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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.

OCIA If you are an adult, not baptized or baptized other than the Catholic baptism, and would like to join the Catholic Church, the OCIA 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.

C A L E N D A R

December 11-12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe festivities

December 16-24 Las Posadas

December 24, 5:30pm Christmas Family Mass

December 24, 11:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

December 25, 9:00am Christmas Day Mass

Diciembre 25, 11:00am Misa del Dia Navidad

Vicariate-wide Advent Penance Service

December 13, 6:30pm St. Luke, Woodburn

December 14, 6:00pm St. Paul, Silverton

December 20, 6:30pm St. Paul, St. Paul

Collection Update for Dec 2-3, 2023

General Collection \$ 4 889.81

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.



Celebrate with us the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 11-12, 2023.

December 11, 7:00PM to 12:00AM

Vigil celebrations

December 12, 4:00AM to 6:00AM

Serenade

December 12, 7:00PM

Feastday Mass

Then a dinner follows

Everyone is invited.

to see God's here and not-yet here kingdom.

Peace from God, biblical peace, allows us to trust in God's promises (Proverbs 3:5), through restful, tranquil faith, despite the dark, scary world around US. Christianity.com



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.



MASS INTENTIONS:

- DECEMBER 9 People with special needs St. James Parish
- DECEMBER 10 Elijah's birthday
- DECEMBER 11 All the unborn
- DECEMBER 12
- DECEMBER 13
- DECEMBER 14
- DECEMBER 15



MASS SCHEDULE

- MI to F at 9:00AM
- Sat at 5:30PM (Eng) Sun at 8:00AM (English), 10:00AM (English) and 12:00PM (Spanish)
- Confession Sat at 4:00-5:00PM but is always available as needed.
- Adoration on Thursdays 9:30am to 7:45pm



DECEMBER 10, 2023

THE SCALLOP

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Fr. Cit's Column Here Lies Love. It is a Broadway Musical. I did not watch it. I will never watch it. But the play revolves around the story of Mrs.

Imelda Marcos. Mrs. Marcos was the wife of the late strongman-dictator Ferdinand Marcos, Sr. Mrs. Marcos played a significant role in his administration of three decades, very particularly his ascent to dictatorship, and the fortune of the first family living as though royals even when they do not have royal origin. Mrs. Imelda was wily. She studied thoroughly the various powers around the world, made a keen look at how royals lived, and made herself the brains to the mechanism of Bagong Lipunan with Mr. Marcos as the power bringing reality to her dreams. In the minds of supporters, they have all praises to the Marcoses.

Here Lies Love is the epitaph Mrs. Marcos written on Mr. Marcos' tombstone. The Musical is a propaganda. It seeks to inform the young generation about the evil of greed for power. Why Broadway? Maybe the producers want to inform the world. In the midst of disinformation, the world has to be reeducated about where to source truth from.

I am sure we have our own biases on where we source our truths from. That depends heavily on which side one belongs. For example, the war in Palestine, with views expressed for and against the war by Israel, we will know who has a conservative outlook differing from the progressive views. I have seen so many express their views about the ongoing siege and then later they are cancelled out. Was the truth talked about? Was there a clamor to resolve issues founded from the truth?

We only take sides. Our truth is the side we support. With that said, we can continue to pray that all of us may be awakened already and begin to discuss peace under the tutelage of the truth.

The basic truth is peace, not the absence of war or aggression or division, but the respect for all humanity and the gift of life. That truth is the universal truth that God is the source and authority of human life.-30-

Aquí yace el amor. Es un musical de Broadway. No lo vi. Nunca lo veré. Pero la obra gira en torno a la historia de la señora Imelda Marcos. La Sra. Marcos fue la esposa del difunto dictador Ferdinand Marcos, Sr. La Sra. Marcos jugó un papel importante en su administración de tres décadas, muy particularmente en su ascenso a la dictadura, y la fortuna de la primera familia que vivió como si fueran miembros de la realeza, incluso cuando no tienen origen real. La señora Imelda era astuta. Estudió a fondo los diversos poderes de todo el mundo, observó con atención cómo vivía la realeza y se convirtió en el cerebro del mecanismo de Bagong Lipunan con el Sr. Marcos como el poder que hacía realidad sus sueños. En la mente de los aficionados, todos tienen elogios para los Marcos.

Aquí yace el amor es el epitafio que la Sra. Marcos escribió en la lápida del Sr. Marcos. El Musical es una propaganda. Busca informar a la generación joven sobre el mal de la codicia por el poder. ¿Por qué Broadway? Tal vez los productores quieran informar al mundo. En medio de la desinformación, el mundo tiene que ser reeducado sobre de dónde obtener la verdad. Estoy seguro de que tenemos nuestros propios prejuicios sobre de dónde obtenemos nuestras verdades. Eso depende en gran medida del lado al que uno pertenezca. Por ejemplo, la guerra en Palestina, con puntos de vista expresados a favor y en contra de la guerra por Israel, sabremos quién tiene una perspectiva conservadora diferente de los puntos de vista progresistas. He visto a muchos expresar sus puntos de vista sobre el asedio en curso y luego son cancelados. ¿Se habló de la verdad? ¿Hubo un clamor por resolver cuestiones fundadas en la verdad? Solo tomamos partido. Nuestra verdad es el bando que apoyamos. Dicho esto, podemos seguir orando para que todos podamos despertar y comenzar a discutir la paz bajo la tutela de la verdad.

La verdad básica es que la paz no es la ausencia de guerra, agresión o división, sino el respeto por toda la humanidad y el don de la vida. Esa verdad es la verdad universal de que Dios es la fuente y la autoridad de la vida humana.-30-



Christmas Flowers

Envelopes are available in the narthex. Write your intentions. Drop in the collection basket or in the office.



Soup supper & Christmas caroling in the Hall, Friday, December 15th at 6:30 pm.

ALL are Welcome!

Please invite your family and friends to join us.

Cena de sopa y villancicos navideños en el Salón, Viernes, 15 de Diciembre a las 6:30 pm ¡TODOS son invitados! Invite a su familia y amigos a unirse a nosotros.

What Is the Candle of Peace for the Second Week of Advent?

One of the hallmarks of the Christmas story is when the angels appear to the shepherds and proclaim, "Peace on earth," in Luke 2:14.

Jesus brought about peace, in the most unexpected ways, when he arrived. The Jews, particularly the zealots, wanted a rebellion. They wanted their Savior to overturn the oppressive rule of the Romans and bring about peace in a violent way.

But Jesus had something else in mind. As mentioned in this article, Jesus brings us peace in a number of ways.

First, he gives us inner peace. Because of his work on the cross, we have a chance to receive salvation and be indwelt by the Holy Spirit. This grants us an inner peace (John 14:27). Not only do we have the peace that comes from our assurance of salvation, but we also have the peace of mind knowing God will heal this broken world and will come again.

Second, as mentioned in the article above, we have peace with others. We put aside our differences (Galatians 3:28), especially with other believers, because we belong to the same family. We have the same purpose: to let others know about the peace of Christ.

The Hebrew word for peace: Shalom, goes far beyond not fighting with others or peace as we know it. As pointed out in the book Not the Way It's Supposed to Be, shalom is, in essence, how things are meant to be: a slice of heaven.

The peace of God allows us to look at others through heaven's eyes and help guide the world

Thank you all for another successful 1st Sunday of Advent wreath making and breakfast event. There was so much participation and such a great morning for all and it swelled into the afternoon time as well.

We want to acknowledge all and say thank you, but we want to extend our thank you to the key people who made the day happen.

Thank you Froi, JR, Leanne and family, Claire, Rocy, Jazmin, Sandra, Yada, Barb Owen, Stafford family, Miguel A, Steve, Philip.

It takes many hands, but many hands make light work and also makes it more fun.

Happy Advent and don't forget to light those Advent candles and say your prayers before meals.

Gracias a todos por otro exitoso 1er Domingo de Adviento haciendo coronas de adviento y desayuno. Hubo tanta participación y una gran mañana para todos y se hinchó en la hora de la tarde también.

Queremos reconocer a todos y darles las gracias, pero queremos extender nuestro agradecimiento a las personas clave que hicieron posible el día.

Gracias Froi, JR, Leanne y familia, Claire, Rocy, Jazmin, Sandra, Yada, Barb Owen, familia Stafford, Miguel A, Steve, Philip.

Se necesitan muchas manos, pero muchas manos hacen que el trabajo sea ligero y también lo hace más divertido. Feliz Adviento y no olvides encender esas velas de Adviento y rezar tus oraciones antes de las comidas.

Annual Giving Tree

by St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. James Parish
Please take one or more ornaments off the Giving Tree. Return **unwrapped** gift with the ornament taped on it by December 18. These gifts will be distributed on December 19 to needy families in our community. This mission St. Vincent de Paul has been doing here in Molalla has been appreciated so much by our neighboring families over the years. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Food Drive

By the Knights of Columbus, St. James Parish Council Christmas Canned Food Drive to help our St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. James Parish for our Molalla community. There are barrels in the narthex from December 3 to December 25 where you can put your food donations. No perishables please. Thank you for your help.

Seeking a Temporary Social Media Specialist

The Archdiocese is seeking a temporary Social Media Coordinator / Specialist to support the Marketing & Communications Office of the Archdiocese of Portland. The ideal candidate will be experienced in Meta Business account settings and demonstrate fluency in Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Vimeo, X, and Hootsuite required. Please contact news@archdpdx.org.

Experience as a social media specialist or similar position is required.

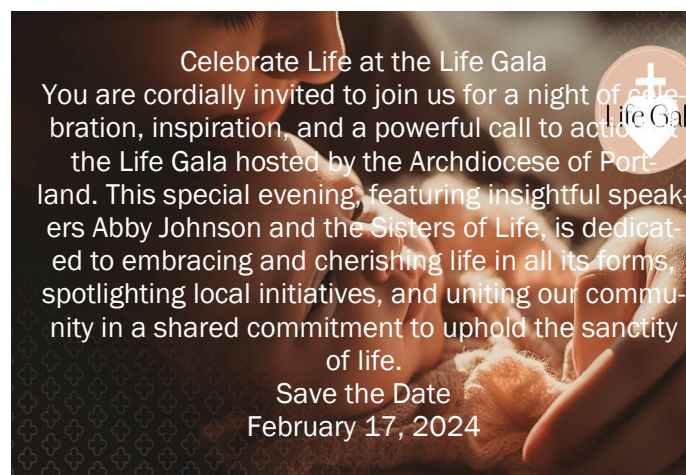
Excellent critical thinking, interpersonal, communication, time-management, and problem-solving skills.

Responsible for making updates to the Meta Business Settings to link accounts across platforms.

Coordinate Hootsuite account settings.

Advise on strategy and identify opportunities to influence public perception.

Demonstrate a capacity to protect confidential information.



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 Scott Scofield (262-960-5717) for more information.