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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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Eneilson Rodas  
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.*

**C A L E N D A R**

February 29, 11:00am Blood Drive  
March 1, 6:00pm Stations of the Cross  
March 1, 6:45pm Soup Supper  
March 2-3 Food for the Poor Parish Mission  
March 8, 6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Lenten Confessions available in our parish on March 18-22, 6:00-8:00pm.

The schedule of Penance Services in the Vicariate is as follows:

March 5, 7:00pm, St. Mary, Mt. Angel  
March 7, 6:30pm, St. Paul, Silverton  
March 12, 6:30pm, St. Luke, Woodburn  
March 19, 7:00pm, St. Patrick, Canby  
March 20, St. Paul, St. Paul

**Collection Update for February 17-18, 2024**

General Collection \$ 4,408.00  
Expenses (weekly estimate) \$ 4 300.00  
\$ 108.00

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.



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.



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 25, 2024



**THE SCALLOP**

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**Fr. Cit's Column**

-30- Figure it out. Always puzzling is the will of God. If man knows God's will, that probably means a saint is born or that the Kingdom of God is fully accomplished. I used the phrase fully accomplished to refer to the Parousia.

Abraham figured it out. Was Abraham always clear about God's commands? No. But he willed that God's will be done. The story of Isaac's sacrifice, a typology of the Son of God as the sacrificial offering for man's redemption, is spontaneously an illustration of God's wisdom that can never be undermined nor altered by the doubt of man. God chose to enlighten his people and showed them the way to humility, perseverance and obedience.

While the mind of God is discerned, God places in the human soul tools that would facilitate cooperation with God's mind and will.

To a believer who obeys God out of love, the will of God is surely a courage to do what he discerns as right, holy, and Christ-centered. In other words, what is wrong, unholy and opposes the Christ is a disruption and hindrance to know and do the will of God.

The obedience of Abraham is merited to the righteousness of the Father. Abraham chose to be righteous by his consistent listening to and faithful perseverance with the will of God. God is always righteous. He does not need to do something to be holy. He is already holy.

From the holiness of God, we partake holiness. The life we dedicate in Christian living is a participation in that holiness. The sacraments help augment that participation. Reconciliation renews the ardor of the believer to do what is right. Communion fortifies that will to choose God and be like Christ.

This Lenten season, may we develop the habit of listening to God's will and doing his will perseveringly and faithfully.

Descúbrelo. Siempre desconcertante es la voluntad de Dios. Si el hombre conoce la voluntad de Dios, eso probablemente significa que un santo ha nacido o que el reino de Dios se ha cumplido plenamente. Usé la frase plenamente cumplida para referirme a la parusia.

Abraham lo descubrió. ¿Abrahán siempre fue claro acerca de los mandamientos de Dios? No Pero Él quiso que se hiciera la voluntad de Dios. La historia del sacrificio de Isaac, una tipología del Hijo de Dios como ofrenda sacrificial para la redención del hombre, es espontáneamente una ilustración de la sabiduría de Dios que nunca puede ser socavada ni alterada por la duda del hombre. Dios escogió iluminar a su pueblo y les mostró el camino hacia la humildad, la perseverancia y la obediencia.

Mientras se discierne la mente de Dios, Dios coloca en el alma humana herramientas que facilitarían la cooperación con la mente y la voluntad de Dios.

Para un creyente que obedece a Dios por amor, la voluntad de Dios es sin duda un valor para hacer lo que él discierne como correcto, santo y centrado en Cristo. En otras palabras, lo que es malo, impío y se opone a Cristo es una perturbación y un obstáculo para conocer y hacer la voluntad de Dios.

La obediencia de Abraham es merecida para la justicia del Padre. Abraham escogió ser justo por su constante escucha y perseverancia fiel con la voluntad de Dios. Dios es siempre justo. Él no necesita hacer algo para ser santo. Él ya es santo.

De la santidad de Dios, participamos de la santidad. La vida que dedicamos en la vida cristiana es una participación en esa santidad. Los sacramentos ayudan a aumentar esa participación. La reconciliación renueva el ardor del creyente para hacer lo que es correcto. La comunión fortalece esa voluntad de elegir a Dios y ser como Cristo. -30-

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**FEBRUARY**

St. James Parish	24
No Mass	25
No Mass	26
No Mass	27
No Mass	28
No Mass	29
No Mass	1



**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





**Blanchet CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

# OPEN HOUSE

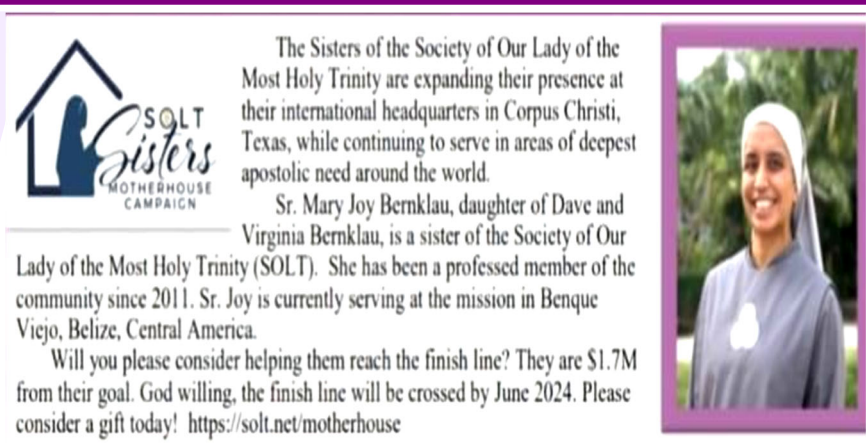
**March 3, 2024**  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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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>

**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.

**Spirituality of Grief Workshop**

St. James is offering a Spirituality of Grief Workshop for anyone who has suffered the loss of a spouse, child, parent or other special person, or suffered loss through divorce or been hit by a career-threatening loss of a job. All of these cause us to experience grief. We each experience grief differently, but there are common themes that run through grief, our workshop aims to address them through the eyes of our faith in Jesus Christ. We will meet every other Saturday for five meetings, starting Saturday, February 24th. We will meet in the parish hall at 3:30pm to 5:00pm (at the latest). Kent Burtner is the facilitator. For information, call him at 503-475-3429.

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 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.

**Attend the Lenten Day Retreat at The Grotto with Dina Marie of Faith Moments**

Retreat theme: "Behold, the Lamb of God" John 1

Friday, March 15, 2024  
9:30am-1:30pm

Retreat Fee: \$15 (lunch optional)

To register and for details: [dinamarie.org](http://dinamarie.org)



Come pray at The Grotto's Outdoor Stations of the Cross

The National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother (The Grotto) is located at NW 85th and Sandy Blvd in Portland

**What is fasting?**

Fasting consists of having just one full meal. One can take two other small meals that together do not equal a full meal.



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting.

**What is abstinence?**

Abstinence means not eating meats of mammals and fowls. Traditionally meat was considered a luxury.



Fish and other seafoods are allowed.

Good Friday and Ash Wednesday are obligatory abstinence days. The Fridays of Lent are abstinence days but in the Philippines, abstinence may be substituted with practices of piety like going to Mass, praying the Rosary, etc. or works of mercy like visiting the sick, donating to the needy, etc.



**14+** year old CATHOLICS are obliged to practice abstinence

**18-59** year old CATHOLICS are obliged to practice fasting

Those outside the age limit, pregnant women, manual laborers, and those who are ill may be excused from the requirements of fasting and abstinence, but are encouraged to take up some other form of penitence or acts of charity or piety.

**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG**

When we fill a small baby bottle with change, cash or checks, we are helping save a life God has purposed specifically for the baby. Your change will change their life. Please pick a baby bottle available in the narthex, fill it up and return the filled bottled by March 24, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 10:00am and the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

# 40 Cans for Lent



Knights of Columbus, St. James Council, sponsors Can Food Drive to help our local St. Vincent de Paul food share. Please help us help those of our neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet. Our food pantry needs your help with this Food Drive. Especially needed are fruit, tuna and cereal items. Please drop off your items in the barrels in the narthex until Easter. Thank you for your help.



**PRAY FAST GIVE**