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CATHOLIC CHURCH
IGLESIA CATOLICA DE
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Fr. Cit's Column

Getting closer. The excitement grows more. The Christmas rush is set in. Again, just a friendly reminder, there are still two Sundays of Advent. Like Joseph and Mary searching diligently for an inn, let Christmas happen by diligently preparing a room for the baby boy, Jesus.

Don't steal Christmas for being a grinch. One can be a grinch especially this Christmas celebration. Money is not enough. Uncertainty surrounding finances continues to send chills up my spine. And then there are those who fear for their family members, there is no assurance they will celebrate Christmas together. Will this Christmas be merry?

In weeks passed, I was following a public discussion among Filipinos, arguing the feasibility of a public pronouncement of the secretary to the Department of Trade and Industry. She said a family of five (5) can prepare a sumptuous noche buena with a budget of five hundred pesos (PhP 500.00). It caused an uproar from those who incredulously took the assertion, arguing ingredients to prepare Filipino Spaghetti and fried chicken is spendy given the prices of grocery items have been going up unstoppably.

For you who do not know, noche buena is Christmas dinner. Filipinos do not settle for less. For you who have bought the Filipino Valentine dinner, you know our dinner is never the ordinary. It is a feast, and it is a celebration of the Lord's birthday, therefore, we celebrate extravagantly!

Preparing a Christmas dinner for five hundred pesos (PhP 500) is an abomination! The debate has gone out of hand, expletives are said. And there is no stopping for both sides, as they like to prove their point, show what they got!

I know, here in the US, we have not gone that far. However, it is obvious that the continuous widening of rift in our leadership and the impact it has to the public, an air of uncertainty hounds heavy.

May the advent season help us to seek the Lord's wisdom. The Lord is coming. His message is clear: mercy and pardon for all!>

Cada vez más cerca. La emoción crece más. Las prisas navideñas están puestas. Una vez más, solo un recordatorio amistoso, todavía hay dos domingos de Adviento. Como José y María buscando diligentemente una posada, que la Navidad suceda preparando diligentemente una habitación para el niño, Jesús.

No robes la Navidad por ser un grinch. Uno puede ser un grinch, especialmente en la celebración navideña de esta época. El dinero no es suficiente. La incertidumbre en torno a las finanzas sigue poniendo la piel de gallina. Y luego están quienes temen por sus familiares, no hay garantía de que celebren la Navidad juntos. ¿Será feliz esta Navidad?

Las semanas que pasaron, yo estaba siguiendo una discusión pública entre los Filipinos, argumentando la viabilidad de un pronunciamiento público del secretario del Departamento de Comercio e Industria.

Dijo que una familia de cinco (5) puede preparar una suntuosa noche buena con un presupuesto de quinientos pesos (PhP 500.00). Causó un alboroto de aquellos que incrédulamente tomaron la afirmación, argumentando que los ingredientes para preparar espaguetis filipinos y pollo frito están de moda dado que los precios de los productos de comestibles han estado subiendo imparablemente.

Para vosotros que no sabéis, noche buena es cena de Navidad. Los filipinos no se conforman con menos. Para usted ha comprado la cena filipina de San Valentín sabe, la cena nunca es la ordinaria. Es una fiesta, y es una celebración del cumpleaños del Señor, por lo tanto, celebramos extravagantemente!

¡Preparar una cena de Navidad por quinientos pesos (PhP 500) es una abominación. Se dicen groserías que el debate se ha descontrolado. Y no hay parada para ninguno de los dos bandos, ya que les gusta demostrar su punto de vista, ¡mostrar lo que tienen!

Sé que aquí en Estados Unidos no hemos llegado tan lejos. Sin embargo, es evidente que el continuo aumento de la división en nuestro liderazgo y el impacto que tiene en la opinión pública es un ambiente de incertidumbre que pesa en los persecutivos.

Que la temporada de adviento nos ayude a buscar la sabiduría del Señor. El Señor viene. Su mensaie es claro: ¡misericordia y perdón para todos!>

MASS INTENTIONS:

DECEMBER

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St. James Parish

Please call the emergency number 971.800.2786 only for anointing or last rites. Our office phone number receives calls regarding sacraments and general office inquiries.

Llame al número de emergencia 971.800.2786 solo para la unción o los últimos ritos.

Schedule of Advent Penance Services Marion Vicariate

December 16, 7:00pm

St. Mary, Mt. Angel

December 17, 6:30pm

St. Paul, St. Paul



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

10 Ways to Help Congregants Find Joy During Advent

The burdens of daily life don't suddenly disappear once the Christmas lights flicker on. Many members of your church family enter Advent facing illness, job loss, broken homes, debts or grief. They need church leaders to regularly point to the joy of Christ – and to encourage heartfelt rejoicing. Use these tips to guide your congregation toward true joy on Gaudete Sunday and beyond:

1. Celebrate Gaudete Sunday in worship. Explain the meaning of the Advent wreath's pink candle. Sing hymns about rejoicing. Present a children's message or object lesson about true joy. After preaching a joy-themed sermon, have someone share an experience of God's faithfulness amid hardship.
2. Explain that joy is a gift from God. Knowing that joy comes from Jesus is freeing. It removes guilt and pressure, especially during the holiday season. Because joy is a heart attitude and not manufactured cheerfulness, people can find joy in God's presence.
3. Be honest about real-life struggles. Don't gloss over people's pain during Advent. From the pulpit, address the weighty challenges of conflict, anxiety and disappointment. Use the Advent candles to teach about God bringing light into darkness. Explain that the pink Advent candle represents heavenly joy breaking through earthly sorrows.
4. Consider the first Christmas. Remind worshipers about the fears that Mary and Joseph must have faced. Imagine the fright of the shepherds as they guarded their flocks on Christmas Eve. Share how God protected the Holy Family from danger as they fled Herod's wrath. Just as God watched over his Son – the "little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay" – he guards his beloved children today.
5. Focus on the big picture of Scripture. Preach about how God weaves joy into his plan, from Old Testament prophecy to the Incarnation and Jesus' resurrection. Because true joy is rooted in Christ's coming (both at Christmas and in the future), celebrate the gospel's promise of eternal life. In your church



Third Sunday of *Advent*

The third candle is rose and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy.

"SHEPHERD'S CANDLE" SIGNIFIES JOY **THIRD CANDLE**

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communications, share Bible verses and images that anchor joy in the gift of salvation through faith in Jesus.

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Excerpt from Finding Joy on the Third Sunday of Advent by Stephanie Martin



Our **Giving Tree**, to support the children of our community, will be in the narthex from 22 Nov to 14 Dec. Please take one or more ornaments, securely attach the ornament to your **unwrapped** gift, and place it under the tree. Now more than ever, the children of our community need our support and the Love of Christ – Thank you for manifesting His Love. *Sponsored by our St Vincent de Paul Society.*

Advent Food Drive

Today until Christmas Day, containers are set in the narthex for non-perishable food donations. Please give generously to help those in need in our community. For larger donations, please contact Roy Salvetti, Julie Deardorf or Scott Scofield directly to make arrangements.

This food drive is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council # 3509

Christmas Schedule/Horario de Navidad

Las Posadas December 16-24, 6:30pm

Family Christmas Eve Mass with Nativity Pageant December 24, 5:30pm

Midnight Mass December 24, 11:00pm (bilingue)

Christmas Day Mass (English) December 25, 9:00am

Misa de Navidad (Español) Diciembre 25, 11:00am

Solemnity of the BVM Mother of God January 1, 2026, 9:00am

Solemnidad de BVM Madre de Dios Enero 1, 2026, 11:00am

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 crew of volunteers to sustain a program attractive to young people in building their faith. Contact the office (503-829-2080) if you can help in organizing this ministry. Adriana Mendoza leads the team.

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. 24-hour Adoration every first Thursday. 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

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Fr. Cit Pastor
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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
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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.

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 Cristiana 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 servir a la Iglesia y a nuestra comunidad por medio de la fe.

C A L E N D A R

December 16-24, 6:30pm—9:00pm

Las Posadas

December 24, 2025—January 4, 2026

Parish Office Christmas Break

December 25 Christmas Day

December 28 Feast of the Most Holy Family

For more information and guidance on the spiritual activities during the Jubilee, please subscribe to the phone app.

Para obtener más información y orientación sobre las actividades espirituales durante el Jubileo, suscríbese a la aplicación del celular.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

OFFICIAL PILGRIM 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.



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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



Collection Update for December 6-7, 2025

General Collection	\$ 5 200.00
Expenses (weekly estimate)	<u>\$ 4 300.00</u>
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.