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de Santiago Apostol

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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 Cristian de raíces variadas, unidas por Dios, guiada por Santiago el mayor, adorando, evangelizándo 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.

CALENDAR

December 31, 5:30pm Solemnity of the BVM, Mother of God  
Diciembre 31, 7:00pm Solemnidad de la BVM Madre de Dios  
January 1, 8:00am Solemnity of the BVM, Mother of God  
January 1, 10:00am Solemnity of the BVM Mother of God

Collection Update for Dec. 24-25, 2022

General Collection \$ Unavailable  
Expenses (weekly estimate) \$ 4 300.00  
Deficit \$

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.



Happy New Year

Our Lady of Peace Retreat, Beaverton  
A gift idea for your loved one's Christmas stocking!  
The Franciscan Missionary Sisters at Our Lady of Peace Retreat in Beaverton will be hosting Our Lady's Luncheon Tea and Silent Auction on Saturday, February 4, 2023. Reserve your seat now! Visit us online at [www.olpretreat.org](http://www.olpretreat.org) or phone the retreat house at 503-649-7127.



JANUARY 1, 2023

THE SCALLOP

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MASS INTENTIONS: JANUARY

St. James Parish	31
No daily Mass	1
No daily Mass	2
No daily Mass	3
No daily Mass	4
No daily Mass	5
No daily Mass	6

**Fr. Cit's Column** 2023! A new year, a new day, a new life filled with faith, hope and love. We pray that this 2023 will be on our favor. The influence of the Chinese to our (Filipino) customs is too high we mix that with faith. I remember, on New Year's Eve, I shop for fruits, specifically round shaped fruits. You may think the job is easy; it is not. It is this time when fruit prices go sky high the budget is so low getting all twelve kinds of round shaped fruits is a mission impossible. Thanks to the free items that have grown from our or on somebody else's backyard we almost complete the list. As far as I know, the round shaped fruits represent the good things in life. Twelve represents the twelve months of the year. Each round fruit for each month of the year means whole year of blessings pouring unceasingly. Now I wonder if the free fruits from the backyard count. As far as I understand it, to make the fruit represent blessing, it should come from my labor, like buying it. Later though, I realized that luck is not the key to success. It is hard work and trust in God. If luck played a part, destiny at play, then what will make of our faith? For a faithful, trust in God is not luck but a willingness to accept God's will however it may pan out. Trust in God is believing that God's plan is better than my own plan. Trust in God is consistently listening to God and allowing him to be my guide and way. What do we gather this time of the New Year coming in? We gather all the good values we can use to be better. We save for heaven not for here below. No one can bring the material things we accumulate to the other side. Only the good works we have done. A blessed 2023 to all. May God bless us, keep us and guide us always.-30-



**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

2023! Un nuevo año, un nuevo día, una nueva vida llena de fe, esperanza y amor. Oramos para que este 2023 esté a nuestro favor. La influencia de los chinos en nuestras costumbres (filipinas) es demasiado alta, mezclamos eso con fe. Recuerdo que, en la víspera de Año Nuevo, compro frutas, específicamente frutas de forma redonda. Usted puede pensar que el trabajo es fácil; No lo es. Es en este momento cuando los precios de la fruta suben por las nubes, el presupuesto es tan bajo que obtener los doce tipos de frutas de forma redonda es una misión imposible. Gracias a los artículos gratuitos que han crecido desde nuestro patio trasero o en el de otra persona, casi completamos la lista. Hasta donde yo sé, las frutas de forma redonda representan las cosas buenas de la vida. Doce representa los doce meses del año. Cada fruto redondo para cada mes del año significa un año entero de bendiciones que se derraman incesantemente. Ahora me pregunto si las frutas gratis del patio trasero cuentan. Por lo que yo entiendo, para hacer que la fruta represente una bendición, debe venir de mi trabajo, como comprarla. Más tarde, sin embargo, me di cuenta de que la suerte no es la clave del éxito. Es trabajo duro y confianza en Dios. Si la suerte jugó un papel, el destino en juego, entonces ¿qué hará con nuestra fe? Para un fiel, la confianza en Dios no es suerte, sino la voluntad de aceptar la voluntad de Dios, sin importar cómo funcione. Confiar en Dios es creer que el plan de Dios es mejor que mi propio plan. Confiar en Dios es escuchar constantemente a Dios y permitirle ser mi guía y camino. ¿Qué reunimos en esta época del Año Nuevo que viene? Reunimos todos los buenos valores que podemos usar para ser mejores. Ahorramos para el cielo, no para aquí abajo. Nadie puede llevar las cosas materiales que acumulamos al otro lado. Sólo las buenas obras que hemos hecho. Un bendito 2023 para todos. Que Dios nos bendiga, nos guarde y nos guíe siempre.-30-



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



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### 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. Email [WYD23@archdpdx.org](mailto:WYD23@archdpdx.org) if you have any questions about World Youth Day '23.



The image of Mary as Queen Mother is directly related to the first official Marian dogma defined by the Church: Mary's status as Mother of God. The Greek word for the title is *Theotokos*, which literally means "God-bearer." That title is one of the oldest and most commonly used titles for Mary, with Christians using it in the very first centuries of the Church. The title also appears in one of the oldest known Christian prayers, the Sub Tuum Praesidium ("Beneath Your Protection"), an early form of the Memorare that dates to the third century.

The first Christians called Mary the "Mother of God" without hesitation. There was scriptural precedent, and it seemed logical. If Jesus was God, and Mary was his mother, then that made her the Mother of God. That sort of logic depends on a principle called the "Communication of Idioms." According to that principle, whatever one says about either of Christ's natures can be truly said of Christ himself. That's because His two natures, the divine nature and the human nature, were united in Him. He is one divine person.

In the fifth century, however, some people raised the same objections to the title that many non-Catholics raise today: They argued that the title "Mother of God" implied that Mary was the "originator of God." Those objectors said that they could accept the title "Mother of Christ," but not "Mother of God." At the heart of those objections, however, was an objection to the unity of Christ's two natures. Mary, they claimed, gave birth only to Christ's human nature, not his divine nature. The Church, led by Pope Celestine I and St. Cyril of Alexandria, disagreed. As St. Cyril pointed out, a mother gives birth to a person, not a nature. Accordingly, Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ, who was and is a divine person. Although Mary did not "originate" or "generate" God, she did bear Him in her womb and give birth to Him. She was God's mother.

The controversy over Mary's title as "Mother of God" was addressed in 431 A.D. at the Council of Ephesus. There, more was at stake than simply defending Mary's title. The Christian teaching about Christ's two natures was the real issue. The Church wanted to settle one question: Was Jesus one person or two? Rejecting the teaching of the heretic Nestorius, the Church declared that Jesus is one divine person, with two natures—his mother's human nature and his Father's divine nature. Mary did not give Jesus his divine nature or his divine personhood—those He possessed from all eternity as the only begotten Son of the Father. But she also didn't just give Him His flesh: She gave birth to the whole person. She gave birth to Jesus Christ, both God and man. That is what we confess every time we say the Apostles' Creed.

Calling Mary "Mother of God" states a truth that must be stated in order to protect an essential truth about Christ. In a similar way, that's what all Mary's queenly predecessors did for their sons. One of the three essential tasks of the Queen Mother was to be a sign of her son's legitimacy. She was the link between his father, the former rightful king, and her son, the present rightful king. Likewise, Mary as the virginal "Mother of God" is the link between her Son's humanity and divinity. She is the sign that He is both God and man.

*From St. Paul Center of Biblical Theology*



Consider joining me (Fr. Cit) in a 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land on May 23 to June 1, 2023. The registration is going to be over soon. Leaflets/Information about the pilgrimage and registration form are available on the rack in the narthex. Questions have to be addressed to the organization leading the pilgrimage. Bethlehem Star Tours Khaled George 346-244-9807 or [www.bethlehemstartours.com](http://www.bethlehemstartours.com), Mike Said 315-664-9296 or [info@bethlehemstartours.com](mailto:info@bethlehemstartours.com).

The places to visit are Tel Aviv, Haifa, Caesarea, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, Mt. Tabor, Jerusalem, Gethsemane, Bethlehem, Masada, Jericho, Dead Sea, Mt. of Olives, Mt Zion, Holy Sepulcher.

You may want to share the information to your family or friends too.

Hurry as the deadline is coming. Thank you and God bless.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 10:30am and the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.