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This council advises Fr. Cit regarding pastoral and financial matters of the parish. The Parish Council's regular meeting is every third Tuesday of the Month in the hall at 6:30pm. Parishioners can audit in the meeting.

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.

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.

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 servir a la Iglesia y a nuestra comunidad por medio de la fe.

CALENDAR

Thanksgiving, November 24th

Friday, December 2nd Ivan Diaz
Advent Reflection/Retiro de Adviento

Collection Update for November 6, 2022

General Collection \$ 5,872.00
Expenses (weekly estimate) \$ 4,300.00
\$ 1,572.00

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.

Please take advantage of this resource. It is free for parishioners.

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



Be a part of the RCIA Team. Volunteer to be a member of the moderator team preparing adults for sacraments. Please talk to Magnus Igbokwe or let the office know of your interest. RCIA meets Wednesdays at 6:30pm at Room 9, St. James Parish Hall.

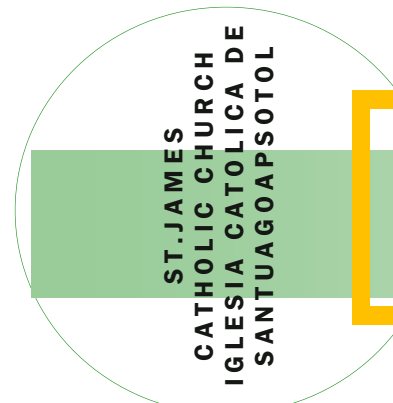
Friday, December 2nd
Advent Reflection /
Retiro de Adviento

The hour of reflective music will lead attendees to make Advent prayerful to prepare for the Christmas Season.



YOUTH PROGRAM

Started in our parish October 23rd. 4:pm—7:pm in the Parish Hall. If you are interested to join the team, contact the office or talk to Magnus Igbokwe.



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Fr. Cit's Column

.Busy-ness. Are we busy or acting like busy bodies? St. Paul persuades us to be intentional disciples. For him, the call to discipleship is serious and urgent, by pretending to be one is a waste of effort and time.

Be busy for the Lord. It seems like all the days of our lives are going to Church, serving the poor, praying the rosary or devotions, listening to the Word of God, etc. No, but every bit of our life should be dedicated to the Lord and every action and decision we make must always be in consonance to the mind of God. That is why, as disciples, our main focus is Christ who leads us to the things that occur and take place in our life.

What comes to mind is the model of St. Therese of Lisieux. She was not called The Little Flower for nothing; she was in the convent too pray always. There she discovered that by offering all that she does every minute of her life, nothing big, but just the ordinary things every day, with love, was a total offering of self to God.

Are we trying to discern how we can be intentional disciples like the saints? Then it has to be started through Christian busy-ness. Remember nothing big, but one that is borne out of love. Where to start? From the sanctity of the Sacrament, we receive every week.

May the Eucharist inflame our love for Christ and send us off as persevering disciples of the love of God.

On another note, I am glad to be back home. It feels like yesterday when I left for my vacation to the Philippines. I was very busy every day, except when I intended to just take the day easy, by staying home and by picking up some house chores needing attention, I enjoyed dedicating my time off from meeting people to gardening. I was fulfilled to have time to fix my Mom's garden. It looked better after my artsy touch. How I wish, I just used all the time at home and did what was restful to my heart.

Ocupado. ¿Estamos ocupados o actuando como cuerpos ocupados? San Pablo nos persuade a ser discípulos intencionales. Para él, el llamado al discipulado es serio y urgente, al pretender ser uno es una pérdida de esfuerzo y tiempo.

Esté ocupado por el Señor. Parece que todos los días de nuestra vida van a la Iglesia, sirviendo a los pobres, orando el rosario o devociones, escuchando la Palabra de Dios, etc. No, Pero cada pedacito de nuestra vida debe ser dedicado al Señor y cada acción y decisión que hagamos debe estar siempre en consonancia con la mente de Dios. Es por eso que, como discípulos, nuestro enfoque principal es Cristo, quien nos guía a las cosas que ocurren y ocurren en nuestra vida.

Lo que me viene a la mente es el modelo de Santa Teresa de Lisieux. Ella no fue llamada la pequeña flor para nada, ella estaba en el convento también Orar siempre. Allí descubrió que al ofrecer todo lo que hacía cada minuto de su vida, notando grandes, pero sólo las cosas ordinarias todos los días, con amor, era una ofrenda total de sí mismo a Dios.

¿Estamos tratando de discernir cómo podemos ser discípulos intencionales como los santos? Entonces tiene que ser comenzado a través de la ocupación cristiana. Recuerde nada grande, sino uno que es llevado por el amor. ¿Por dónde empezar? De la santidad del Sacramento recibimos cada semana.

Que la Eucaristía inflame nuestro amor a Cristo y nos envíe como discípulos perseverantes del amor de Dios.

Por otra parte, me alegro de volver a casa. Se siente como ayer cuando me fui de vacaciones a Filipinas. Estaba muy ocupado todos los días, excepto cuando tenía la intención de tomarse el día con tranquilidad, quedándome en casa y recogiendo algunas tareas domésticas que necesitaban atención, disfrutaba dedicando mi tiempo libre de conocer gente cultivando un huerto. Me sentí satisfecho de tener tiempo para arreglar el jardín de mi mamá. Se veía mejor después de mi toque artístico. Como deseo, simplemente usé todo el tiempo en casa e hice lo que era tranquilo para mi corazón.

Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

MASS INTENTIONS:
NOVEMBER

- St. James Parish 13
- Bob Lewis 14
- Fawn Parks 15
- Margaret Miller 16
- Jim Pearson 17

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MASS SCHEDULE

- M to F at 9:00AM
- Sat at 5:30PM (Eng) and 7:00pm Spanish
- Sun at 8:00AM (English), 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.
- Adoration on Thursdays 9:30am to 7:45pm

The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary

The prophetic papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (The Gospel of Life) was written by Pope St. John Paul II in 1995 to reaffirm the value and inviolability of every human life and to appeal to all people to respect, protect, love, and serve every human life. The following is a brief overview of this important document.

The Gospel of Life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him. For this reason, direct attacks on human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, are always unacceptable. Yet, sadly we see new and expanding threats to human life emerging on an alarming scale. These new threats to life are often justified, protected, and even promoted by our laws and culture.

Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world. God made the human person with the capacity to love and reason and share in a relationship

Advent Day Retreat - Thur. Dec. 8th

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"
with Bishop Peter Smith
8:15am (doors open) to 2:30pm
Retreat Fee: \$40
Conferences, Holy Mass, time for prayer & Lunch

Hosted by the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows at Our Lady of Peace Retreat, 3600 SW 170th Ave., Beaverton

To register: 503-649-7127 or olpretreat.org

Register Now for World Youth Day

All young adults ages 18-35 and youth ages 15-17 with a guardian are invited to join Archbishop Sample at WYD '23 in Lisbon, Portugal.



WORLD YOUTH DAY | SUMMER '23
LISBON | FATIMA | CAMINO DE SANTIAGO | AVILA | MADRID



The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary (cont'd)

Despite the grave threats to human life in the modern world, we, as the People of God, are called to place our faith in Jesus, the "Word of life" (1 Jn 1:1). As Christians, we have received the full truth about human life as proclaimed by the very person of Jesus. In sharing in the lowliest and most vulnerable conditions of human life—even death on a cross—Jesus shows us that life is *always good*. The true meaning of our lives is found in giving and receiving love. It is only through this understanding of a sincere gift of self that human sexuality and procreation reach their true and full significance.

God holds the lives of all people in his gentle and loving care, giving meaning and value to any sufferings that we may bear. Despite the mystery which surrounds suffering and death, they can become saving events as we unite them with Christ's sacrifice. Truly great must be the value of human life if the Son of God has made it the instrument of our salvation.

While the roots of violence against life go all the way back to Genesis, when Cain took the life of his brother Abel, our modern world is suffering under a culture of death. Scientific and technological advances and an increasingly secularized world have led to an eclipse of the value of human life. However, respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of the human person and his integral development. We must reject systems of structuralized sin which value efficiency and productivity over human persons.

Governments and international institutions promote abortion and euthanasia as marks of progress and freedom. But this is a false and perverse understanding in which freedom is equated with absolute individualism. True freedom is inherently relational, recognizing that God has entrusted us to one another. As cultures and societies fail to recognize these objective truths, everything becomes relative and all principles are called into question—even the fundamental right to life. However, the blood of Christ's sacrifice remains our constant hope. Christ's gift of himself on the cross reveals how precious life truly is and gives us the strength to commit ourselves to building a *culture of life*. Christ's blood, shed for us, promises that in God's plan death will be no more, and life will be victorious.

Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life. Our lives are a gift from God and ultimately belong to him. He has sole authority over life and death. We are therefore called to reverence and love every human person, loving our neighbors as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. *To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself*. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society. In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Visiting the Homebound: 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 Jim Casey 503-730-1900.

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 503-568-2636.

Music: We always need people to join our choirs. They practice on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm. 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.

The 4th of July Chicken Barbecue: 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 Jim Currie (971-226-3949) for more information.