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ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Iglesia Católica  
de Santiago Apostol

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### Parish Council Members

Carol Freeman  
Marilyn Kendoll  
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Alma Gomez  
Froi Otter  
Enedilson Rodas  
Marilyn and Jeff Wilson  
J. Cesar Delgado  
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.*

### CALENDAR

February 10-11 Anointing of the Sick  
February 14 Ash Wednesday  
Masses at 9:00am, 5:30pm and 7:00pm  
February 16, 6:00pm Stations of the Cross  
February 16, 6:45pm Soup Supper



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 Jan 27-28, 2024

General Collection \$ 2 190.70  
Expenses (weekly estimate) \$ 4 300.00  
**Deficit \$ 2 109.30**

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.



**American Red Cross**



Blood Donation will happen in the parish hall on February 29, 2024, 11:00am to 7:00pm.

This event is hosted by Knights of Columbus, St. James Molalla Council.



FEBRUARY 4, 2024



## THE SCALLOP

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**Fr. Cit's Column** Human sufferings. Am I suffering because God does not love me? Because I am bad and sinful? If it is God's punishment that

make me suffer, why do I know people who enjoy rich fare by succeeding in evil and unfair work practices?

Human suffering, like human salvation, is a profound mystery. Only God's mind thoroughly understands it. While every creation is touched by suffering, the boundless grace of God is overflowing no one would be left out without the chance to be consoled, relieved or re-charged through God's grace.

I personally experienced God's love through and through, during my good days and more especially during my lowest days.

When midlife crisis is brought up as a topic, I smirk. Contemporary concept, I thought. Only those who subscribe to the mental or emotional sciences become "victims" of these contemporary human problems.

I knew suffering since childhood. In fact, we were best of friends. I know his face, his attitude, his weaknesses and strengths. I cannot be deceived by him anymore. I know how to entertain him hospitably and let him go when he says goodbye. I (my character) am made better by him.

Weird. I do not know how to describe it but there are many sudden bouts of sorrow, doubt, and helplessness lately. Is this midlife crisis? I am unarmed because what I am experiencing is an unknown. What I only know is it is so powerful it paralyzed me. I was like shadowboxing. I was throwing punches mightily, but I am hitting nothing. It consumed my soul. I felt defeated.

The hardest part is that I am fighting alone. But I always remember why I was fighting. Now I realize it was the devil making me believe I was fighting alone helplessly.

Midlife crisis, "You are a bluff!". My spirit will never be dried up because God's grace is more than enough to help me.-30-

Sufrimientos humanos. ¿Estoy sufriendo porque Dios no me ama? ¿Porque soy malo y pecador? Si es el castigo de Dios lo que me hace sufrir, ¿por qué conozco a personas que disfrutan de la comida rica al tener éxito en malas e injustas prácticas de trabajo?

El sufrimiento humano, como la salvación humana, es un misterio profundo. Sólo la mente de Dios lo entiende completamente. Mientras que cada creación es tocada por el sufrimiento, la gracia ilimitada de Dios se está desbordando, nadie se quedaría fuera sin la oportunidad de ser consolado, aliviado o recargado a través de la gracia de Dios.

Experimenté personalmente el amor de Dios de principio a fin, durante mis días buenos y, más especialmente, durante mis días más bajos.

Cuando se menciona la crisis de la mediana edad, sonrío. Concepto contemporáneo, pensé. Sólo aquellos que se adhieren a las ciencias mentales o emocionales se convierten en "víctimas" de estos problemas humanos contemporáneos.

Conocí el sufrimiento desde la infancia. De hecho, éramos los mejores amigos. Conozco su rostro, su actitud, sus debilidades y fortalezas. Ya no puedo dejarme engañar por él. Sé cómo entretenerlo hospitalariamente y dejarlo ir cuando se despide. Yo (mi personaje) soy mejor por él.

Extraño. No sé cómo describirlo, pero últimamente hay muchos ataques repentinos de tristeza, duda e impotencia. ¿Es esta la crisis de la mediana edad? Estoy desarmado porque lo que estaba viviendo es una incógnita. Lo único que sé es que es tan poderoso que me paralizó. Era como el boxeo de sombras. Estaba lanzando golpes poderosamente, pero no estoy golpeando nada. Me consumió el alma. Me sentí derrotado.

Lo más difícil es que estoy luchando solo. Pero siempre recordaba por qué estaba luchando. Ahora me di cuenta de que era el diablo el que me hacía creer que estaba luchando sola sin poder hacer nada.

Crisis de la mediana edad, "¡Eres un farol!". Mi espíritu nunca se secará porque la gracia de Dios es más que suficiente para ayudarme.-30-

### MASS INTENTIONS:

FEBRUARY

Family intentions  
Forgiveness and peace of mind  
For souls in purgatory +  
St. James Parish

Gene Burch, family +



### MASS SCHEDULE

M to F at 9:00AM

Sat at 5:30PM (Eng) Sun at 8:00AM (English), 10:00AM (English)

and 12:0PM (Spanish)

Confession Sat at 4:00-5:00PM but is always available as needed.

Adoration on Thursdays 9:30am to 7:45pm





The **Sisters of Life** invite you to join them for their upcoming events around Oregon in Portland, Springfield, Eugene, and Corvallis!

**Thursday, February 15th**  
Parish Lent Mission at St. Patrick's in Portland.

**Friday, February 16th**  
University of Oregon campus visit.  
Parish Lent Mission at St. Alice's in Springfield.

**Saturday, February 17th**  
Oregon State University campus visit.  
Oregon 40 Days for Life – Rosary at SW 10th and Washington.

Oregon Life Gala - 6:30 PM Talk by a Sister (more details and tickets available @ <https://archdpdx.org/lifegala>)

**Sunday, February 18th**  
Parish Lent Mission at St. Mary Cathedral in Portland.  
Parish Lent Mission at St. Michael's in Portland.  
Sisters of Life Vocations Talk at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 1623 NW 19th Ave. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM. Registration required, please email [news@archdpdx.org](mailto:news@archdpdx.org).



Please join us for a Winter  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
FEBRUARY 4, 12:15-2 PM MARCH 3, 12:15-2 PM  
1112 SE 41ST AVE, PORTLAND, OR 97214

The Chesterton Academy of Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati invites all prospective families, current 7th and 8th graders, parents, donors, and supporters to attend its Open House on February 4th and March 3rd! Come and witness the exciting developments at the Academy's new campus at St. Stephen's Catholic Parish in Portland. Meet the faculty, current students, and parents, take a tour of the school, and gain insights into classical Catholic education.

Free pancake breakfast hosts (Altar Society), diners and supporters: Thank you!  
Our next parish Free Breakfast is on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024.  
See you there.

**Come to Our Lady of Peace Retreat for the:  
ASH WEDNESDAY DAY RETREAT**

Theme: "God's Love Story" according to Saint John the Apostle and Benedict XVI

**Wed Feb 14, 2024  
9am-2:30pm**

**Retreat Fee:  
\$50 includes lunch**

**To register:  
[olpretreat.org](http://olpretreat.org) or  
503.649.7127**





With retreat master  
Archbishop  
John G. Vlazny

hosted by the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows  
3600 SW 170th Ave., Beaverton, OR

**AUCTION 2024**  
is coming. The Auction Committee is now accepting donations of gift baskets, lottery tickets, and bottles of wine. Please drop it off in the office. For more information, please talk to Carol Freeman.

February 11 is World Day of the Sick. After the Sunday Masses of February 10 and 11, the elderly, the terminally ill or very sick and those in danger of death can receive anointing. Please stay at the end of the Mass for the imposition of the oil of the sick. For those who are homebound, please inform the office to get a schedule for a home visit (503-829-2080).

**YEAR OF PRAYER**  
PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025



In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year - entitled "Pilgrims of Hope" - 2024 has been designated as a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. With its focus on the *Our Father*, it presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

- MAKING THE MOST OF THE YEAR OF PRAYER -

Our Jubilee Preparatory Commission, which Pope Francis has asked each diocese to establish, wants to encourage every Catholic to reflect on their life of prayer: *what they pray, how they pray & why they pray*. This is for two reasons:

1. To encourage Catholics to deepen their prayer life and love of God;
2. For each Catholic to help at least one other person to pray during the Year of Prayer.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION  
CONFIRMACIÓN DE LOS ADULTOS**  
The Adult confirmation preparation is open. If you are an adult (18 yo or older) and have not been confirmed, an adult confirmation is scheduled sometime in May. If you are interested, join the adult confirmation preparations starting the last Sunday of January. You need your baptismal certificate. Inquire in the office (Scott Scofield or Miguel Serrano for more details) 503 829 2080. La preparación para la confirmación de adultos está abierta. Si usted es un adulto (18 años o más) y no ha sido confirmado, se programó una confirmación de adulto en algún momento de mayo. Si estás interesado, únete a los preparativos de confirmación para adultos a partir del último domingo de enero. Necesita su certificado de bautismo. Consultar en la oficina (Scott Scofield o Miguel Serrano para más detalles) 503 829 2080

**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.