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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, evangelizándolo 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 28, 2025—January 4, 2026
 Parish Office Christmas Break
 December 28 Feast of the Most Holy Family
 December 31-January 1
 Solemnity of the BVM, Mother of God Masses
 January 11, Christmas Season ends

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.



Collection Update for Dec 20-21, 2025

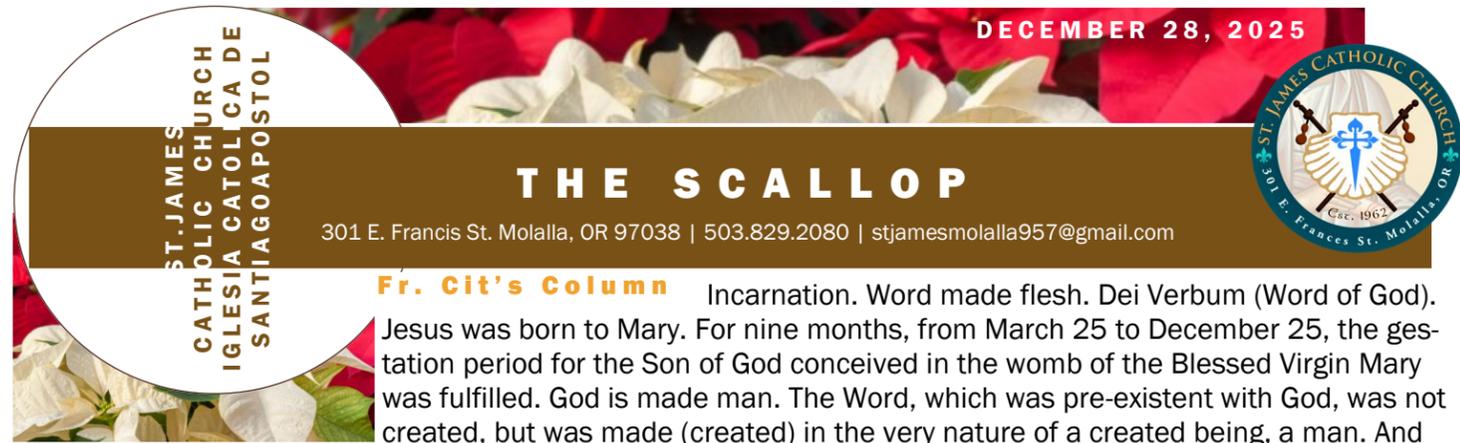
General Collection \$ 3 161.82
 Expenses (weekly estimate) \$ 4 300.00
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Thank you all for your constant support to the welfare of our parish family. We ask you to continue to help us as our parish is also experiencing financial stretch. If you are not comfortable doing online giving, the envelopes works fairly well. Please consider doing so. God bless you.

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.

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



DECEMBER 28, 2025



THE SCALLOP

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MASS INTENTIONS:
DECEMBER JANUARY

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| Rosa Arias Gonzalez + | 27 |
| St. James Parish | 28 |
| Amy | |
| Familia Rodriguez Garcia | |
| Salud de Vidal de la Cruz | |
| Rosa Arias Gonzalez + | |
| Rocio Fregoso Navarro + | |
| Javier Reynaga + | 29 |
| Javier Reynaga + | 30 |
| | 31 |
| For the world | 1 |
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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.

Office is closed until the 4th January, 2026. If you have an emergency during that time call or text 971.406.7453.



Fr. Cit's Column Incarnation. Word made flesh. Dei Verbum (Word of God). Jesus was born to Mary. For nine months, from March 25 to December 25, the gestation period for the Son of God conceived in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary was fulfilled. God is made man. The Word, which was pre-existent with God, was not created, but was made (created) in the very nature of a created being, a man. And yet fully God.

Born as a man, the Son of God, is the inbreaking of the Kingdom planned by God, the fulfillment of the new heavens and the new earth. Repent. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Jesus offers mercy, because he is the Father's greatest expression of love. He is the Father's incarnation of forgiveness. Hanging on the Cross, he cried out, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." (Luke 23: 34) Christ, though God, is flesh and bones. He walked here on earth, brushed elbows with the Jewish people under Roman rule. He ate and drank with the outcasts, the tax collectors, prostitutes, and those who were unwanted by society. He went through towns and villages preaching the Kingdom of God to both those who were eager and unwelcoming to the Good News of Salvation.

Did he only do "church" things? Well, he did all divine actions. Everything he did was a testimony that he is a holy man, that he is God. Everybody agrees that St. Joseph taught Jesus his trade. He was a tekton like St. Joseph. The incarnation of God is an invitation, a reminder, but also a tough challenge to all of us. But it takes a lot of intent and perseverance to follow Christ's holy model. But it is not impossible because already through his condescension becoming man, he made humanity participate in the divine life of Christ.>

Encarnación. Palabra hecha carne. Dei Verbum (Palabra de Dios). Jesús nació a María. Durante nueve meses, del 25 de marzo al 25 de diciembre, se cumplió el período de gestación del Hijo de Dios concebido en el vientre de la Santísima Virgen María. Dios es hecho hombre. La Palabra, que era preexistente con Dios, no fue creada, sino hecha (creada) en la naturaleza misma de un ser creado, un hombre. Nacido como un hombre, el Hijo de Dios, es la inrupción del Reino planeado por Dios, el cumplimiento de los nuevos cielos y la nueva tierra. Arrepiéntete. El Reino de Dios está cerca. Jesús ofrece misericordia, porque Él es la mayor expresión de amor del Padre. Él es la encarnación del perdón del Padre. Colgado en la Cruz, clamó: "Padre, perdónalos porque no saben lo que hacen". (Lucas 23:34) Cristo, aunque Dios, es carne y huesos. Caminó aquí en la tierra, codo con el pueblo judío bajo el dominio romano. Comía y bebía con los marginados, los recaudadores de impuestos, las prostitutas y los que no eran deseados por la sociedad. Él recorrió pueblos y aldeas predicando el Reino de Dios a los que estaban ansiosos y no acogedores a la Buena Nueva de la Salvación.

¿Solo hizo cosas de "iglesia"? Bueno, Él hizo todas las acciones divinas. Todo lo que hizo fue un testimonio de que él es un hombre santo, que él es Dios. Todo el mundo está de acuerdo en que San José enseñó a Jesús su oficio. Era un tekton como San José. La encarnación de Dios es una invitación, un recordatorio, pero también un desafío difícil para todos nosotros. Pero se necesita mucha intención y perseverancia para seguir el modelo santo de Cristo. Pero no es imposible porque, ya a través de su condescendencia haciéndose hombre, hizo participar a la humanidad en la vida divina de Cristo.>

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

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.

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.

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.

EARLIEST DEPICTIONS OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD IN ART*



Mary holding Christ with Balaam pointing to a star
• Late 2nd century fresco
• Catacombs of Priscilla, Rome



Adoration of the Magi
• 3rd century fresco
• Catacombs of Priscilla, Rome



Adoration of the Shepherds
• 4th century relief
• Sarcophagus of Marcus Claudianus, Museo Nazionale Romano



Adoration of the Magi
• 4th century relief
• Roman sarcophagus, St. Agnes Cemetery in Rome



Ox, Donkey, & Manger
• 4th century relief
• Sarcophagus of Stilicho, Milan

[Facebook.com/saintjosephstudios](https://www.facebook.com/saintjosephstudios) * Not exhaustive of all collections

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

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

Christmastide 2025-2026

December

- 24th - Christmas Eve Vespers & Vigil Masses
- 25th - The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord *
- 26th - Feast of St. Stephen, proto-martyr (Roman) Praises to the Theotokos - Virgin Mary (East)
- 27th - Feast of St. John, apostle (Roman) Feast of St. Stephen, proto-martyr (East)
- 28th - Feast of the Holy Family (Roman) Adoration of the Magi (Maronite) Saints Joseph, James, and David (Byzantine) 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia (Byzantine)
- 29th - Memorial of St. Thomas Becket (Roman) Flight to Egypt; Holy Innocents (Maronite)
- 30th - Sixth day of the Christmas octave (Roman) Return from Egypt to Nazareth (Maronite)
- 31st - Feast of St. Sylvester I (Roman) The Word Became Flesh (Maronite)

January

- 1st - Octave: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God * Circumcision of the Lord & St. Basil (East) New Year's Day (Gregorian Calendar)
- 2nd - Memorial of Sts. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen (Roman)
- 3rd - Memorial of Most Holy Name of Jesus (Roman)
- 4th - Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (U.S.) Finding of the Lord in the Temple (Maronite) Epiphany Sunday (U.S. Roman observance)
- 5th - Memorial of Saint John Neumann (U.S.)
- 6th - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (Roman) Theophany: Baptism of the Lord (East)
- 7th - Synaxis of St. John the Forerunner (East)
- 11th - The Baptism of the Lord (Roman) [End of the Christmas season]

Christmas time runs from First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Nativity of the Lord up to and including the Sunday after Epiphany or after 6 January.
33. *Universal Norms for the Liturgical Calendar*



* Denotes Holy Day of Obligation in the Roman Calendar (U.S.A.)
Gold indicates solemnities which may be holy days of obligation in various rites & countries. The first eight days of Christmas (octave) are one supreme feast of worship & rest. Eight signifies a new beginning (beyond the old creation of seven days).

Related Infancy Feasts

- Feb. 2 - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)
- Mar. 25 - Annunciation to Mary - the Incarnation Nine months before Christmas day

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