



## THE SCALLOP

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### MASS INTENTIONS:

#### DECEMBER

Lee Smith +  
Rosa Elia Garcia Galvan +  
Chuck Svetlik +  
Francisco Javier & family  
Araceli Garcia Galvan & fam  
Maria de Jesus & family  
St. James Parish

Rosa Elia Galvan +  
Francisco Javier & family  
Araceli Garcia Galvan & fam  
Laura Elena Garcia & fam  
Maria de Jesus & family

Chris Maurer +  
Patricia Burtner +  
Francisco Javier & family  
Araceli Garcia Galvan & fam  
Maria de Jesus & family

Marilyn Earsley +  
Rosa Elia Garcia Galvan +  
Francisco Javier & family  
Araceli Garcia Gavan & fam  
Maria de Jesus & family

Rosa Elia Garcia Galvan +  
Laura Elena Garcia & fam  
Araceli Garcia Galvan & fam  
Maria de Jesus & family  
Francisco Javier & family

Rosa Elia Garcia Galvan +  
Laura Garcia & family  
Araceli Garcia Galvan & fam  
Maria de Jesus & family  
Francisco Javier & family

### 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

Joy to the world! This is a famous line from a joyous Christmas carol. When the Christmas air starts, this traditional carol is always one of the songs played in the Christmas repertoire. I love singing along. And when permitted, this song is never missed in the list of the carols we sing to families we visit. At the end of the evening caroling, we earn some money we divide among ourselves.

The season of Christmas is always a joyous time. Plenty of memorable experiences are mostly made from this joyous celebration. With that said, I can attest that there are many of us who strive to celebrate this season despite some not so good realities happening around. Christmas puts into perspective the true hope that Jesus' birth brings light in a dark world. The Christmas spirit helps lighten the burden we are facing or sends away the bad spirit.

Peace truces are made during the Christmas season. Honoring the birth of the Lord Jesus, the National People's Army (rebel group) in the Philippines ceases fire with the Philippine National Army. Both troops allow the Christmas joy to be celebrated the way it should be by families.

I am wondering, as Christmas approaches, in Bethlehem where the Lord was born, will there be peace. Is the Christmas spirit the same?

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I think we are all praying for a peace truce in the Holy Land and in the Middle East. And hopefully matters will be resolved the soon for these warring nations so that we can all live normal lives again. I know that does not sound like the easiest way possible for it involves the political complications, however, we can hope for the best.

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Nonetheless, may this Christmas be a time to renew hope and joy for our brothers and sisters in those parts of the world.-30-

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¡Alegría al mundo! Esta es una famosa línea de un alegre villancico de Navidad. Cuando empieza el aire navideño, este villancico tradicional es siempre una de las canciones tocadas en el repertorio navideño. Me encanta cantar. Y cuando se permite, esta canción nunca se pierde en la lista de villancicos que cantamos a las familias que visitamos. Al final de la velada villancicos, ganamos algo de dinero que dividimos entre nosotros mismos.

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La temporada de Navidad es siempre un momento alegre. Muchas experiencias memorables se hacen en su mayoría a partir de esta alegre celebración. Dicho esto, puedo dar fe de que hay muchos de nosotros que nos esforzamos por celebrar esta temporada a pesar de algunas realidades no tan buenas que suceden a nuestro alrededor. La Navidad pone en perspectiva la verdadera esperanza de que el nacimiento de Jesús trae luz en un mundo oscuro. El espíritu navideño ayuda a aligerar la carga a la que nos enfrentamos o aleja el mal espíritu.

Las treguas de paz se hacen durante la temporada de Navidad. Honrando el nacimiento del Señor Jesús, el Ejército Nacional del Pueblo (grupo rebelde) en Filipinas cesa el fuego con el Ejército Nacional de Filipinas. Ambas tropas permiten que la alegría navideña sea celebrada como debería ser por las familias.

Me pregunto, mientras se acerca la Navidad, en Belén, donde nació el Señor, habrá paz. ¿Es el espíritu navideño el mismo?

Creo que todos estamos rezando por una tregua de paz en Tierra Santa y en Oriente Medio. Y esperemos que las cosas se resuelvan lo más pronto posible para estas naciones en guerra, para que todos podamos volver a vivir vidas normales. Sé que no suena como el camino más fácil posible, ya que implica complicaciones políticas, sin embargo, podemos esperar lo mejor.

Sin embargo, que esta Navidad sea un tiempo para renovar la esperanza y la alegría para nuestros hermanos y hermanas de esas partes del mundo.-30-



**SOUP & CAROLS**

December 6th commemorated St. Nicholas. We had soup supper and Christmas carols. The Altar Society hosted the soup supper; Steve and Claire provided the Christmas carols. It was a memorable evening. Thanks to all who volunteered and came to this fantastic evening. More activities like this one will be coming soon.



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](mailto:stjamesmolalla957@gmail.com)



Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent, and is a day of joy and anticipation for the Christmas celebration. The name comes from the Latin word gaudete, which means "rejoice". The day's theme is reflected in the opening words of the introit antiphon, "Rejoice (Gaudete) in the Lord always". The focus of Advent shifts from "The Lord is coming" to "The Lord is near". The readings focus on rejoicing in the Lord and the mission of St. John the Baptist. Gaudete Sunday can fall on any date from December 11 to December 17.

**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!

**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.



**We are on the web!**  
**stjamesmolalla.org**

**ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 Iglesia Católica  
 de Santiago Apostol

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Office is open  
 Monday to Thursday, 10:00AM to 2:00PM  
 and Friday at 10:00AM to 12:00PM

<b>Pastoral Council</b>	<b>Finance Council</b>
Carol Freeman	Monica Bergmann
Marilyn Kendoll	Kent Burtner
Alma Gomez	Roberto Lua
Froi Otter	Norma Amezola
Eneilson Rodas	Marilyn Kendoll
Marilyn and Jeff Wilson	

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, 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 server a la Iglesia y a nuestra comunidad por medio de la fe.*

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

December 16-24  
 7:00pm Las posadas  
 December 23-January 2  
 Office Christmas break  
 December 25 Christmas Day  
 December 28 Red Cross Blood Drive  
 January 1  
 Solemnity of the BVM Mother of God  
 January 2 24-hr Blessed Sacrament Adoration

**Marion Vicariate Penance Service**

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 16TH.** 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 Dec 7-8,2024**

General Collection	\$ 4 069.00
Expenses (weekly estimate)	\$ 4 300.00
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 231.00</b>

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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