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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 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
December 28, 11:00AM Blood Drive
January 1, 9:00AM Mary, Mother of God
Enero 1, 11:00, Bienaventurada VM, Madre de Dios

Vicariate-wide Advent Penance Service

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

Collection Update for Dec 9-10, 2023

General Collection \$ 2535.00
Expenses (weekly estimate) \$ 4 300.00
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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.



American Red Cross



Hosted by Knights of Columbus
St. James Council
December 28th, 11:00am, Parish Hall



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.



Christmas Flowers

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



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Joy



MASS INTENTIONS:

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Fr. Cit's Column

Joy. Christmas is a child's season. Not to leave out the oldies, the festivities prominently cater to the young ones, which by extension, are the source of joy for the oldies too. Matter of fact, the whole thing is about family experiencing joy from the source: the love for each other, the love of God manifested through each member.

Christmas is coming. It is here upon us before we know it. Are we ready? Have we prepared for the happening joyous festivities?

Shopping. By no means it is the focus of these festivities. But our preparation for Christmas, and all our celebrations for that matter, becomes a shopping spree. In fact, as of this writing, I am prevented to write spontaneously because I am thinking about Christmas shopping, and it is not fun (hahaha). It is not my favorite activity. But I still do it because it causes me joy to see a toddler lights up when he gets a gift. When I do not have the energy to do shopping, I just leave it up to the lord of shopping (Amazon!). Probably, that is what most of us do.

My godson is always the best image of a contented child. He is joyful when handed a wrapped gift with his favorite toy inside it. Immediately after unwrapping, he cannot be disturbed. His attention is glued to the source of his joy; not the gift-giver, but the gift.

One time, I took him to the store. His Dad was trying to talk him into staying home and play with his already innumerable toys. He did not like the idea. I agreed with him that his dad's idea was bad.

In the store, he was beaming. I sensed he has forgotten everything, even the thought of going home. He was feasting his eyes on the toys. And then he was sifting through the piles of toys, a little dismayed because most of those on display he already had.

We moved to another store. He was contented. He picked his most favorite new toy. I was satisfied too. It was a tiring shopping day but no regrets. The joy of the child super-charged me.-30-

Alegría. La Navidad es la temporada de un niño. Para no dejar de lado a los viejos, las festividades atienden prominentemente a los jóvenes, que por extensión, son la fuente de alegría para los viejos también. De hecho, todo se trata de la familia que experimenta la alegría de la fuente: El amor por los demás, el amor de Dios manifestado a través de cada miembro. La Navidad se acerca. Está aquí sobre nosotros antes de que lo sepamos. ¿Estamos listos? ¿Nos hemos preparado para las celebraciones alegres que suceden?

Compras. De ninguna manera es el foco de estas festividades. Pero nuestra preparación para la Navidad, y todas nuestras celebraciones, se convierten en una juerga de compras. De hecho, en el momento de escribir este artículo, no puedo escribir de forma espontánea porque estoy pensando en las compras navideñas, y no es divertido (jajaja). No es mi actividad favorita. Pero todavía lo hago porque me causa alegría ver a un niño pequeño iluminado cuando recibe un regalo. Cuando no tengo energía para ir de compras, lo dejo en manos del señor de las compras (¡Amazon!). Probablemente, eso es lo que la mayoría de nosotros hacemos.

Mi ahijado es siempre la mejor imagen de un niño contento. Estaba alegre cuando le entregó un regalo envuelto con su juguete favorito dentro. Inmediatamente después de desenvolver, no puede ser perturbado. Su atención está pegada a la fuente de su alegría; no al dador de regalos, sino al don.

Una vez, lo llevé a la tienda. Su papá estaba tratando de convencerlo de que se quedara en casa y jugara con sus ya innumerables juguetes. No le gustó la idea. Estuve de acuerdo con él en que la idea de su padre era mala.

En la tienda, estaba radiante. Sentí que se había olvidado de todo, incluso de la idea de volver a casa. Se estaba deleitando con los juguetes. Y luego estaba revisando las pilas de juguetes, un poco consternado porque la mayoría de los que estaban en exhibición ya los tenía.

Nos mudamos a otra tienda. Estaba contento. Eligió su juguete nuevo favorito. Yo también quedé satisfecho. Fue un día agotador de compras, pero no me arrepiento. La alegría del niño estaba sobrealimentada, me contagiaba.-30-

MASS SCHEDULE

M 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





Third Advent Candle/Sunday: Joy – “Gaudete Sunday”

“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’” (Luke 2:10-12)

The third candle of Advent symbolizes Joy. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. On this third Sunday of Advent, which the Church calls “Gaudete Sunday,” meaning rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds. For this reason, the third candle of Advent is called the “Shepherd’s Candle,” and its color is pink, the liturgical color for joy. This Advent, light the third candle on Sunday, December 17, 2023. (from *Hallow*)

Prayer for Advent Week 3

Lord Jesus, thank you for coming into the world to pay the price for our sins. We do not always appreciate how high a cost you paid, and how your birth made good on promises that God the Father had made. Thank you for your great love, for your sacrifice and victory against evil. Thank you that while we know hard times may come, your kingdom has come. Thank you that while battles may come, the war against evil is effectively finished. Help us to never grow tired of that truth, to discover it anew and see how great it is that we can know it. Show us how to have joy every day, how to rejoice in your love and provision time and time again. We ask these things in your name, Amen. (from <https://www.biblestudytools.com>)

January 1, 2024
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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.

Celebrate Life at the Life Gala
You are cordially invited to join us for a night of celebration, inspiration, and a powerful call to action at the Life Gala hosted by the Archdiocese of Portland. This special evening, featuring insightful speakers Abby Johnson and the Sisters of Life, is dedicated to embracing and cherishing life in all its forms, spotlighting local initiatives, and uniting our community in a shared commitment to uphold the sanctity of life.
Save the Date
February 17, 2024

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.