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ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Iglesia Católica  
de Santiago Apostol

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### Parish Council Members

Carol Freeman  
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Marilyn and Jeff Wilson  
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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.*

### CALENDAR

January 13, 4:00pm Braver Angels at Hall  
January 14 Free Pancake breakfast  
Mass at 9:00am only (Bilingual)  
January 21 All catechism resume  
February 14 Ash Wednesday



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.

### Collection Update for Dec 30-31, 2023

General Collection \$ 5 330.00  
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.



### SAVE THE DATE

Save the date of Saturday February 24th for the annual Knights of Columbus Crab Dinner and Auction. The ticket sales after mass will start in early January and the ticket price will be the same as last year at \$50. More information on our raffle prizes and ticket sales to come later.



The Sisters of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity are expanding their presence at their international headquarters in Corpus Christi, Texas, while continuing to serve in areas of deepest apostolic need around the world.

Sr. Mary Joy Bernklau, daughter of Dave and Virginia Bernklau, is a sister of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT). She has been a professed member of the community since 2011. Sr. Joy is currently serving at the mission in Benque Viejo, Belize, Central America.

Will you please consider helping them reach the finish line? They are \$1.7M from their goal. God willing, the finish line will be crossed by June 2024. Please consider a gift today! <https://solt.net/motherhouse>



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## THE SCALLOP JANUARY 7, 2024

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MERRY  
Christmas



### MASS INTENTIONS:

#### JANUARY

William Blackburn + 6  
For souls in purgatory 7  
Marilyn Kintz +  
St. James Parish  
Gene Burch, family + 10  
11  
12

**Fr. Cit's Column** Gifts. Christmas is a season of giving. We give gifts to imitate that beautiful giving of God. It is a heartwarming tradition. On

the other hand it can also take away the true meaning of the celebration. Gifts are like a show stealer they take away the focus from the child Jesus. Though many opine giving gifts belongs to Christmas, still giving can be done as a corruption of the Christmas spirit. In that sense, we can declare that there is only one true gift: Jesus. Totally Jesus is the most beautiful gift.

Giving is an act of love. That's fundamentally the language of God's love: giving and forgiving. Forgiving by giving the son to humanity to save them from sin and death. Human giving is akin to that. But human giving can be grandiose. Think about Taj Mahal, or the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. I can add in the list *San Juanico Bridge*.

All of these world-renowned structures are built by love. Gifted to the beloved wife, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon was a gargantuan project, almost impossible, and yet pursued because the lover was so enamored there was never any possible hindrance that could block its completion. The bottom line is love defies all hindrances, challenges and problems. In love, one can give lavishly, even to the point of exceeding beyond means and expectations.

A dictatorship, for example, was a means to pamper an eager socialite wife. He amassed the government's coffers to rake in wealth for his wife to finance her lavish lifestyle. When Herodias used Herod's words as his own trap, she asked for John the Baptizer's head. He did the murder for love of himself. He cannot afford to lose fidelity from his subjects should he not fulfill the term of his own promise.

God's giving is purest and greatest. It is the only kind of giving that does not expect for something in return. It is the only kind of giving that is selfless and committed to the welfare of the other. It is the only giving that actually gives. -30-

Regalos. La Navidad es una temporada de dar. Los regalos son como un ladrón de espectáculos, le quitan el foco al niño Jesús. Aunque muchos opinarían que dar es espíritu navideño porque Jesús nació para entregarse a sí mismo por el mundo. Totalmente, Jesús es el regalo más hermoso. Y para imitar esa hermosa entrega, damos regalos.

Dar es un acto de amor. Ese es fundamentalmente el lenguaje del amor de Dios: dar y perdonar. Perdonar entregando al hijo a la humanidad para salvarla del pecado y de la muerte. La donación humana es similar a eso. Pero las donaciones humanas pueden ser igual de grandiosas. Piensa en el Taj Mahal o en los Jardines Colgantes de Babilonia. Puedo agregar en la lista el Puente de San Juanico.

Todas estas estructuras de renombre mundial están construidas por amor. Regalados a la amada esposa, los Jardines Colgantes de Babilonia eran un proyecto gigantesco, casi imposible, y sin embargo se perseguían porque el amante estaba tan enamorado que nunca hubo ningún obstáculo posible que pudiera impedir su finalización. La conclusión es que el amor desafiaba todos los obstáculos, desafíos y problemas. En el amor, uno puede dar generosamente, incluso hasta el punto de excederse más allá de los medios y las expectativas. Una dictadura, por ejemplo, era un medio para mimar a una esposa ansiosa de la alta sociedad. Amasó las arcas del gobierno para amasar riqueza para que su esposa financiara su lujoso estilo de vida.

Cuando Herodías usó las palabras de Herodes como su propia trampa, ella pidió la cabeza de Juan el Bautista. Cometió el asesinato por amor a sí mismo. No puede permitirse el lujo de perder la fidelidad de sus súbditos si no cumple el plazo de su propia promesa.

La ofrenda de Dios es la más pura y la más grande. Es el único tipo de dar que no espera algo a cambio. Es el único tipo de entrega que es desinteresada y comprometida con el bienestar del otro. Es el único dar que realmente da. -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



JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING



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**YOU ARE INVITED!**  
JOIN ARCHBISHOP SAMPLE IN ROME

**2024**  
September 25 - October 5

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ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER SAMPLE invites you to attend a special pilgrimage to Rome to visit the heart of the Church and celebrate vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

This 11-day pilgrimage will include stops in Siena, Florence, Assisi, and Orvieto. Pilgrims will experience private, guided tours and have the opportunity to visit magnificent churches, holy places, museums, and Roman ruins. Pilgrims will also get to attend the Diaconate Ordination of American seminarians at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome with Archbishop Sample presiding—a once in a lifetime opportunity! Visit our website to sign up for more information!

www.archdpdx.org/Rome  
All travel and lodging arrangements provided by Caravelle Tours, Inc.

**The Ordinary Time**

Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Ordinary Time begins tomorrow (January 8 and halts on February 13 as the Lenten and Easter Seasons come in starting February 14, Ash Wednesday).



What is the solemnity of the Epiphany?

On this feast, the Church celebrates the manifestation (epiphany) of Christ to the Nations (Gentiles) in the persons of the Magi—also known as the Wise Men or the Three Kings. In earlier times, this feast combined two other manifestations, that which took place at the Lord's Baptism, and that which took place in Cana at the Wedding feast. This is still the custom in Eastern Christianity.

Although the date of the Epiphany on the General Calendar of the Church is January 6th, in the United States and some other countries it is celebrated on the Sunday after January 1st so more Catholics can participate. Thus, in 2024 the Solemnity of the Epiphany is Sunday, January 7. (EWTN)

**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,

**FREE BREAKFAST FOR THE COMMUNITY**

January 14, 2024  
After the 9:00am Bilingual Mass All are invited. Bring your family and friends. Breakfast will be served until 12:00 noon. The Altar Society will host the Free Breakfast.



**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.

**ENCOUNTER**  
PORTLAND CAMPUS

**PROPHETIC ROOM**



**TUES 1/23**

**"PURSUE LOVE, BUT STRIVE EAGERLY FOR THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS, ABOVE ALL THAT YOU MAY PROPHECY." 1 COR 14:1**

Ascension Catholic Church, Portland | January 23  
The Encounter School of Ministry Portland is opening up ministry to guests on January 23rd! Portland Encounter students have been studying the biblical basis of prophecy, and are applying what they have learned through hands-on training tools, and prayer. This will be an opportunity for trained students to receive your honest feedback for their growth as students. Many guests leave feeling incredibly built up and surprised at how specifically God speaks during these prayers. Worship will begin at 5:30 PM, followed by brief instruction before ministry, with the night ending at 8:30 PM for guests. It is FREE to attend, but registration is needed!

