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ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
Iglesia Católica
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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

- March 19, Second Scrutiny (RCIA)
- March 23, 6:30pm, Bible Study with Kent B.
- March 24, 6:30pm Soup Supper
- March 24, 7:30pm Stations of the Cross
- March 26, Third Scrutiny (RCIA)
- March 31, 6:30pm, Soup Supper
- March 31, Stations of the Cross
- April 1-9, Holy Week
- April 9, Easter Egg Hunting after the 8:00am and 12:00pm Mass

Collection Update for March 11-12, 2023

General Collection \$ 3 283.50
Expenses (weekly estimate) \$ 4 300.00
Deficit \$ 1 016.50

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.

Lenten Penance Service

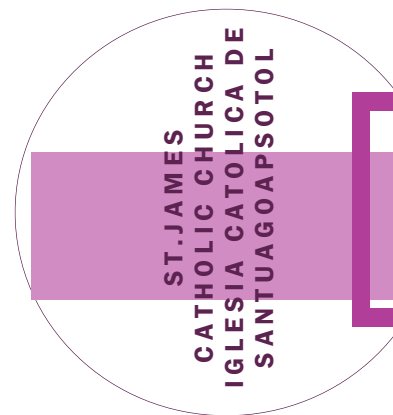
Marion Vicariate
March 21, 6:30pm
St. Luke, Woodburn
March 28, 7:00pm
St. Paul, St. Paul

Donate your candies for Easter Egg Hunting. Container in the narthex.

Holy Week Schedule/ Horarios de Semana Santa

April 2-9, 2023

- Palm Sunday/Domingo de Ramos
- April 1-2, Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
- Mass of Last Supper/Ultima Cena
- Thursday, April 6, 7:00pm
- Stations of the Cross/Via Crucis
- Friday, April 7, 3:00pm
- Good Friday of the Lord's Passion/Viernes Santo de Pasion de Cristo
- Friday, April 7, 7:00pm
- Easter Vigil/ Vigilia Pascual
- Saturday, April 8, 8:30pm
- Easter Sunday/Domingo de Pascua
- April 9, Regular Sunday Schedule



MARCH 19, 2023

THE SCALLOP

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Fr. Cit's Column My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Mt 27:46) Pain. Anguish. Helplessness. Why have you forsaken me?

I have experienced many helpless situations but only a few of them I can still remember. Only those that impacted me immensely, good and bad, were retained in my memory. Well, at least the gist of the story I can still recall. But I think my mind has the capacity to forget those ugly experiences for what may be a good end as its purpose. I tried to be as positive as I can and move ahead to make things better.

If there is one good thing it did for me, I found myself helpless in order to let God do what I can't.

Our helplessness is God's locus of mercy, charity and compassion. When we find ourselves powerless, may we find in God the power that would take us out from our helplessness.

One beautiful image I have in mind is that story of the feeding of the thousand. Jesus' heart was moved with pity for the throng of people who were on the mountain to listen to him preaching. Since the supplies (basic needs) are not within reach, he asked that the people be grouped together and he multiplied the bread. They had their fill.

I have faith that as long as we know how to realize God is still our refuge, we will not be hopeless. We will find in God refreshment and renewed vigor if only we know how to truly depend on his power, love and help.

We need God. Our self-sufficiency is not real. It only deceives us. It makes our selves our own god. We deny God's existence.

Now when we make so much success using our own power, may we never forget that we have been blessed. And when we are challenged, never forget that God is there to rescue, but do not think that God did the misfortune to you. -30-

Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado? (Mt 27:46) Dolor. Angustia. Desamparo. ¿Por qué me has abandonado?

He experimentado muchas situaciones de indefensión, pero solo unas pocas de ellas todavía puedo recordar. Solo aquellos que me impactaron inmensamente, buenos y malos, fueron retenidos en mi memoria. Bueno, al menos la esencia de la historia todavía puedo recordar. Pero creo que mi mente tiene la capacidad de olvidar esas experiencias feas por lo que puede ser un buen fin como su propósito. Traté de ser lo más positivo posible y seguir adelante para mejorar las cosas.

Si hay algo bueno que me hizo, me encontré impotente para dejar que Dios hiciera lo que yo no puedo.

Nuestra impotencia es el lugar de misericordia, caridad y compasión de Dios. Cuando nos encontremos impotentes, que encontremos en Dios el poder que nos sacaría de nuestra impotencia.

Una hermosa imagen que tengo en mente es esa historia de la alimentación de los mil. El corazón de Jesús se conmovió con lástima por la multitud de personas que estaban en la montaña para escucharlo predicar. Como los suministros (necesidades básicas) no están al alcance, pidió que se agrupara a la gente y multiplicó el pan. Se saciaron.

Tengo fe en que mientras sepamos cómo darnos cuenta de que Dios sigue siendo nuestro refugio, no estaremos desesperados. Encontraremos en Dios refrigerio y vigor renovado si tan solo sabemos cómo depender verdaderamente de su poder, amor y ayuda.

Necesitamos a Dios. Nuestra autosuficiencia no es real. Sólo nos engaña. Nos hace a nosotros mismos nuestro propio dios. Negamos la existencia de Dios.

Ahora, cuando tenemos tanto éxito usando nuestro propio poder, que nunca olvidemos que hemos sido bendecidos. Y cuando seamos desafiados, nunca olvides que Dios está allí para rescatar, pero no pienses que Dios te hizo la desgracia. -30-

MASS INTENTIONS:

MARCH

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Helen Houser + Alan Beyer + St. James Parish	19
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Irene, Onnie Burch & family	22
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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 12:0PM (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



Knights of Columbus, St. James Council is sponsoring a food drive to help St. Vincent de Paul, Molalla. Let us help our neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet. We need boxes of cereal and canned fruit. Drop you items in the barrels starting Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Thank you for your generosity.



CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY RETREAT
 FIND HELP IN OVERCOMING ADDICTIONS & UNHEALTHY ATTACHMENTS ON THIS HEALING RETREAT!

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
March 24th-26th
 5:00 p.m. Friday - 11:00 a.m. Sunday

St. Benedict Lodge
 16630 N Bank Road | McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413

RETREAT HIGHLIGHTS

- Personal testimonies of men and women who have found freedom from a variety of addictions, compulsions and unhealthy attachments
- Multiple Catholic in Recovery meetings
- Engaging the Sacraments (Confession, Mass, & Adoration during the weekends)
- Plenty of time for prayer and personal meditation
- Fellowship with fellow Catholics who are active in recovery

EARLY BIRD
 Price is \$100 for those who register by January 31, 2023

Catholic in Recovery REGISTER ONLINE www.catholicinrecovery.com/events

Cross Catholic OUTREACH
 Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor

Wells of Salvation
 Lenten Outreach

Your generosity to this Lenten outreach will provide 69 clean water wells in three countries!

Baby Bottle Boomerang for Pregnancy Center
 118 Bottles were out for filling but we only received back 46 of them. We can help mothers and their babies if the bottles are returned. Please place them in the return bin in the narthex. Thank you.

K of C SCHOLARSHIP!!!
 Knights of Columbus Council 3509 (St. James) is offering two \$ 1000.00 one year scholarships. Applicants must be an immediate family member of a Knight, a grandchild living with a Knight, or a member of K of C council 3509. These scholarships are available for a two-year or a four-year college, or a trade school. Application can be picked up at the church office or on line at St. James Molalla website. Application is due on May 16, 2023. Winners will be announced June 15th. See Jim Casey or Kent Burtner for any questions.

Building our Greeter ministry

USHERS
GREETERS

Contact: Froi Otter
 froiotter@yahoo.com

Greeters to welcome people to Mass.

Looking for 3 to 4 people for each Mass
 Requirements: smile and arrive 20 minutes before Mass



Easter Lily envelopes for your Mass intentions are available on the counter in the narthex. Drop them in the collection basket or in the office.

PAROUSIA
 THE BIBLE AND THE MASS

Join us for an INSPIRING BIBLE STUDY

Location: St. James Parish Hall
 301 E. Frances Street
 Molalla, Oregon

Date: March 23rd, for ten Thursdays

Time: 6:30 pm

Presented by: St. James Parish

Registration: not required, just come!

Contact Name: Kent Burtner

Phone: 503-475-3429

Email: wkburtner@aol.com

DISCOVER YOUR PLACE IN THE STORY OF SALVATION

- See the liturgy in Scripture and the Scriptures in the liturgy
- Experience the Mass as heaven on earth
- Learn the deeper meaning of "Parousia"

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JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE
JOURNEYTHROUGHSCRIPTURE.COM

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 10:00am 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.