

THE SCALLOP

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Fr. Cit's Column A people of God. The People of God. God called Abraham in order to gather his people. Through and from Israel, God's people were gathered; and people will come from the east and the west and the north and the south and will recline at table in the Kingdom of God (see Luke 13:29). God gathers. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may also be (see John 14:2-3).

I had a pet hen. She was Mary Rose. Actually, Mary Rose perched on the bundle of firewood I collected from the brow of the hill. There were plenty of sundried palm branches back then. We never had experienced scarcity of supply.

When I was scaling the path down the hill, I felt something fall on the bundle of branches I was carrying on my shoulder. I checked. I was surprised to see a little chick. I canvassed the area, just in case this little chick was separated from her brood. But there was no trace of a flock.

I decided to adopt her. Well at that time I had no idea whether the chick was a he or a she. I took her home; she remained perched on the bundle of firewood. It was as though she belonged to me. Indeed she was. I took care of her religiously. And then she had eggs. She hatched 10 new chicks. She was a doting mother.

You know how hens gather their brood? Very lovingly and faithfully. They guard their chicks from danger and protect them when danger comes. That was Mary Rose. Remember, she perched on my stack of wood. Where was her mother hen? But this Mary Rose, she always being a doting mother to her chicks. One stormy day, the rain was a down-pour, I found them under a bush. She was very wet. But all her chicks were safe.

For being a good mother, for gathering her chicks to grow well, she hatched many batches of chicks. God is like a mother who gathers her children lovingly and patiently.-30-

Un pueblo de Dios. El Pueblo de Dios. Dios llamó a Abraham para reunir a su pueblo. A través de Israel y desde Israel, se reúne el pueblo de Dios; y vendrán personas del oriente y del occidente, del norte y del sur, y se sentarán a la mesa en el Reino de Dios (véase Lucas 13:29).

Dios reúne. En la casa de mi Padre hay muchas moradas. Si no lo hubiera, ¿te habría dicho que voy a prepararte un lugar? Y si os preparo un lugar, volveré otra vez y os llevaré a mí, para que donde yo estoy, vosotros también estéis (cf. Juan 14:2-3).

Tenía una gallina mascota. Ella era Mary Rose. En realidad, Mary Rose encaramada en el paquete de leña que recogí de la ceja de la colina. Había un montón de ramas de palmeras secas en ese entonces. Nunca habíamos experimentado escasez de suministro.

Cuando estaba bajando la colina, sentí que algo caía sobre el manojo de ramas que llevaba al hombro. Lo comprobé. Me sorprendió ver un pollito. Recorrí la zona, por si acaso este pollito se separaba de su cría. Pero no había rastro de rebaño.

Decidí adoptarla. Bueno, en ese momento no tenía idea de si el pollito era él o ella. La llevé a casa. Permaneció encaramada en el haz de leña. Era como si ella me perteneciera. Y, en efecto, lo era. La cuidé religiosamente. Y luego comió huevos. Incubó 10 nuevos polluelos. Era una madre cariñosa.

¿Sabes cómo se reúnen las gallinas a sus crías? Con mucho cariño y fidelidad. Protegen a sus polluelos del peligro y los protegen cuando llega el peligro. Esa era Mary Rose. Recuerda, ella se encaramó en mi pila de leña. ¿Dónde estaba su mamá gallina? Pero ella es Mary Rose, que siempre ha sido una madre cariñosa con sus polluelos. Un día de tormenta, la lluvia era un aguacero, los encontré debajo de un arbusto. Estaba muy mojada. Pero todos sus polluelos estaban a salvo.

Por ser una buena madre, por reunir a sus polluelos para que crecieran bien, incubó muchos lotes de polluelos. Dios es como una madre que reúne a sus hijos con amor y paciencia.-30-

MASS INTENTIONS:

MARCH

Felix Garcia Zurita +
Evangelista Garcia Martinez +

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Javier Reynaga Montoya +
Toni Hanset Grubbs +
St. James Parish

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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 availa-
ble as needed.

Adoration on Thursdays
9:30am to 7:45pm

24-Hour adoration every first
Thursday of the month

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 (SUNDAY) AFTER 9:00 LITURGY WITH KENT BURTNER
 "The Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church."

ADULT ED PROGRAM WITH DIANA GREENE EVERY TUESDAY AT 6:30PM
 "Deep Calls to Deep"

Lent



LAW GOVERNING FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Those who fast are people ages 18 (age of majority)-59, and those who abstain are people ages 14 and above. We abstain from meat on those days of fast and abstinence. On days of fasting, a faithful can eat one full meal, and may also add two small meals not equal to a full meal. Other than that the faithful is also encouraged to engage in acts of charity.

(from Code of Canon Law, Book IV Title II, Chapter II)

I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN



40 CANS FOR LENT FOOD DRIVE

St. James, Molalla, Knights of Columbus sponsors **canned food drive** to help our St. Vincent de Paul in the Molalla area. Please help us help those of our neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet. Our food pantry needs your help with this Lenten food drive. Especially needed items are fruit, tuna, & cereal. Please drop your food items off in the barrels in the Narthex beginning Ash Wednesday thru Easter Sunday. Thank you for your help!

MARION VICARIATE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

March 18, 7:00pm, St. Mary, Mt. Angel
 March 20, 6:30pm, St. Patrick, Canby
 March 27, 6:30pm, St. Paul, Silverton
 April 2, 7:00pm, St. James, Molalla
 April 3, 6:30pm, St. Paul, St. Paul



We can use empty easter egg shells.



The Knights of Columbus, Council 3509 of St. James, Molalla is proud to announce awards of Knight of the Year (2024) to Jim Cook and to the Family of the Year (2024) to Chicho, Rosie & family. These yearly awards are based on the hard work, dedication, and family involvement for our church and community.

Congratulations and May God Bless You!

Orgullosos de anunciar los premios de Caballero del Año (2024) a Jim Cook y a la Familia del Año (2024) a Chicho, Rosie y familia. Estos premios anuales se basan en el arduo trabajo, dedicación y participación familiar para nuestra iglesia y comunidad. ¡Felicidades!



The Parish Annual Dinner and Auction held last 1st of March was a great success. The fun was delivered due to the efficient team that worked tirelessly. Thank you all! Update of the fund-raised will follow.



Easter Lilies: Offer your intentions for the repose of your loved ones' soul.



Please return the filled rice bowl starting this weekend until Good Friday (April 18). You can put it in the collection basket, rice bowl tubs in the narthex and office or hand it to your catechist

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

Fr. Cit Pastor
 Scott Scofield Pastoral Associate
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Parish Mission and Vision

We are a Christian community from varied roots, united by God, guided by St. James the Greater, worshipping, 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

March 21, 6:00PM, Stations of the Cross
 March 21, 6:45pm, Soup Supper

Holy Week

Palm Sunday/Domingo de Ramos April 12-13/Abril 12-13
 Sunday Masses as scheduled/Horario asi como el Domingo
 Chrism Mass/Misa de la Crisma April 14/Abril 14, 7:00PM
 Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Portland, Oregon
 Mass of the Last Supper/Misa de la Ultima Cena April 17/Abril 17
 7:00PM in the main Church building/en la Iglesia principal
 Procession and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Procesion y adoracion del Santisimo April 17/Abril 17 after the Mass/despues de la Santa Misa (adoration in the hall/adoracion en el salon)
 Live Stations of the Cross/ Camino de la Cruz en Vivo April 18/Abril 18,
 3:00PM on church grounds/afuera de la Iglesia principal
 Stations of the Cross/Camino de la Cruz April 18/Abril 18, 6:00PM
 in the main church/en la Iglesia principal
 Liturgy of the Passion of Christ/Liturgia de la Pasion de Cristo
 April 18/Abril 18, 7:00PM (in the main church, en la Iglesia principal)
 Easter Vigil/Vigilia Pascual April 19/Abril 19, 8:30PM

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

Pastoral Council **Finance Council**
 Carol Freeman Monica Bergmann
 Marilyn Kendoll Kent Burtner
 Alma Gomez Roberto Lua
 Froi Otter Norma Amezola
 Eneilson Rodas Marilyn Kendoll
 Marilyn and Jeff Wilson
 Jorge Lopez

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.

Collection Update for March 8-9, 2025

General Collection	\$ 4 759.33
Expenses (weekly estimate)	\$ 4 300.00
Deficit	\$ 0.00

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.



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