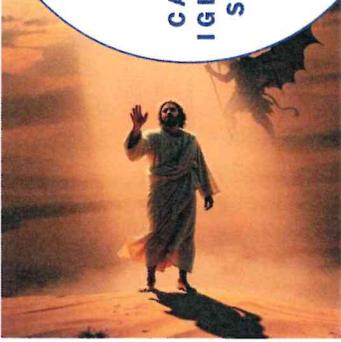


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Fr. Cit's Column

The Lenten Season. Forty, Quadragesima in Latin, (40) days. Original Sin. Baptism. Mortal sins. Venial sins. Lent is what Old English for lengthening (of daylight) became a widely used English for the Roman Catholicism season of forty days of penance and conversion. The forty days refer to the days from Ash Wednesday leading up to the celebration of the Triduum of Easter Sunday. These days are devoted to prayer, fasting and abstinence and almsgiving for the remission of sins.

The penitential character of the season points towards the saving work of God, whose mercy is beyond humanity's understanding. Because humanity failed, sent out from the Garden Eden, separated from the grace of God, they walked on earth fending for themselves. God was with them leading them back to his love.

Baptism to those who accept the love of God erases original sin. A good start for fallen humanity towards redemption, opening them to the portal of the heavenly Kingdom of God. In their sojourn on earth, headed towards the Kingdom of God, humanity continues to struggle from sins, because evil continues to plague the weaknesses of the human heart. Mortal sins are serious sins deliberately committed. They are grave offenses they separate us from God. Venial sins are less serious sins. Nevertheless, they need to be confessed.

Because sins continue to plague us, the Lenten season helps us to remember the mercy of God, his unrelenting act of going for each son and daughter bringing them back to his fold.

The forty days of Lent are an imitation of the strength and power of Christ who defied the temptation of the devil. With Christ on our side, and with the grace of God strengthening us, may we have the right intent to make ourselves God's new creation. >

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- 24** La Cuaresma. Cuarenta, Quadragesima en latín, (40) días. Pecado Original. Bautismo. Pecados mortales. Pecados veniales. Cuaresma es lo que en inglés antiguo (Lent) se convirtió en un inglés ampliamente utilizado para la temporada del Catolicismo Romano de cuarenta días de penitencia y conversión. Los cuarenta días se refieren a los días desde el Miércoles de Ceniza hasta la celebración del Triduo del Domingo de Pascua.
- 25** Estos días se dedican a la oración, el ayuno y la abstinencia, y a la limosna para la remisión de los pecados.
- 26** El carácter penitencial de la temporada apunta a la obra salvadora de Dios, cuya misericordia está más allá de la comprensión humana. Porque la humanidad fracasó, enviada desde el Edén del Jardín, separada de la gracia de Dios, caminaron por la tierra defendiéndose por sí mismas. Dios estaba con ellos guiándolos de vuelta a su amor.
- 27** El bautismo para quienes aceptan el amor de Dios borra el pecado original. Un buen comienzo para la humanidad caída hacia la redención, abriéndoles al portal del Reino celestial de Dios. En su estancia en la tierra, rumbo al Reino de Dios, la humanidad sigue luchando contra los pecados, porque el mal sigue atormentando las debilidades del corazón humano. Los pecados mortales son pecados graves cometidos deliberadamente. Son graves ofensas que nos separan de Dios. Los pecados veniales son pecados menos graves. Sin embargo, deben ser confesados.

Como los pecados siguen atormentándonos, la Cuaresma nos ayuda a recordar la misericordia de Dios, su acto implacable de ir a por cada hijo e hija para devolverlos a su redil. Los cuarenta días de Cuaresma imitan la fuerza y el poder de Cristo, que desafió la tentación del diablo. Con Cristo a nuestro lado, y con la gracia de Dios fortaleciéndonos, que tengamos la intención correcta de convertirnos en la nueva creación de Dios. >

MASS INTENTIONS:

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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 availa-
ble as needed.**
- Adoration on Thursdays
9:30am to 7:45pm**
- 24-Hour adoration every first
Thursday of the month**



The Truth About Lenten Sacrifices and Their Spiritual Power (Celfizoin-anod Their Spiritual Power) by Catholic Faith (catholic.us)
Lent isn't just about giving up chocolate or social media—though those are fine places to start. I've watched Catholics over the decades treat it like a spiritual diet plan: pick a sacrifice, endure it for 40 days, and hope for the best. But here's the truth: real Lenten sacrifices aren't about deprivation for its own sake. They're about creating space for God to work in you. And that's where the real power lies.

Let's break it down. The Church asks us to fast, abstain, and pray—but the why matters more than the what. Fasting isn't just skipping meals; it's a physical reminder that we're more than our appetites. Abstaining from meat on Fridays? That's a nod to penance, a way to connect with Christ's sacrifice. But the real magic happens when you pair these acts with prayer and reflection. The 3 Pillars of Lenten Sacrifice
Fasting – Not just skipping lunch. Try the traditional one full meal + two smaller meals rule. Or fast from something daily (coffee, Netflix, gossip).
Abstinence – Meat on Fridays is the baseline, but consider extending it. Or abstain from something else—shopping, complaining, even checking your phone first thing in the morning.
Almsgiving – Not just donating money.

Give your time, talents, or even a kind word to someone who needs it. Here's what I've seen work: The people who treat Lent as a spiritual reboot—not just a 40-day challenge—come out stronger. They replace what they're giving up with something better. No social media? Use that time for prayer or reading Scripture. Cutting back on dining out? Donate the savings to a food bank. The key? Intentionality. Lent isn't about being miserable—it's about waking up to what truly matters. I've seen people transform their relationships, their faith, even their careers by using Lent as a reset. But it only works if you're honest with yourself. If you're giving up something just to say you did, you're missing the point. So this year, don't just pick a sacrifice. Pick one that will actually change you. And when Easter comes, don't just celebrate—keep the habits that helped you grow.

40 Cans of Food for 40 Days of Lent.

The Knights of Columbus (St. James, Molalla Council) is again sponsoring this year's can food drive to help those of our neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet. Our St. Vincent de Paul pantry needs help with supplies during Lent. Especially needed are fruit, tuna, & cereal items. Drop items off in the barrels in the Narthex until Easter Sunday. Thank you for your Help.



Marion Vicariate Penance Service

- St. Mary, Mt. Angel, March 3 (Tuesday) at 7:00pm
- St. Patrick, Canby, March 3 (Tuesday) at 6:00pm
- St. James, Molalla, March 4 (Wednesday) at 6:30pm
- St. Luke, Woodburn, March 10 (Tuesday) at 6:30pm
- St. Paul, Silverton, March 18 (Wednesday) at 6:30pm
- St. Paul, St. Paul, March 19 (Thursday) at 6:30pm

SACRED HEART-ST. LOUIS LENTEN RETREAT

The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary

Join us for an opportunity for spiritual growth

We're hosting a parish retreat for everyone middle school age and older. Invite friends and family. You don't have to be a parish member to attend.

- **Date:** 02/28/2026
- **Time:** 08:45 AM to 03:30 PM
- **Location:** Sacred Heart Gymnasium, 515 7th St, Gervais, Oregon
- **Lunch is included**
- **No charge for attending**

Presenters include:

- Nancy Holt PhD
- Sr Guadalupe Medina OSF
- Sylvester Rosario, Theology Student
- Abbot Peter Eberle OSB
- Father Vincent Trijillo OSB
- Bernie Zollner

Join St. Francis Church, Sherwood For A Lenten Retreat During the Year of Saint Francis Sat., March 7, 2026 | 8:30am-Noon with Catholic Speaker Dina Marie Hale



Your retreat leader
Dina Marie Hale



dinamarie.org

RETREAT LOCATION

**St. Francis Catholic Church
15651 SW Oregon Street
Sherwood, OR 97140**

- **8:30am Healing Mass**
- **9:00am Continental breakfast**
- **9:30am - Noon Retreat**
- **A free will offering taken**
- **All ages invited**

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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Office is open
 Monday to Thursday, 10:00AM to 2:00PM
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| Pastoral Council | Finance Council |
| Carol Freeman | Monica Bergmann |
| Marilyn Kendoll | Kent Burtner |
| 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, 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

February 2, 6:00pm Stations of the Cross
 Soup Supper after
 March 4, 6:30pm Penance Service
 March 6, 6:00pm Stations of the Cross
 Soup Supper after
 March 13, 6:00pm Stations of the Cross
 Soup Supper after
 March 20, 6:00pm Stations of the Cross
 Soup Supper after

Meals on Wheels donation for Molalla Senior Center .
 To give generously, pick a purple envelope. You can fill it with your change, cash or check. Return it to the office before Lent ends (April 1, 2026) You can drop it in the collection basket.

SAVE THE DATE
Parish Auction and Dinner
April 25, 2026



Please call the emergency number 971.206.4991 only for anointing or last rites. Our office phone number receives calls regarding sacraments and general office inquiries.

Llame al número de emergencia 971.206.4991 solo para la unción o los últimos ritos.

Collection Update for Feb 14-15, 2026

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| General Collection | \$ 2 891.00 |
| Expenses (weekly estimate) | <u>\$ 4 300.00</u> |
| Deficit | \$ 1,409.00 |

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 work fairly well. Please consider doing so. God bless you.

Online 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.

Please contact Scott Scofield at the business office.

Call 503-829.2080

or send email at stjamesmolall957@gmail.com.