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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.

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

January 1 Mass at 9:00am English
Misa de 11:00am Español
January 14 Free Pancake breakfast
Mass at 9:00am only (Bilingual)
January 21 All catechism resume

Collection Update for Dec 23-24, 2023

General Collection \$ 5 339.48
Expenses (weekly estimate) \$ 4 300.00
Deficit \$ 0

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.

and a Blessed 2024 to all!



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:

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THE SCALLOP DECEMBER 31, 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS: DEC-JANUARY

- St. James Parish 30
- Gene Burch and Fam (+) 31
- Nelson, Jr. Bday 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

Fr. Cit's Column

What's for dinner? This season is time to feast. Families gather a lot around tables sharing laughter and stories and food.

Lots and lots of food.

I remember the food prepared for noche buena (term we use for midnight dining on Christmas) was excessive they (food) kept coming back on the table until the new year. Not to waste any food, we made sure that they are stored well, reheated according to need, and consumed until nothing was left for waste.

And then the cycle starts all over again since preparing too much food happens again on new year. Another eight days or so of reheating food. Nothing must go to waste is the standard practice.

How silly, you would think, to eat the same food for days! Tired. I get tired of having to eat the same stuff again and again. Might as well just dump it after another plate has been reheated. But my conscience convicts me to a very urgent reality: wasting all resources is a disservice and injustice to the poor.

What's for dinner must be a question not just of what to eat. It should be a question of responsibility. Discipline bespeaks of how attuned we are with the needs of the world. We do not live for our own alone. We live for each other and therefore we must learn to be each other's help, support and advocate.

By advocating for each other also means being ourselves responsible of our own thoughts, words and actions. Whatever we do, once done, affects a whole lot of our and others' lives. When actions are done irresponsibly, we waste a chance to fight for the good cause, the cause of caring for the environment, the cause for the good of those who are poor, the cause for the future of our children.-30-

¿Qué hay para cenar? Esta temporada es tiempo de festejar. Las familias se reúnen mucho alrededor de las mesas compartiendo risas, historias y comida. Mucha, mucha comida.

Recuerdo que la comida preparada para la noche buena (término que usamos para la cena de medianoche en Navidad) era excesiva que (comida) seguía volviendo a la mesa hasta el año nuevo. Para no desperdiciar ningún alimento, nos aseguramos de que se almacenan bien, se recalientan según la necesidad y se consumen hasta que no se deja nada para el desperdicio.

Y luego el ciclo comienza de nuevo, ya que preparar demasiada comida vuelve a ocurrir en año nuevo. Otros ocho días más o menos de recalentar la comida. Nada debe desperdiciarse es la práctica habitual.

¡Qué tonto, pensarías, comer la misma comida durante días! Cansado. Me canso de tener que comer lo mismo una y otra vez. También podría tirarlo después de que se haya recalentado otro plato. Pero mi conciencia me condena a una realidad muy urgente: desperdiciar todos los recursos es un flaco favor y una injusticia para los pobres.

Lo que es para la cena debe ser una pregunta no sólo de qué comer. Debería ser una cuestión de responsabilidad. La disciplina apunta a lo sintonizados que estamos con las necesidades del mundo. No vivimos solos. Vivimos el uno para el otro y por lo tanto debemos aprender a ser la ayuda, el apoyo y el defensor del otro.

Abogar por los demás también significa ser responsables de nuestros propios pensamientos, palabras y acciones. Cualquier cosa que hagamos, una vez hecha, afecta gran parte de nuestra vida y la de los demás. Cuando las acciones se hacen de manera irresponsable, desperdiciamos la oportunidad de luchar por la buena causa, la causa del cuidado del medio ambiente, la causa por el bien de los pobres, la causa por el futuro de nuestros hijos.-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

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The octave of Christmas is celebrated as an eight-day feast which begins on the Nativity, Dec. 25, and continues to January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

Since at least the fourth century, Christians have celebrated the most important liturgical feasts with “octaves” — eight days of celebration. Christmas has been celebrated as an octave since at least the seventh century, and is today one of two octaves celebrated by the Church — the other is Easter.

During the Christmas octave, the “Gloria” is sung each day during Mass, and each day is generally regarded as a day of great feasting.

So, can you eat meat on Friday, Dec. 31 — when Fridays are generally regarded as a day of abstinence?

Canonists are a little bit split over whether abstinence from meat is required on a Friday during the Christmas octave. So if you’re not sure, and you live in the U.S., you could offer up some other penance, as permitted by the USCCB.

But there is also the traditional Christmas season of 12 days, which traditionally began on Dec. 25 and ended on January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany.

This is a little tricky in the United States, since the Epiphany feast is not always on the same day. It has been moved from January 6 to “the Sunday between January 2 and January 8” — this year, January 7 itself.

But Western Christians have traditionally continued the Christmas season celebrations through January 6, during “twelvetide.”

In many cultures, gifts were exchanged throughout the season.

But why Lords A-leapin’ and all that?

Well, the song is a traditional English Christmas carol, with origins mostly unknown. But it is a great pub song, so you can probably surmise how it got so popular.

We’ve also got the liturgical season of Christmas, which ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, celebrated in 2024 on January 8.

After the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, “ordinary time” begins on the liturgical calendar, and you can definitely say that Christmas is over.

(adapted from Is it still Christmas, pillaratholic.com)

The title “Mother of God” goes back to the third or fourth century, but the Greek term Theotokos (“The God-bearer”) was officially consecrated as Catholic doctrine at the Council of Ephesus in 431, thus becoming the first Marian dogma. At the end of the Council of Ephesus, crowds of people marched through the streets shouting: “Praised be the Theotokos!”

This Catholic doctrine is based on the doctrine of Incarnation, as

expressed by

St. Paul: “God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law” (Galatians 4:4).

In its chapter on Mary’s role in the Church, Vatican II’s Dogmatic Constitution “Lumen Gentium” (“Light of the People”) calls Mary “Mother of God” 12 times. On this day the Catholic Church also celebrates the World Day of Peace, a tradition established by Pope Paul VI and confirmed by Pope John Paul II. (CNA)



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.

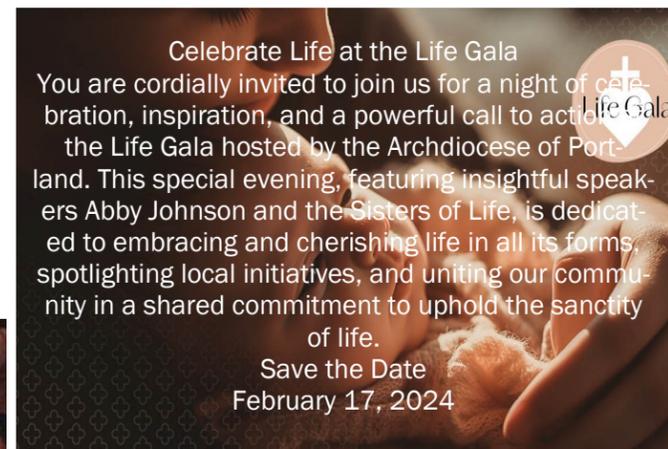
Excellent critical thinking, interpersonal, communication, time-management, and problem-solving skills.

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.

