



Fr. Cit's Column

Come, do not delay! Advent has arrived. Advent means coming, arrival. In Catholic Liturgy, Advent is four Sundays before Christmas. The mood of the season is joyful expectation of the arrival of Jesus. Involved in this expectation of the day of arrival is the preparation for the coming of Jesus at his birth, and at his return (second coming). As Jesus arrives as God born as man and God as judge of all humanity, we must prepare our heart. Therefore, advent has a penitential character in it every baptized is enjoined to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This year, we open Year cycle C. That simply means the roster of Sunday Gospel readings come from St. Luke.

Each of the four Sundays of Advent has its own central theme of hope, peace, joy and love. All these themes put together build up the main ethos of advent: the preparation for the great fulfillment of the plan of God. Therefore, the four themes are the must-have core values each faithful develop while waiting for the coming of Jesus.

Waiting can be ridiculously tough. When instant gratification is always highly expected and is a norm pervasive in the culture, who waits? In that sense, waiting is regarded no less than a waste of one's precious time. It is a lie. Even the fastest customer service has a wait.

Cutting the wait time may be successful enough but we cannot deny the fact that in comparison, the quality suffers when things are done rushed.

Our bananas taste best when they ripen from the tree. Chemically ripened bananas can't compare with bananas ripened naturally from the tree. When bats and fruit flies begin to swarm the tree and infest the fruits, then the time of harvest has arrived.

Appreciate the process and trust its worth. -30-

MASS INTENTIONS:

NOV-DEC

- All faithful departed + **30**
- Souls in purgatory +
St. James Parish **1**

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MASS SCHEDULE

- M to F at 9:00AM
- Sat at 5:30PM (Eng)
- Sun at 9:00AM (English)
and 12:30PM (Spanish)
- Confession Sat at 4:00-
5:00PM but is always available as needed.
- Adoration on Thursdays
9:30am to 7:45pm

¡Ven, no te retrases! El Adviento ha llegado. Adviento significa venir, llegada. En la liturgia católica, el Adviento es cuatro domingos antes de Navidad. El estado de ánimo de la temporada es la expectativa gozosa de la llegada de Jesús. Involucrada en esta expectativa del día de llegada está la preparación para la venida de Jesús en su nacimiento, y en su regreso (segunda venida). A medida que Jesús llega como Dios nacido como hombre y Dios como juez de toda la humanidad, debemos preparar nuestro corazón. Por lo tanto, el Adviento tiene un carácter penitencial: a cada bautizado se le pide celebrar el Sacramento de la Reconciliación.

Este año, abrimos el ciclo C. Eso simplemente significa que la lista de lecturas del Evangelio dominical proviene de San Lucas.

Cada uno de los cuatro domingos de Adviento tiene su propio tema central de esperanza, paz, alegría y amor. Todos estos temas juntos construyen el ethos principal del adviento: la preparación para el gran cumplimiento del plan de Dios. Por lo tanto, los cuatro temas son los valores fundamentales imprescindibles que cada fiel desarrolla mientras espera la venida de Jesús.

Esperar puede ser ridículamente difícil. Cuando la gratificación instantánea siempre es muy esperada y es una norma omnipresente en la cultura, ¿quién espera? En ese sentido, la espera se considera nada menos que una pérdida del precioso tiempo de uno. Es mentira. Incluso el servicio de atención al cliente más rápido tiene que esperar.

Reducir el tiempo de espera puede ser lo suficientemente exitoso, pero no podemos negar el hecho de que, en comparación, la calidad se resiente cuando las cosas se hacen apresuradamente.

Nuestros bananas saben mejor cuando maduran del árbol. Los plátanos madurados químicamente no se pueden comparar con los plátanos madurados naturalmente del árbol. Cuando los murciélagos y las moscas de la fruta comienzan a enjambrear el árbol e infestar los frutos, entonces ha llegado el momento de la cosecha.

Aprécia el proceso y confía en su valor.-30-

Dr. Elaine Park has a Doctorate Degree In Scriptures from the Pontifical North American College in Rome. She was a Scripture Professor at Mt. Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, Oregon until her retirement. She served for some years as Christ the King Parish's (Milwaukie) Pastoral Associate. At present she enjoys retirement while going around the Archdiocese to give Bible lectures.



The Adult Formation team invited Dr. Elaine Park, a Bible Scholar, to speak on the Advent Gospels of the Year C Cycle (Gospel according to St. Luke). She engaged our parishioners and visitors at an enlightened conversation about the coming of Jesus. There were more than 50 of who came to the lecture. Kudos to our lecturer and the Adult formation team led by Scott Scofield and Kent Burtner.

Your ministry's bulletin item can inform our people about your work. You are encouraged to let the whole parish know any of your work. Photo-stories are highly encouraged.

The bulletin is normally printed on Thursdays. Get your story in on a Wednesday at stjamesmolalla957@gmail.com

Catholic Charities Toy Drive
 Donate toys today and give joy tomorrow!
 Collecting toys and gift cards through Monday, December 16th
 \$30.00 per gift maximum
 For questions and collection arrangements please contact Jen Toohey at: jtoohey@ccoregon.org / 503-807-9441
 If you would like to order from our Amazon Wish List, please use this QR code.

Archbishop to celebrate Jubilee Opening Mass

To begin the 2025 Jubilee, Archbishop Sample will celebrate a special Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on Dec. 29, 2024, at 5:30 PM. Please join us as we prepare to celebrate the Year of Hope!



**Feast of the Our Lady of Guadalupe
 December 11-12, 2024**

The whole community is invited to celebrate this community event in honor of the patroness of Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The schedule of activities are as follows:

December 11

- 7:30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 8:30pm break
- 8:45pm catechism by Jorge Luis
- 10:30pm break
- 10:35pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 12:00pm Serenade to the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 12

- 1:00am break
- 1:30am catechism
- 3:00am Serenade to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Mariachis Choir, solos
- 9:00am Mass in English
- 7:00pm Mass in Spanish
- 8:00pm Dinner
- With presentations and games

Everybody is welcome. Your presence makes the celebration rich and communal. You can come part of or the whole days of the celebrations. There's so much to enjoy in this feast.



December 6, 2025
 6:00pm. Hall
 Soup Supper and Christmas Carols
 Everyone is invited to enjoy this evening of music and food and friendship.

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 Scott Scofield 262-960-5717.

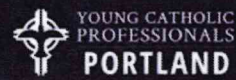
St. Vincent de Paul: Is a food distribution to those families in need. Distribution is once a month on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the parish hall. Volunteers set up on the previous Monday night. For more information call Roy Salvetti at 503-568-2636.

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.



**SAINT JOSEPH SATURDAY
 ADVENT RETREAT**
"Walking with Mary in Times of Discernment"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
 MOUNT ANGEL ABBEY

Mass | Noon Prayer | Confession | Adoration | Small Groups
 Gathering to follow at Benedictine Brewery
 Open to all young adults in their 20s or 30s

Sr. Shailla Mathai and Sr. Ignacia Carrillo, FMA are from the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco in Bend. The Sisters will lead 2 separate talks on this year's theme. Along with the presentations there will be time for small group discussions and fellowship. Take the opportunity to reflect and pray during the Advent Season.

Cost is \$10 to help cover lunch expenses
 Free for Priests, Religious, and YCP Belong Members



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Office is open
 Monday to Thursday, 10:00AM to 2:00PM
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Pastoral Council	Finance Council
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These councils advise Fr. Cit on pastoral and financial processes of the parish. The Pastoral Council's regular meeting is every third Tuesday and the Finance Council's meeting is First 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

December 1 First Sunday of Advent
 December 1, 10:15am
 Advent Festival
 December 4, 7:00pm
 Advent Penance Service
 December 6
 6:00pm Soup Supper
 & Christmas carols
 December 9
 Immaculate Conception Holy Day
 9:00am English Mass
 5:30pm Misa en Español
 December 11-12
 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 December 16-24
 6:00pm Las posadas

Marion Vicariate Penance Service

December 3, 7:00pm St. Mary's Mt. Angel
 December 4, 7:00pm St. James Molalla
 December 5, 6:30pm St. Paul, St. Paul
 Dec 10, 6:30pm St. Luke Woodburn
 December 17, 6:30pm St. Partick Canby
 December 19, 6:30pm St. Paul Silverton

Collection Update for Nov 23-24 ,2024

General Collection	\$ 3 131.18
Expenses (weekly estimate)	\$ 4 300.00
Deficit	\$ 1 168.82

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.

Molalla To access the resources from FORMED: <https://signup.formed.org/> Key-in St. James Catholic Church, Molalla. Enter your name and email. You are signed up. Start browsing and enjoying its contents.

Christmas Schedule

December 24, 5:00pm
 Christmas Family Mass with Nativity
 11:00pm Midnight Mass (Bilingual)
 December 25, 9:00am
 Christmas Day Mass
 11:00am Misa del Dia de Navidad
 December 31, 5:30pm
 New Year's Eve Mass
 January 1, 9:00am
 New Year's Day Mass
 11:00am
 Misa del Año Nuevo

THE GIVING TREE

St Vincent de Paul is hosting the GIVING TREE by which we, as parish, demonstrate love of God for the children and families in our community. The Giving Tree will be in the narthex from November 23rd until December 16th. Please take one or more ornaments and return them with your unwrapped gift by December 19th. Be certain the tag is secured to the gift. We are blessed to be able to share the joy of our Lord with our community, and we know how appreciate our families are our generosity. Thank 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,