, to prepare hors d'oeuvres, to help with registrations, to collect donations, to set up displays and many more tasks. Call Carol Freeman at 503-329-0928 for more information.

<u>The 4th of July Chicken Barbecue:</u> This fun event can always use volunteers. Our Knights of Columbus men are in charge of cooking but they can always use help with serving and selling meals. Contact Roy Salvetti (503-829-6404) for more information.

GOOD FRIDAY 2022 · APRIL 17



Help us continue to serve those who need help in the Holy Land



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Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!







PRAYER

FASTING

ALMSGIVING

40 CANS OF FOOD FOR 40 DAYS OF LENT

food drive will begin Ash Wednesday March 2 until Easter Sunday April 17. This is sponsored by our Knights of Columbus to help St. Vincent de Paul in Molalla. We are asking for non-perishable food items. Barrels will be out in the Narthex for your convenience. Thank You for helping St. Vincent de Paul support families in need in Molalla.

Knights of Columbus 2022 Scholarship Program

Knights of Columbus Molalla Council will have scholarship applications out by March 14,2022. We will award 2 \$1,000.00 scholarships to a Knight member or relation living with Knight members family. This a one year scholarship, which you may reapply for each year. Application is open to H.S. seniors graduating during current year; a full time student attending a 4 year college, community college, or a trade school.

Coffee & Donuts needs your donations of coffee to serve each Sunday

St. James Catholic Church Auction 2022

This year's parish auction team has revved up preparing for this year's Annual Parish Dinner and Auction. Check in the Narthex are details and tickets that are pre-selling. Thank you very much. Dinner and Auction is May 7.



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"Father, Forgive Them, for They Know Not What They Do!" FULTON J. SHEEN

The congregation anxiously awaited His first word. The executioners expected Him to cry, for everyone pinned on the gibbet of the Cross had done it before Him. Seneca tells us that those who were crucified cursed the day of their birth, the executioners, their mothers, and even spat on those who looked upon them. Cicero tells us that at times it was necessary to cut out the tongues of those who were crucified, to stop their terrible blasphemies. Hence the executioners expected a cry but not the kind of cry that they heard.

Everyone expected a cry, but no one with the exception of the three at the foot of the Cross expected the cry they did hear. Like some fragrant trees that bathe in perfume the very axe that gnashes them, the great Heart on the Tree of Love poured out from its depths something less a cry than a prayer, the soft, sweet, low prayer of pardon and forgiveness: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Forgive whom? Forgive enemies? The soldier in the courtroom of Caiaphas who struck Him with a mailed fist; Pilate, the politician, who condemned a God to retain the friendship of Caesar; Herod, who robed Wisdom in the garment of a fool; the soldiers who swung the King of Kings on a tree between heaven and earth—forgive them? For-

give them, why? Because they know what they do? No, because they know not what they do. If they knew what they were doing and still went on doing it; if they knew what a terrible crime they were committing by sentencing Life to death; if they knew what a perversion of justice it was to choose Barabbas to Christ; if they knew what cruelty it was to take the feet that trod everlasting hills and pinion them to the limb of a tree; if they knew what they were doing and still went on doing it, unmindful of the fact that the very blood that they shed was capable of redeeming them, they would never be saved! Why, they would be damned if it were not for the fact that they were ignorant of the terrible thing they did when they crucified Christ! It was only the ignorance of their great sin that brought them within the pale of the hearing of that cry from the Cross. It is not wisdom that saves; it is ignorance! It is only our ignorance of how good God is that excuses us for not being saints!

Dear Jesus! I do not want to know the wisdom of the world; I do not want to know on whose anvil snowflakes are hammered or the hiding place of darkness or from whose womb came the ice, or why the gold falls to the earth earthly, and fire climbs to the heavens heavenly; I do not want to know literature and science, or the four-dimensional universe in which we live; I do not want to know the length of the universe in terms of light-years; I do not want to know the breadth of the earth as it dances about the chariot of the sun; I do not want to know the heights of the stars, chaste candles of the night; I do not want to know the depths of the sea or the secrets of its watery palace. I want to be ignorant of all these things. I want only to know the length, the breadth, the height, and the depth of Thy redeeming love on the Cross, sweet Savior of men. I want to be ignorant of everything in the world—everything but You, dear Jesus. And then, by the strangest of strange paradoxes, I shall be wise!

This excerpt is from an article from a chapter in Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's book, **The Cries of Jesus From the Cross: A Fulton Sheen Anthology**. It is available as a paperback or ebook from your favorite bookseller or online through Sophia Institute Press.

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