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ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Iglesia Católica  
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, 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 16-24, Las 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  
December 31 and January 1 Solemnity of the BVM, Mother of God  
\*Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Collection Update for Dec. 10-11, 2022

General Collection \$ 3 033.25  
Expenses (weekly estimate) \$ 4 300.00  
Deficit \$ 1 266.75

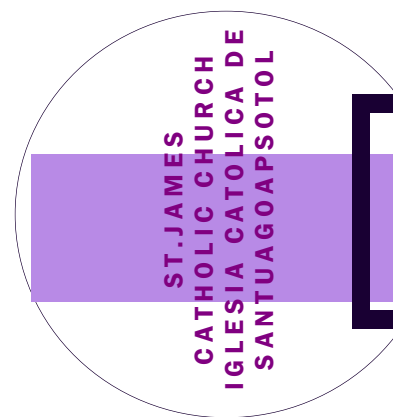
Thank you all for your constant support to the welfare of our parish family. We ask you to continue to help us as our parish is also experiencing financial stretch. If you are not comfortable doing online giving, the envelopes works fairly well. Please consider doing so. God bless you.



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.

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.



DECEMBER 18, 2022

THE SCALLOP

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MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER

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**Fr. Cit's Column** The lawful and the moral. Joseph, a righteous man, decided to divorce Mary quietly. He knew it was the right thing to do. But God intervened. The angel talked to Joseph in his dream. He ordered Joseph to do what, in societal valuation, immoral and illegal. He took Mary as his wife despite her having child out of wedlock. But we know the story. Mary was not immoral nor was she a rebel. How fascinating that work of the Lord is. It is always beyond our comprehension. It is always done in our normal circumstances, but we find ourselves short of cooperation. In these days, we see of lot of baffling things that occur within our societies that do not necessarily go short of explanation or viability of being grasped well by human reason. However, we use our capability of reasoning to reinterpret and make a different sense of things that had been socially accepted and valued morally and lawfully upright. I am not spared from that. Well, not myself per se, but my family. All my siblings, except one, are in an irregular marriage set-up. There is no divorce in the Philippines. Many spouses are strangled and families broken. Three of my siblings were separated from their spouses and they have their new partners. Yes, partners. Since there is no divorce, and annulment is expensive and arduous, many separated spouses find new ones and live as common law partners. Have I talked to them about their irregular marital situations? I have prayed God will send the messenger to them and tell them what they should do regarding their lives. Well, seriously, I have discussed with them the process of annulment. At least one is eager. She has made some baby steps. Is it already filed? No. But she went to the parish to talk with her parish priest and get advice on where and how to start. Will she pursue it? I do not know. The only sure thing is that she listened. She is free to make a decision. My part is to teach, remind and pray. -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

Lo lícito y lo moral. José, un hombre justo, decidió divorciarse de María en silencio. Sabía que era lo correcto. Pero Dios intervino. El ángel habló con José en su sueño. Le ordenó a José que hiciera lo que, en valoración social, era inmoral e ilegal. Tomó a María como su esposa a pesar de que ella tenía un hijo fuera del matrimonio. Pero conocemos la historia. María tampoco era inmoral. Ella tampoco era una rebelde. ¡Qué fascinante es esa obra del Señor! Siempre está más allá de nuestra comprensión. Siempre se hace en nuestras circunstancias normales, pero nos encontramos cortos de cooperación. En estos días, vemos muchas cosas desconcertantes que ocurren dentro de nuestras sociedades que no necesariamente carecen de explicación o viabilidad de ser bien captadas por la razón humana. Sin embargo, usamos nuestra capacidad de razonamiento para reinterpretar y dar un sentido diferente a las cosas que habían sido socialmente aceptadas y valoradas moral y legalmente. No me libro de eso. Bueno, no yo per se, sino mi familia. Todos mis hermanos, excepto uno, están en un matrimonio irregular. No hay divorcio en Filipinas. Muchos cónyuges están extraños y las familias rotas. Tres de mis hermanos fueron separados de sus cónyuges y tienen sus nuevas parejas. Sí, socios. Como no hay divorcio, y la anulación es costosa y ardua, muchos cónyuges separados encuentran otros nuevos y viven como parejas de hecho. ¿He hablado con ellos sobre sus situaciones matrimoniales irregulares? He orado para que Dios les envíe al mensajero y les diga lo que deben hacer con respecto a sus vidas. Bueno, en serio, he discutido con ellos el proceso de anulación. Al menos uno está ansioso. Ella ha dado algunos pequeños pasos. ¿Ya está archivado? No. Pero ella fue a la parroquia para hablar con su párroco y obtener consejos sobre dónde y cómo empezar. ¿Lo perseguirá? No sé. Lo único seguro es que ella escuchó. Ella es libre de tomar una decisión. Mi parte es enseñar, recordar y orar. -30-





For single men ages 18-50 who are asking, "Is the Lord calling me?" A weekend of prayer, reflection, and conversation with Archbishop Alexander K. Sample.

REGISTER BY  
JANUARY 2, 2023

Registration fee: \$50

**QUESTIONS?**  
Contact Your Parish Pastor or  
Fr. Peter Julia, Vocations Director  
(503) 233-8368 - [Vocations@archdpdx.org](mailto:Vocations@archdpdx.org)



## CHRISTMAS TREE

The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the world. According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing.

In the home the Christmas tree may be blessed by a parent or another family member, in connection with the evening meal on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time on Christmas Day.

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung.

The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply "Amen."

The leader may greet those present in the following words:

Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever.

R/. Amen.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Titus 3:4 (lines 4-7) or Ezekiel 17:22 (lines 22-24; I will plant a tender shoot on the mountain heights of Israel.)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

The intercessions are then said. The leader says:

Let us ask God to send his blessing upon us and upon this sign of our faith in the Lord.

R/. Lord, give light to our hearts.

That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on which Christ accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

That the joy of Christmas may always be in our homes, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.



The leader says the prayer with hands joined:

Lord our God,

we praise you for the light of creation:

the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.

We praise you for the light of Israel:

the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:

he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God,

let your blessing come upon us

as we illumine this tree.

May the light and cheer it gives

be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.

May all who delight in this tree

come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The lights of the tree are then illuminated.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now and forever.

R/. Amen.

The blessing concludes with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer

our spirits by thine advent here;

disperse the gloomy clouds of night

and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel.

From USCCB

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.

## 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.