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ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
Iglesia Católica
de Santiago Apostol

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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 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

January 11, Christmas Season ends

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.

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. You can write up to five (5) names.

Drop your nominations in the collection basket or give to Scott S.

Estamos buscando nuevos miembros para el Consejo Parroquial. Puedes nominarte a ti mismo o a algún feligrés que conozcas y que esté entusiasmado por representar a la comunidad en nuestras conversaciones/reuniones/planificaciones. Puedes escribir hasta cinco (5) nombres. Deja tus nominaciones en la canasta de la colección o dale a Scott S.



Please take advantage of this resource. It is free for parishioners. A St. Augustine online parish resource. Formed is available for all parishioners of St. James Catholic Church,

Molalla To access the resources from FORMED: <https://signup.formed.org/> Key-in St. James Catholic Church, Molalla. Enter your name and email. You are signed up. Start browsing and enjoying its contents.

Collection Update for Dec 24-28, 2025

General Collection	\$ 5 718.05
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.



THE SCALLOP

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Fr. Cit's Column Appearance. Revelation. God appears in the ordinary, as he does in the extraordinary.

In this particular celebration, the Feast of the Epiphany, the Lord appeared to the magi as a star that guided them to the son of God, Jesus.

As light that illumines, God shows us his love and mercy through the Word, and the sacraments, and the Church. Light bares what was hidden in the dark. Through Christ the Light, he reveals to all minds and hearts the mind and heart of the Father. The Bible sheds light to the faithful who God is, his plan of salvation and the coming fulfillment. When we read the books of the Bible, or we listen to the Word proclaimed and explained at Mass, the face of God is shown, his heart and mind are revealed.

Personal reading also helps. And personal reading must be done always, like a habit. For if reading the Word of God is done minimally, and without familiarity, it is difficult to know what is revealed in it.

Take for example Psalm 23rd. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall want for nothing. Who does not know? Repeat reading Psalm 23rd. The next time it will be used in the liturgy and explained in a Bible sharing, or in a catechesis or in a homily, in all likelihood, familiarity and relatability will help in understanding what is explained or expounded through Hermeneutics (the technic used in applying the meaning of the Bible Text to the modern life).

As it is the life of the Liturgy, the Bible can be found richly in any Liturgy. That is why, by reading the Bible and participating in the Liturgy habitually, the likelihood of knowing and understanding what is done at Mass, for example, is going to be easy. And easy here is also celebratory. >

Apariencia. Revelación. Dios aparece en lo ordinario, como lo hace en lo extraordinario.

En esta celebración en particular, la Fiesta de la Epifanía, el Señor se apareció a los magos como una estrella que los guió hacia el hijo de Dios, Jesús.

Como luz que ilumina, Dios nos muestra su amor y misericordia a través de la Palabra, los sacramentos y la Iglesia. La luz deja al descubierto lo que estaba oculto en la oscuridad. Por medio de Cristo la Luz, revela a todas las mentes y corazones la mente y el corazón del Padre.

La Biblia arroja luz a los fieles sobre quién es Dios, su plan de salvación y el cumplimiento venidero. Cuando leemos los libros de la Biblia, o escuchamos la Palabra proclamada y explicada en la Misa, se muestra el rostro de Dios, se revela su corazón y su mente.

La lectura personal también ayuda. Y la lectura personal debe hacerse siempre, como un hábito. Porque si se lee la Palabra de Dios de forma mínima y sin familiaridad, es difícil saber qué se revela en ella.

Tomemos por ejemplo el Salmo 22. El Señor es mi pastor, no me faltará de nada. ¿Quién no lo sabe? Repita la lectura del Salmo 22. La próxima vez que se usará en la liturgia y se explicará en un intercambio de la Biblia, o en una catequesis o en una homilía, con toda probabilidad, la familiaridad y la relacionabilidad ayudarán a comprender lo que se explica o expone a través de la Hermenéutica (la técnica utilizada para aplicar el significado del texto bíblico a la vida moderna).

Como es la vida de la Liturgia, la Biblia se puede encontrar ricamente en cualquier Liturgia. Por eso, leyendo la Biblia y participando habitualmente en la liturgia, la probabilidad de conocer y entender lo que se hace en la Misa, por ejemplo, va a ser fácil. Y fácil aquí también es de celebración.>

MASS INTENTIONS: JANUARY

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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.

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

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

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone for the wonderful gifts for our Giving Tree. We had 166 toy requests from our community. Families said they were so grateful and it was a big help. We also gave out 86 food boxes with a whole chicken & pumpkin pie for Christmas. We still need empty egg cartons. Please leave them in the parish hall kitchen.

THE NATIVITY AS AN ICON OF THE MASS

THE STAR
Christ is the light who scatters the darkness of sin. His people are the light of the world. Sanctuary lamps point to his Real Presence in the Tabernacle.

ADORATION OF THE MAGI
Gentiles bring gold, frankincense, & myrrh to the King of Kings. All nations offer praise to God through Christ in the Mass. Catholic sanctuaries feature golden vessels, incense, & holy oils. Myrrh (protection from decay) symbolizes the power of Resurrection.

BLESSED MOTHER
Mary is the "Queen who stands at your right hand arrayed in gold" [Ps. 45] & the new Ark in the heavenly sanctuary who bore Christ [Rv. 11:19; 12:1]. Her icon or statue is often to the left of the altar front.



The English word "Christmas" means "Christ's Mass"

ADORATION OF THE ANGELS
The faithful join with angels in singing "Glory to God in the highest" [Lk. 2:14] & "Holy, Holy, Holy" [Rv. 4:8].

ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS
Jewish shepherds (caretakers of lambs) behold the Messiah [Lk. 2:12]. The Good Shepherd, through his pastors, presents to us the Lamb of God.

SAINT JOSEPH
Joseph, spouse of Mary & foster-father of Jesus, is a descendant of King David. His statue is often to the right of the altar front. Christ the King invites us to the royal wedding banquet of the Mass [Mt. 22:1-14].

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SWADDLING CLOTHS
Christ is wrapped in swaddling cloths in a cave. He is buried in a shroud in a cave. A crucifix marks where his Passover sacrifice is re-presented at the altar in a sanctuary, our Holy of Holies [1 Co. 5:7].

MANGER ("TO EAT")
Christ is the Bread from Heaven born in Bethlehem ("House of Bread") & placed in a feeding trough for ox (Jew) & donkey (gentile) [not featured]. Christ identifies the Eucharist as his Body & Blood given from the table of the altar [Jn. 6:50-59].

Question:
Where does the Bible talk about the three wise men visiting Jesus when he was born?

Answer:
Matthew doesn't say that the wise men, or Magi, were present at Jesus' birth. He says only that "in the days of Herod the king" the Magi came to Jerusalem, not Bethlehem (see Matt. 2:1). Matthew does tell us that after the Magi failed to return to Herod after visiting Jesus, Herod ordered all of Bethlehem's male children under the age of two to be killed. If the Magi had gone the six miles from Jerusalem to visit the newborn Jesus in Bethlehem and had failed to return after a few days, why would Herod need to kill toddlers? This implies that much more time had passed between Jesus' birth and the Magi failing to return to Herod, thus motivating Herod's plan to kill any child that could be the young king, who, by the time of the issuance of his brutal decree, might have been two years old. The Evangelist also never says there were three Magi. That's a pious tradition that developed based on the three gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that the Magi brought Jesus. Since the seventh century, the Western Church has recognized these three Magi by the names Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

THE CATHOLIC SYMBOLISM OF THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

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| <p>1 PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE
JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD</p> <p>2 TURTLE DOVES
THE OLD & NEW TESTAMENT</p> <p>3 FRENCH HENS
FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY</p> <p>4 CALLING BIRDS
4 GOSPELS/EVANGELISTS</p> <p>5 GOLDEN RINGS
FIRST 5 BOOKS (PENTATEUCH)</p> <p>6 GEESE A-LAYING
6 DAYS OF CREATION</p> | <p>7 SWANS A-SWIMMING
THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS</p> <p>8 MADES A-MILKING
THE EIGHT BEATITUDES</p> <p>9 LADIES DANCING
9 FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT</p> <p>10 LORDS A LEAPING
THE 10 COMMANDMENTS</p> <p>11 PIPERS PIPING
11 FAITHFUL APOSTLES</p> <p>12 DRUMMERS DRUMMING
12 DOCTRINES IN THE CREED</p> |
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DID YOU KNOW:

The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church.



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Happy New Year

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.