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ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
Iglesia Católica
de Santiago Apostol

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Parish Council Members

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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, 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.

C A L E N D A R

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

Since the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, falls on a Monday, the celebration is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. La celebración de la Madrede Dios en este año no va una obligacion sagrada.

Collection Update for Dec 16-17, 2023

General Collection \$ 3991.34
Expenses (weekly estimate) \$ 4 300.00
Deficit \$ 308.66

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.



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THE SCALLOP DECEMBER 24, 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS:

DECEMBER

	23
St. James Parish	24
All Christians	25
Rosa Arias Gonzalez +	26
No Mass	27
No Mass	28
No Mass	29

Office is closed December 25-29



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

Fr. Cit's Column Swift! Do not delay. The urgency of accomplishing any task is a priority.

I always have an admiration to the promptness of any service done here in the US and in developed economies like Japan, Korea, Singapore, United Kingdom, Germany. For them, a work delayed is service gone bad. Delays are unacceptable. How impatient we can be when delays occur.

Imagine, for example, the delays made in deliveries. An angry customer will surely get justice by sending the worst review of the company's service. Companies never like to receive bad reviews. That propels them to do all techniques to lessen if not eradicate delays. In a way, that is beneficial.

Delays happen. And they happen for the good. They are opportunities to grapple with meanings. When we speed things up, it is very likely that we do not enjoy the moment and we do not see the depth or meaning of things and life.

Try sipping your coffee or tea while piping hot. You will get burned. The supposed enjoyable coffee experience will turn horrific. In fact, to enjoy a hot coffee, you have to sit down, read a good book or have a friendly chat with someone.

But nowadays, we rush. Coffee on the road. Drive thru counter. Coffee cup on the go. Cup holders in cars. All of these have become parts of the daily story of someone. Somehow, they provide ease and facility to many busy people.

Life has become so swift our attention has become so short. We cannot stay too long in an occasion lest we get bored. And boredom is a great challenge. Boredom closes our mind. Instead of persevering in attention and engagement in the occasion, we open our mind to various distractions. The result is pretty bad: disorientation.

Similarly, we are distracted by too many unnecessary things around us we always miss the voice of God. -30-

¡Veloz! No se demore. La urgencia de llevar a cabo cualquier tarea es una prioridad. Siempre he admirado la prontitud de cualquier servicio realizado aquí en los EE.UU. y en economías desarrolladas como Japón, Corea, Singapur, Reino Unido, Alemania. Para ellos, un trabajo retrasado es un servicio que salió mal. Los retrasos son inaceptables. Lo impacientes que podemos ser cuando se producen retrasos.

Imagínese, por ejemplo, los retrasos que se producen en las entregas. Un cliente enojado seguramente obtendrá justicia enviando la peor reseña del servicio de la empresa. A las empresas nunca les gusta recibir malas críticas. Eso los impulsa a hacer todas las técnicas para disminuir, si no erradicar, los retrasos. En cierto modo, eso es beneficioso.

Los retrasos ocurren. Y suceden para bien. Son oportunidades para lidiar con significados. Cuando aceleramos las cosas, es muy probable que no disfrutemos del momento y no veamos la profundidad ni el significado de las cosas de la vida.

Trate de tomar su café o té mientras está bien caliente. Te quemarás. La supuesta experiencia de tomar un café agradable se volverá horrible. De hecho, para disfrutar de un café caliente, hay que sentarse, leer un buen libro o tener una charla amistosa con alguien.

Pero hoy en día, nos apresuramos. Café en el camino. Mostrador de drive-thru. Taza de café para llevar. Portavasos en coches. Todo esto se ha convertido en parte de la historia diaria de alguien. De alguna manera, brindan facilidad a muchas personas ocupadas.

La vida se ha vuelto tan rápida que nuestra atención se ha vuelto tan corta. No podemos quedarnos demasiado tiempo en una ocasión para no aburrirnos. Y el aburrimiento es un gran reto. El aburrimiento nos cierra la mente. En lugar de perseverar en la atención y el compromiso en la ocasión, abrimos nuestra mente a varias distracciones. El resultado es bastante malo: desorientación.

Del mismo modo, nos distraemos con demasiadas cosas innecesarias a nuestro alrededor, siempre perdemos la voz de Dios. -30-

THE BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS MANGER OR NATIVITY SCENE

may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.

When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R/. Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 2:1 (lines 1-8) or Isaiah 7:10 (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.

To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. R/. Amen.

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LA BENDICIÓN DEL BELÉN

La Iglesia señala que es laudable la costumbre de instalar en las casas y en las iglesias un «belén» o «nacimientito», que recuerda y ayuda a vivir el misterio de la Navidad. El mismo puede ser bendecido por un laico.

Para ello se reúne la familia, y el padre o la madre de la misma dice: “En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.” Todos se santiguan y responden: “Amén”. Luego, el que dirige la celebración dice: “Alabemos y demos gracias al Señor, que tanto amó al mundo que le entregó a su Hijo”. Todos responden: “Bendito seas por siempre, Señor” (Bendicional 1246)

Luego, el que dirige la oración dice: “Durante estos días contemplaremos asiduamente en nuestro hogar este pesebre y meditaremos el gran amor del Hijo de Dios, que ha querido habitar con nosotros. Pidamos, pues, a Dios que el pesebre colocado en nuestro hogar avive en nosotros la fe cristiana y nos ayude a celebrar más intensamente estas fiestas de Navidad” (Bendicional 1247).

Posteriormente, Uno de los miembros de la familia lee un texto de la Sagrada Escritura, por ejemplo Lc 2, 4-7a: María dio a luz a su hijo primogénito (Bendicional 1247). Acabada la lectura de la Escritura puede tener lugar un canto. Terminado el canto o la lectura de la Palabra de Dios, se hacen unas preces para pedirle al Señor que, por su Nacimiento, proteja a esa familia (Bendicional 1250).

Acabadas las preces, el que preside, con las manos juntas, dice una de las dos oraciones siguientes, a elección de la familia (Bendicional 1251).

La primera es: “Señor Dios, Padre nuestro, que tanto amaste al mundo que nos entregaste a tu Hijo único nacido de María la Virgen, dignate bendecir este nacimiento y a la comunidad cristiana que está aquí presente para que las imágenes de este Belén ayuden a profundizar en la fe a los adultos y a los niños. Te lo pedimos por Jesús, tu Hijo amado, que vive y reina por los siglos de los siglos.”

La segunda es: “Oh, Dios, Padre nuestro, que tanto amaste al mundo que nos has entregado a tu único Hijo Jesús, nacido de la Virgen María, para salvarnos y llevarnos de nuevo a ti, te pedimos que con tu bendición estas imágenes del nacimiento nos ayuden a celebrar la Navidad con alegría a ver a Cristo presente en todos los que necesitan nuestro amor. Te lo pedimos en el nombre de Jesús, tu Hijo amado, que vive y reina por los siglos de los siglos.”

Al terminar cualquiera de las oraciones, todos responden “Amén”.

Finalmente, el que dirige la celebración se santigua mientras dice: “Cristo, el Señor, que se ha aparecido en la tierra y ha querido convivir con los hombres nos bendiga y nos guarde en su amor” (Bendicional 1252).

Todos responden: “Amén”

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**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.

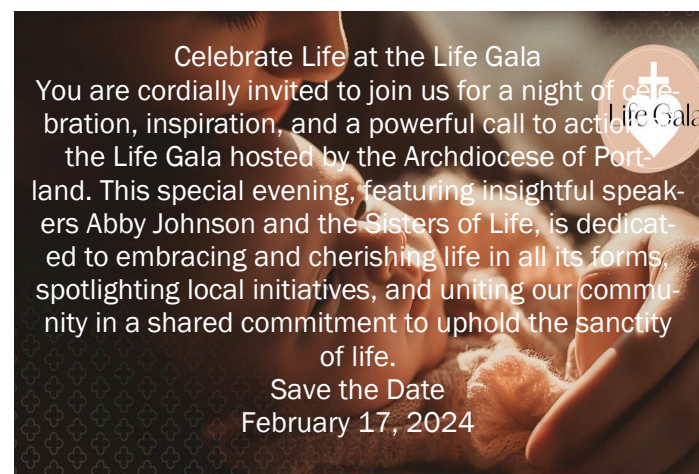
Experience as a social media specialist or similar position is required.

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.

**FURNITURE NEEDED FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES**

Government officials are calling on Catholic Charities of Oregon to resettle more refugees in the Portland area, and furnishings for the new households are in short supply. “We are low on furniture at our warehouse. And we have a lot of apartments set-ups in January,” said Peter Vins of the Refugee Services program at Catholic Charities. Beds, couches, chairs and tables are all welcome. Catholic Charities staff will arrange for pickup. “These families are escaping Russian attacks in Ukraine, fleeing the Taliban in Afghanistan and seeking safety from dangerous regimes in places like the Central African Republic,” said Ed Langlois, spokesman for Catholic Charities. “In many cases, the families coming to us risked their lives to help American initiatives.” If you have good furniture to donate, call Vins at 503-780-1115.

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.

