



# THE SCALLOP

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ST. JAMES  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
IGLESIA CATOLICA DE  
SANTIAGO APOSTOL



## MASS INTENTIONS:

DECEMBER

St. James Parish

Parish family, all families  
Familia Reynaga Lagunes  
Javier Reynaga +  
Guadalupe Hernandez +

For all churches in the world  
Familia Reynaga Lagunes  
Javier Reynaga +

No Mass

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### Fr. Cit's Column

Look back to the past and look ahead to the future. This Sunday is the final Sunday of Advent. Then the days that follow conclude the Season of Advent. Christmas begins immediately after the Advent concludes on December 24. The Season of Christmas begins on the 25th of December and ends on Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord. This year, the Baptism of the Lord falls on the 11th of January 2026.

Celebrating the birth of Jesus two thousand plus years ago is a look back. The Son of God was born. He was born to Mary, and Joseph who took Mary as his wife and Jesus as his Son. Jesus was born of the virgin, Mary who was betrothed to Joseph. We profess faith that Jesus is both God and human. Not demi-god. Not superhuman. But through the will of the Father, Jesus, the Son of God is born to humanity fully human except he has no sin. Through his humanity, the corruption of sin would be defeated through his obedience to the will of the Father. Only Jesus, the Son of God can offer himself as ransom for the sins of humanity. Jesus' birth was not an accident. Also, it was not a work-done-to-address-human-futility, but a revelation of the true nature of God's love: to restore all things to himself.

That is why Jesus' birth is a direct link to our future. That is why by celebrating the birth of Jesus, we remember the past, that first Christmas, while we also look forward beyond when Jesus comes again at Parousia.

The birth of the Son of God points towards the fulfillment of the work of salvation, that is, the events of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection and beyond. In this interim, as we wait for the coming of Jesus at the time appointed by God, the gathering of the people of God continues through the mission the Church fulfills. >

Mira atrás al pasado y mira hacia el futuro. Este domingo es el último domingo de Adviento. Entonces, los días que siguen concluyen la Temporada de Adviento. La Navidad comienza inmediatamente después de que concluya el Adviento, el 24 de diciembre. La temporada navideña comienza el 25 de diciembre y termina el domingo del Bautismo del Señor. Este año, el Bautismo del Señor se celebra el 11 de enero de 2026.

Celebrar el nacimiento de Jesús hace más de dos mil años es una mirada atrás. Nació el Hijo de Dios. Nació de María, y José tomó a María como esposa y a Jesús como su Hijo. Jesús nació de la virgen María, quien estaba prometida a José. Profesamos la fe de que Jesús es tanto Dios como humano. No semidiós. No sobrehumanos. Pero por la voluntad del Padre, Jesús, el Hijo de Dios nace a la humanidad plenamente humano, salvo que no tiene pecado. A través de su humanidad, la corrupción del pecado sería derrotada por su obediencia a la voluntad del Padre. Solo Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, puede ofrecerse como rescate por los pecados de la humanidad. El nacimiento de Jesús no es un accidente. Además, no es un trabajo-hecho-para-abordar-la-futilidad-humana, sino una revelación de la verdadera naturaleza del amor de Dios: restaurar todas las cosas a sí mismo.

Por eso el nacimiento de Jesús es un vínculo directo con nuestro futuro. Por eso, al celebrar el nacimiento de Jesús, recordamos el pasado, esa primera Navidad, mientras también miramos hacia adelante más allá de cuando Jesús vuelva a Parusia. El nacimiento del Hijo de Dios apunta hacia el cumplimiento de la obra de salvación, es decir, los acontecimientos del sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección de Cristo y más allá.

En este intermedio, mientras esperamos la venida de Jesús en el tiempo designado por Dios, la reunión del pueblo de Dios continúa a través de la misión que la Iglesia cumple.>

Please call the emergency number 971.406.7453 only for anointing or last rites. Our office phone number receives calls regarding sacraments and general office inquiries.

Llame al número de emergencia 971.406.7453 solo para la unción o los últimos ritos.

Office is closed on 24th December, 2025 to 4th January, 2026.

If you have an emergency during that time call or text 971.406.7453.



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)

**10 Ways to Help Congregants Find Joy During Advent**

*(Continued from the previous issue)*

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

6. Encourage people to be ambassadors of joy. Our joy often increases when we turn our attention outward. That's because acts of service and generosity move our focus away from our own circumstances. Serving also boosts gratitude as we share God's love and reflect on his blessings.
7. Provide time for quiet. Offer moments of stillness at church, such as a midweek Advent prayer service. Distribute Advent devotions, weekly Advent readings, or prayer prompts for families to use at home. That reminds people to pause the Christmas chaos to find joy in the Advent journey.
8. Discuss the meaning of Christmas joy. Start Bible study conversations about how joy might differ between people who celebrate Christmas as a religious holiday versus those who observe it as a secular holiday. Ask, "What makes Advent and Christmas special for Christians?" and "How can we share the true joy of this season with others?"
9. Offer encouragement. Notes, phone calls and prayers can reignite someone's joy. This is especially true during the Christmas season, when people might feel forgotten or overwhelmed.
10. Make joy a habit. Rather than striving for "perfect" Christmas events at church, rejoice together in Christian fellowship. Share prayers of gratitude and examples of God's faithfulness during trials. Issue a weekly challenge to church members, encouraging them to spot God's goodness and other reasons for joy. And don't forget to model joy through your own words, attitudes and actions. >

**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

Thank you all who gave gifts to children and youth during the St. Vincent de Paul of our parish. 150 recipients were overjoyed.



On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle that symbolizes love. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle".

**"ANGEL'S CANDLE"**  
SIGNIFIES LOVE  
**FOURTH CANDLE**

We are looking for new Parish Council members. You may nominate yourself or a parishioner you know who is enthused to represent the community in our conversations/meetings/plannings. Drop your nominations in the collection basket or give to Scott S.

**Online giving and end of the year gift giving**

Please consider online giving. It does not take more than 15-minutes to sign-up for online giving. You help lessen paper waste and you do not miss any unfulfilled envelopes.

For end of year giving, this is the right time to make your donation. Please contact Scott Scofield at the business office. Call 503-829.2080 or send email at [stjamesmolall957@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesmolall957@gmail.com).

**HERESIES WHICH NEGATE OR MINIMIZE JESUS' DIVINITY**

- EBIONISM:** Jesus was human, not divine. Only a prophet.
- ARIANISM:** Jesus was not fully divine; created, not eternally begotten.
- NESTORIANISM:** Jesus was two distinct persons; human & divine collaboration.

**HERESIES WHICH NEGATE OR MINIMIZE JESUS' HUMANITY**

- DOCETISM:** Jesus was divine, not human. Only a phantom.
- APOLLINARIANISM:** Jesus was not fully human. Divine mind but no rational soul.
- MONOPHYSITISM:** Jesus had one blended nature. Mostly divine. MONOTHELITISM also denied His human will.

**ORTHODOX VIEW OF JESUS**

**FULLY GOD**      **FULLY MAN**

**ONE DIVINE PERSON**      **TWO NATURES & TWO WILLS**

*"Jesus is inseparably true God and true man. He is truly the Son of God who, without ceasing to be God and Lord, became a man and our brother... The Son of God. . . worked with human hands; he thought with a human mind. He acted with a human will, and with a human heart he loved. Born of the Virgin Mary, he has truly been made one of us, like to us in all things except sin." (CCC 469-470)*

Facebook.com/saintjosephstudios † Joe Aboumoussa

**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 December 31, 5:30pm
- 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](http://stjamesmolalla.org)

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

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**  
 Carol Freeman  
 Marilyn Kendoll  
 Alma Gomez  
 Froi Otter  
 Eneilson Rodas  
 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 21-24, 6:30pm—9:00pm

Las Posadas (Looking for an Inn)

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, suscribase 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 Dec 13-14, 2025**

General Collection	\$ 5 643.58
Expenses (weekly estimate)	<u>\$ 4 300.00</u>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</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.