Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

THE SCALLOP

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MASS INTENTIONS:

FEBRUARY

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Bernice Dummer + (Jeli) Ed Bring +

Wilbur Vanderbeck + Isabella Dow Betty Ehlringer St. James Parish Fr. Cit's Column

Nunc Dimittis. The Canticle of Simeon, prayed at night before going to sleep, is an apt prayer entrusting our soul to

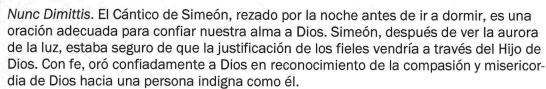
God. Simeon, after seeing the dawn of light, was sure that the justification of the faithful is coming through the Son of God. In faith, he confidently prayed to God acknowledgment of God's compassion and mercy to an unworthy person like him. Ready to go. That was Simeon's disposition. He was sure that his salvation was secure. Through the child, Jesus, he saw the plan of God already coming. For years he had been waiting for this encounter, he knew God did not fail him. He was ready to go. When I was a classroom adviser, I had plenty of days that ended with a headache. Not the literal thing. When the class was dismissed, a group of four (4) to six (6) students stayed behind for the homeroom cleaning. The groups took turns the whole week. What transpired everyday was excitement. When the class was dismissed, no one remembered the classroom. I was lucky if I had a couple of them stayed to clean the classroom. Luckiest if the whole group stayed to do their work before darting out for home.

- 4 Unfortunately, I always had to beg. What excited them to go home? I hoped it was fam-
- ⁵ ily. I hoped it was their homework. I hoped it was something productive or useful.
- 6 I discovered what they were really excited about. These high schoolers were avid fans
 - of a youth-oriented show that they never failed following the latest episode.

It was on free television. Once it aired, and you were not seated in front of the screen, you missed a whole lot. Unlike today, DVRs, YouTube, and many other platforms allow a fan to watch shows at their free time. Now, I understand why they would not want to be delayed.

Simeon waited patiently for the coming dawn. He did not leave the temple until he saw before his eyes the light revealed to him.

Are we excited to see God revealed to us?-30-



Listo para salir. Esa era la disposición de Simeón. Estaba seguro de que su salvación estaba asegurada. A través del niño, Jesús, vio venir el plan de Dios. Durante años había estado esperando este encuentro, sabía que Dios no le fallaba. Estaba listo para partir. Cuando era consejero de clase, tenía muchos días que terminaban con dolor de cabeza. No lo literal. Cuando se termina la clase, un grupo de cuatro (4) a seis (6) estudiantes se queda para limpiar el salón de clases. Los grupos se turnan durante toda la semana. Lo que ocurría todos los días era emoción. Cuando se despidió la clase, nadie se acordó del aula. Tuve suerte si tuve un par de ellos que se quedaron a limpiar el aula. Menos mal que todo el grupo se quedara a hacer su trabajo antes de salir corriendo a casa. Desafortunadamente, siempre tuve que mendigar. ¿Qué los motivó a volver a casa? Esperaba que fuera de la familia. Esperaba que fuera su tarea. Esperaba que fuera algo productivo o útil.

Descubrí qué era lo que realmente les entusiasmaba. Estos eran ávidos fanáticos de un programa orientado a los jóvenes que nunca fallaron después del último episodio. Estaba en televisión gratuita. Una vez que salió al aire, y usted no estaba sentado frente a la pantalla, se perdió mucho. A diferencia de hoy, los DVR, YouTube y muchas otras plataformas permiten a los fanáticos ver programas en su tiempo libre. Simeón esperó pacientemente el amanecer que venía. No salió del templo hasta que vio

ante sus ojos la luz revelada.

¿Estamos emocionados de ver a Dios revelado a nosotros?-30-





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 4:005:00PM but is always available as needed.
Adoration on Thursdays
9:30am to 7:45pm
24-Hour adoration every first
Thursday of the month

ADULT ED PROGRAM RESUMES 2 FEBRUARY (SUNDAY) AFTER 9:00 LITURGY

After Mass on Sunday, the 2nd of February, grab your doughnut and coffee and drop into Classroom 1 for the first in a 7 part series on "The Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church." With presentation and discussion, we'll look at questions like, "Is the Church suddenly teaching socialism?" or "Is social teaching the same as the Church entering politics?" You'll see that the Church's social teaching cuts through both issues with a very different "take." Please join in for an interesting topic relevant to our own times.

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

ADULT ED PROGRAM WITH DIANA GREENE

Starting on 11th of February at 6:30pm in the Church Hall, you are invited to share in the depth of St. Teresa of Avila's life and prayer and discover that He calls us; we call to each other. Deep Calls to

The group will explore the book entitled Mansions of the Heart by Thomas Ashcroft. The book is a extensive work of reflection on the life and prayer of St. Teresa of Avila, the mystic who has attained true intimacy with the Triune God through the stages of spirituali-

The class is open to all.

For questions and inquiries, please call the office 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 Scott Scofield 262-960-5717.

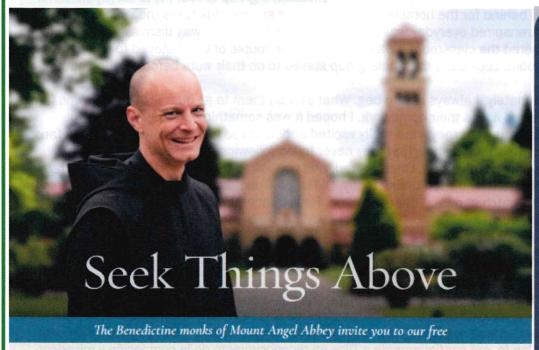
St. Vincent de Paul: Is a food distribution to those families in need. Distribution is once a month on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the parish hall. Volunteers set up on the previous Monday night. For more information call Roy Salvetti at 503-568-2636.

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.



MONASTIC DISCERNMENT RETREAT FEBRUARY 14-16, 2025

Held at the monastery for Catholic men 18 to 45 years old considering the priesthood or brotherhood in the religious life



For information or to register Fr. Odo Recker, OSB, Vocation Director | 503.881.8919 | vocation@mtangel.edu

SISTERS OF LIFE Oregon Mission Trip February 20-23, 2025







Thursday, February 20: Milwaukie Christ the King Parish Mission Event - OPEN TO ALL

- 6:00-6:30 PM: Sisters of Life Talk
- 6:30-7:00 PM: Adoration and Prayer led by the Sisters

Friday, February 21: Lake Oswego

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School Mission Event Our Lady of the Lake Parish Mission Event - OPEN TO ALL

- 7:00-7:30 PM: Adoration and Prayer led by the Sisters
- 7:30 PM: Reception in the Parish Hall

Saturday, February 22: Portland & Springfield St. Michael the Archangel Parish Mission Event followed by Sidewalk Rosary at Nearby Abortion Facility - OPEN TO ALL

- 9:30-10:00 AM: Sisters of Life Talk in the Parish Hall
- 10:30–11:30 AM: Prayer Vigil and Rosary led by the Sisters of Life at Late-Term Abortion Facility, Lilith Clinic
- St. Alice Parish Mission Event OPEN TO ALL
- 5:00-6:00 PM: Vigil Mass
- 6:00-7:00 PM: Potluck Dinner
- 7:00 PM: Sisters of Life Talk Followed by Adoration

Sunday, February 23: Eugene FOCUS Missionaries Visit at University of Oregon Campus

Sisters of Life website: www.sistersoflife.org

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We are on the web! stjamesmolalla,org

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Office is open
Monday to Thursday, 10:00AM to 2:00PM
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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.

CALENDAR

February 2, after 9:00AM Mass, Adult Catechism with Kent Burtner February 11, 6:30PM, Hall, Adult Catechism with Diana Greene March 1, Parish Auction



PILGRIMS OF HOPE

OFFICIAL PILGIRM SITES IN ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND
St. Mary's Cathedral, Portland; The Grotto, Portland; Holy Rosary, Portland; Our Lady of Lavang, Happy Valley; St. Paul, St. Paul; St. Vincent de Paul, Salem; St. Alice, Springfield; Shepherd of the Valley, Central Point; Sacred Heart, Newport and St. Monica, Coosbay.

Collection Update for Jan. 25-26, 2025

General Collection \$4 200,75 Expenses (weekly estimate) \$4 300.00 Deficit \$99.25

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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