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ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Iglesia Católica
 de Santiago Apostol

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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 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
 7:00pm Las posadas
 December 25 Christmas Day

Marion Vicariate Penance Service

Dec 10, 6:30pm St. Luke Woodburn
 December 17, 6:30pm
 St. Partick Canby
 December 19, 6:30pm
 St. Paul Silverton

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.

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

Collection Update for Nov 30-Dec 1,2024

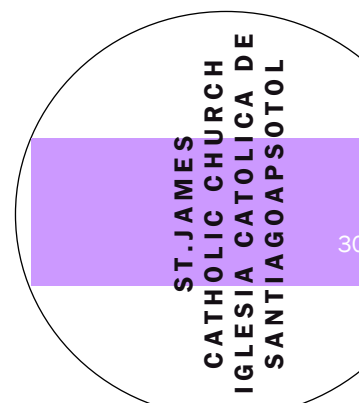
General Collection	\$ 5 310.00
Expenses (weekly estimate)	\$ 4 300.00
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Thank you all for your constant support to the welfare of our parish family. We ask you to continue to help us as our parish is also experiencing financial stretch. If you are not comfortable doing online giving, the envelopes works fairly well. Please consider doing so. God bless you.

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DECEMBER 8, 2024



THE SCALLOP

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MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER

- 7 Lee Smith + St. James Parish
- 8 For the Archdiocese, Forer the whole US
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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
24-Hour adoration every first Thursday of the month

Fr. Cit's Column The birth of John is historical. It is not just a "once upon a time" narrative like some fictitious stories of deities and creatures of power and magic. John's birth is placed in history when the rulers of the Roman Empire and the princes of the Kingdoms of Judah ruled between 9BC to 39 AD. Placing John's birth in human history means John's story and his ministry is true and can be verified by historical facts.

John the Baptist is a gift. In their old age, Elizabeth and Zechariah conceived John. His birth is filled with extraordinary signs the boy is thought to be "great". Filled with the Spirit, he called the people to a baptism of repentance. "Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight his paths!" Some of the historical proofs to verify John the Baptist's existence are the places where he lived, where he did his ministry and the impact of his ministry in the history of the times past and today. The river Jordan, for example, is constantly visited by pilgrims and tourists, seeing, and sometimes recreating the baptism John did. I suppose, those who come to recreate that baptism ministry of John are also re-encindling their own baptism, and hopefully being so moved by the Spirit commit their lives to their baptism.

John the Baptist's water baptism is a call to cleanse one's passion from the evils and errors known to men during that time to become blameless before the Lord. The call is an imperative that was misconstrued for a puritan movement. The Essenes, from which John the Baptist is identified with, basically is a religious puritan group whose life is lived contrary to the common and the normal. By stripping their life off the comfort of the world, they make their heart free to receive the Messiah. When John preached baptism of repentance, he attracted people who are convinced that to turn their life around (away from the sins of the world) is necessary.-30-

El nacimiento de Juan es histórico. No es solo "Érase una vez" como algunas historias ficticias de deidades y criaturas de poder y magia. El nacimiento de Juan se coloca en la historia cuando los gobernantes del Imperio Romano y los príncipes de los reinos de Judá gobernaron entre el 9a.C. y el 39 d.C. Colocando el nacimiento de John en. La historia humana significa que la historia de Juan y su ministerio son verdaderos y pueden ser verificados por hechos históricos.

Juan el Bautista es un regalo. En su vejez, Isabel y Zacarías concibieron a Juan. Su nacimiento está lleno de signos extraordinarios que se cree que el niño es "grande". Lleno del Espíritu, llamó a la gente a un bautismo de arrepentimiento. "¡Preparad el camino del Señor! ¡Haz recto sus caminos!"

Algunas de las pruebas históricas para verificar la existencia de Juan el Bautista son los lugares donde vivió, donde hizo su ministerio y el impacto de su ministerio en la historia de los tiempos pasados y hoy. El río Jordán, por ejemplo, es constantemente visitado por peregrinos y turistas, viendo, y a veces recreando el bautismo que hizo Juan. Supongo que aquellos que vienen a recrear ese ministerio del bautismo de Juan también están reavivando su propio bautismo, y con suerte, siendo tan movidos por el Espíritu, comprometen sus vidas a su bautismo.

El bautismo en agua de Juan el Bautista es un llamado a limpiar la pasión de los males y errores conocidos por los hombres durante ese tiempo para volverse irrepreensible ante el Señor. El llamado es un imperativo que muchos malinterpretaron para un movimiento que es puritano. Los Esenios, de los que se identifica Juan el Bautista, son básicamente un grupo religioso puritano cuya vida se vive contrariamente a lo común y lo normal. Al despojar su vida de la comodidad del mundo, hacen que su corazón sea libre para recibir al Mesías.

Cuando Juan predicó el bautismo del arrepentimiento, atrajo a personas que están convencidas de que es necesario cambiar su vida de los pecados del mundo.-30-

This year's advent fair was a success. Thanks to all those who volunteered and participated in the advent wreath and Christmas crafts making. In the picture are some of our parents and children collecting their materials for the advent wreath and Christmas crafts. The children and their parents had a great time. Customarily, the Advent Fair is held on the First Sunday of Advent.



The Sacraments Preparation and Religious Education/Formation teams and the parents and parishioners put together this year's Advent Fair. Thank you all of you who have prepared and guided our participants in the wreath and Christmas crafts making. The same thanks goes to those who prepared the healthy and delicious breakfast. And thanks too to all our donors. Special thanks to the Ferlans for the greens.

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

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!



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.

SECOND CANDLE SIGNIFIES PEACE

"BETHLEHEM CANDLE"

The second candle, also purple, represents peace. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.



Annual Advent Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus of St. James Molalla sponsors this year's Advent Food Drive.

The proceeds of the food drive is our local St. Vincent the Paul food boxes. Food items are very low. We are hoping for a resupply before Christmas. Please drop your food items in the narthex. Please help us help our community families!

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.