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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, evangelizando 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

- 1 Febrero Presentacion de los Niños en la Misa
- February 2, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Mass at 9:00am
- Children's presentation at Mass
- February 3, Blessing of Throat at Mass, 9:00am

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,

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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.

Collection Update for Jan 3-4, 2026

General Collection	\$ 7 099.50
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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MASS INTENTIONS: JANUARY

St. James Parish
 Mendoza-Marquez Family int
 Margarito Arellano +
 Alberto Chavez +
 Higinio Montes Avalos +
 Josefina Vasquez Ramires +

No Mass

Mendoza-Marquez Family int
 Higinio Montes Avalos +
 Josefina Vasquez Ramires +

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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



Fr. Cit's Column The baptismal candle. Receive the light of Christ. In the baptismal rite, the minister addresses the parents and godparents to keep the light of Christ burning brightly by providing a good example of Christian-living to their child. The parents and godparents are conduits of God's manifestation; through their Christian lives the child learns his faith.

Now, the baptismal candle is an important sacramental. I have never seen my own baptismal candle. I think this may be traced back to tradition. I remember, when I stood as a godparent for a godson, we lit many candles, each of us had one and there were several of us in the baptismal party. I remember I took the candle back home. So, where is the candle for the baptized child? Now, I know why I don't have my baptismal candle.

In other customs, like the Mexican and American customs, we only light one baptismal candle, for which all the people in the baptismal party hold when presented by the priest at the rite of the baptismal candle. The Latinos have an ornate baptismal candle, it is so huge, it can never be misplaced. I saw some baptismal candle designs looking like a mini paschal candle. How would you lose that kind of sacramental?

I hope you still have your baptismal candle. Keep it not as a keepsake, more than that, a reminder that you were given the light of Christ. And to keep the baptismal candle Christ's presence of light, you must always feel enthused at seeing the bright light leading you to see with clarity the Truth.

To parents and godparents, please take your responsibility seriously. The children you presented to the Church for baptism are your charge; Christ knows your commitment before the church community for the child's sake. Keep your commitment sacred. Keep the light of Christ burning brightly through your perseverance in your faith practice.>

La vela bautismal. Recibe la luz de Cristo. En el rito bautismal, el sacerdote se dirige a los padres y padrinos para que mantengan la luz de Cristo brillante proporcionando un buen ejemplo de vida cristiana a su hijo. Los padres y padrinos son conductos de la manifestación de Dios; a través de sus vidas cristianas, el niño aprende su fe.

Ahora, la vela bautismal es un sacramental importante. Nunca he visto mi propia vela bautismal. Creo que esto puede remontarse a la tradición. Recuerdo, cuando me paré como padrino de un ahijado, encendíamos muchas velas, cada uno de nosotros tenía una y había varios de nosotros en la fiesta bautismal. Recuerdo que tomé la vela de vuelta a casa. Entonces, ¿dónde está la vela para el niño bautizado?

Ahora, sé por qué no tengo mi vela bautismal. En otras costumbres, como las costumbres mexicanas y americanas, solo encendemos una vela bautismal, para la cual todas las personas en la fiesta bautismal sostienen cuando son presentadas por el sacerdote en el rito de la vela bautismal. Los latinos tienen una vela bautismal ornamentada, es tan enorme que nunca puede ser extraviada. Vi algunos diseños de velas bautismales que parecían una mini vela paschal. ¿Cómo perderías ese tipo de sacramental?

Espero que todavía tengas tu vela bautismal. No lo guardes como un recuerdo, más que eso, un recordatorio de que te fue dada la luz de Cristo. Y para mantener la vela bautismal de la presencia de luz de Cristo, siempre debes sentirte entusiasmado al ver la luz brillante que te lleva a ver con claridad la Verdad.

A los padres y padrinos, por favor tomen su responsabilidad en serio. Los niños que usted presentó a la Iglesia para el bautismo son su cargo; Cristo conoce su compromiso ante la comunidad de la iglesia por el bien del niño. Mantén tu compromiso sagrado. Mantenga la luz de Cristo ardiendo brillantemente a través de su perseverancia en su práctica de fe.>

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.

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.*

THE SYMBOLISM OF JESUS' BAPTISM AT THE JORDAN RIVER

by Philip Kosloski (originally published on Aletia, January 2022)

Jesus's baptism took place at the Jordan river, a symbolic location with rich biblical history.

When Jesus was baptized by St. John the Baptist, it wasn't just any body of water, or puddle, but the Jordan river. This is significant, as this spot wasn't random, but has profound biblical symbolism.

When the people of Israel were led to the "Promised Land," they had one final hurdle to overcome: the Jordan river.

The entire nation had to cross the Jordan river in order to claim the land that God had marked out for them. This action is narrated in the book of Joshua.

So Joshua said to the Israelites, "Come here and listen to the words of the Lord, your God." He continued: "By this you will know that there is a living God in your midst: he will certainly dispossess before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites. The ark of the covenant of the Lord of the whole earth will cross the Jordan before you. Now choose twelve men, one from each of the tribes of Israel. When the soles of the feet of the priests carrying the ark of the Lord, the Lord of the whole earth, touch the waters of the Jordan, it will cease to flow; the water flowing down from upstream will halt in a single heap.

(Joshua 3:9-13)

The people then followed Joshua across the Jordan river and were saved from their enemies and inherited the Promised Land.

Jesus is the New Joshua

Jesus' name in Hebrew is Yeshua, which is a form of the name "Joshua." Jesus then becomes the "New Joshua," leading the People of God across the New Jordan, through the waters of baptism.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church makes this connection explicit.

Baptism is prefigured in the crossing of the Jordan River by which the People of God received the gift of the land promised to Abraham's descendants, an image of eternal life. The promise of this blessed inheritance is fulfilled in the New Covenant. (CCC 1222)

Jesus' baptism reminds us that everything is important in the Bible, even the most minute details of a location. It all points to deeper spiritual mysteries that are active in our own lives today.



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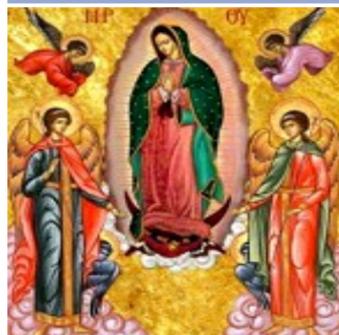


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THE BAPTISM OF JESUS: PREFIGURING HIS DEATH & RESURRECTION



Jesus' Baptism anticipated his death on the Cross, and the heavenly voice proclaimed an anticipation of the Resurrection. These anticipations have now become reality. John's baptism with water has received its full meaning through the Baptism of Jesus' own life and death.

To accept the invitation to be baptized now means to go to the place of Jesus' Baptism. It is to go where he identifies himself with us and to receive there our identification with him. The point where he anticipates death has now become the point where we anticipate rising again with him (cf. Rom 6).

- Pope Benedict XVI, *Jesus of Nazareth: From His Baptism in the Jordan to His Transfiguration*

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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.