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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, 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

- December 9, 7:00pm Advent Penance Service
- December 11-12 Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe
- December 16-24, Posadas
- December 24, 5:30pm Christmas Family Mass, Bilingual
- December 24, 11:00pm Christmas Midnight Mass. Bilingual
- December 25, 8:00am Christmas Day Mass, English
- December 25, 10:00am Christmas Day Mass, English
- December 25, 12:00pm Misa del Día de Navidad, Español
- December 29, Red Cross Blood Drive

Collection Update for Nov 26-27, 2022

General Collection \$ 2 549.00
Expenses (weekly estimate) \$ 4 300.00
Deficit \$ 1 751.00

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.



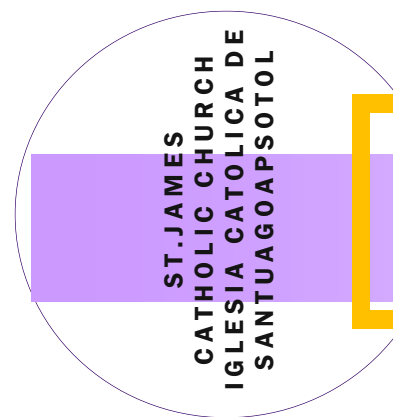
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Vicariate Schedule of Advent Penance Services

- December 9, 7:00pm St. James, Molalla
- December 13, 7:00pm St. Mary, Mt. Angel
- December 14, 6:30pm St. Luke, Woodburn
- December 15, 7:00pm St. Paul, St. Paul

Schedule of Masses for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

- December 7, 5:30pm (English)
- December 8, 9:00am (English)
- December 8, 7:00pm (Spanish)



DECEMBER 4, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS:

DECEMBER

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Fr. Cit's Column

The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. I am amazed by the multiplicity around us. As far as I can remember, at least how I was brought up, life was simple and there was only the good we can enjoy. The good was blessing from God made available through our parents. Whatever is not coming from our parents is not from God, therefore it is void of good and from the evil. Our parents strictly warned us from deceptions. They come in a beautiful package, desirable as they can be, pleasing to the appetite. Often, they lurk where our guards are not within sight, in places where we are alone or without the presence of our parents or guardians. We are always warned to be on the lookout.

As I grew up and became more conscious of the things around me, I realized that the world around me was kind, safe, generous and livable. I have met many wonderful people who were there to create a nice world for me, though there were a number of them who were quite the opposite: the bully, the powerful, the arrogant, the liar, the disrespectful... The good people outnumber the bad. Or, say, the bad people were not necessarily bad. They were caught up in circumstances that encouraged them to do the bad. Just this past week, I was saddened by the news about a former student who was apprehended by the authorities in an entrapment. He, together with four (4) others and a minor, were charged for the illegal drug offense. They were under watch for a substantial amount of time and the information gathered about their crimes were reliable and true.

In my heart, I still believe that this man I have known from years ago is still capable of the right. I guess he was lured to create a life other than what he knows and believes. He is in an alter verse.

An alter verse is anything outside reality attained through substance abuse or the internet addition. The alter verse is not the real world.

God is not present in the alter verse. He will vanish it by filling the earth with his knowledge.-30-

La tierra será llena del conocimiento del Señor. Estoy sorprendido por la multiplicidad que nos rodea. Por lo que puedo recordar, al menos cómo me criaron, la vida era simple y solo había lo bueno que podemos disfrutar. El bien fue bendición de Dios hecha disponible a través de nuestros padres. Todo lo que no viene de nuestros padres no es de Dios, por lo tanto, está vacío del bien y del mal.

Nuestros padres nos advirtieron estrictamente de los engaños. Vienen en un paquete hermoso, deseable como puede ser, agradable al apetito. A menudo, acechan donde nuestros guardias no están a la vista, en lugares donde estamos solos o sin la presencia de nuestros padres o tutores. Siempre se nos advierte que estemos atentos.

A medida que crecí y me volví más consciente de las cosas que me rodeaban, me di cuenta de que el mundo que me rodeaba era amable, seguro, generoso y habitable. He conocido a muchas personas maravillosas que estaban allí para crear un mundo agradable para mí, aunque había un número de ellos que eran todo lo contrario: el matón, el poderoso, el arrogante, el mentiroso, el irrespetuoso ...

Las buenas personas superan en número a las malas. O, digamos, las personas malas no eran necesariamente malas. Estaban atrapados en circunstancias que los animaban a hacer el mal. La semana pasada, me entristeció la noticia de un ex alumno que fue detenido por las autoridades en una trampa. Él, junto con otras cuatro (4) personas y un menor, fueron acusados por el delito de drogas ilegales. Estuvieron bajo vigilancia durante una cantidad sustancial de tiempo y la información recopilada sobre sus crímenes fue confiable y verdadera.

En mi corazón, todavía creo que este hombre que he conocido desde hace años todavía es capaz de tener razón. Supongo que fue atraído a crear una vida diferente a la que conoce y cree. Él está en una realidad alternativa.

Un verso alter es cualquier cosa fuera de la realidad alcanzada a través del abuso de sustancias o la adición de Internet. La realidad alternativa no es el mundo real.

Dios no está allí en la realidad alternativa. Él lo desvanecerá llenando la tierra con su conocimiento.-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



PORTLAND CHAPTER

ADVENT RETREAT

Saturday, December 10 at Mount Angel Abbey

Registration now open!



<https://www.ycportland.org/events/ycp-advent-retreat-1>
Young adults 20s and 30s

Talks, Mass, prayer with monks, adoration, confession, fellowship and conversation, gathering at Benedictine brewery



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



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 if you have any questions about World Youth Day '23.

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 or phone the retreat house at 503-649-7127.



Poinsettias for Christmas. Offer these flowers in honor of your loved ones or your intentions. You may drop your intentions in the collection basket or in the office using the envelopes provided for this purpose. The poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary come yuletide season.

Advent Canned Food Drive
Our Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring the Canned Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul of St. James Parish. Please help us help our community families in need this Christmas season. We have a great need for cereals, canned tuna and canned fruits. Deadline is one December 25. Thank you.

Giving Tree
St. Vincent de Paul sponsors this year's The Giving Tree for less fortunate families in our community. Please help our community children by giving a new unwrapped Christmas gift. There are tags on the tree, boy or girl, with the recipient's age on the tag. Take a tag. Place under the tree the unwrapped gift with the tag on it. Deadline is December 19.

Schedule of Activities on the Feast of the Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 11, 2022, Sunday
7:00-8:00pm Aztec Dance, Church
8:00-9:30pm Talk, Fr. Juan Antonio Romero, MSPS
9:45-10:00pm Break
10:00-11:00pm Holy Rosary
11:00-12:15pm Hymns and Praises to the Virgin Mary
December 12, 2022, Monday
5:00-8:00am Serenading the Virgin Mary
7:00-8:00pm Mass
8:00pm Dinner and presentations



What is Advent?

Sunday, November 27, 2022 - Saturday, December 24, 2022
As we prepare for Christmas, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest wears violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose may be worn (GIRM, no. 346). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well. Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season.

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.